

# Matthew 9

# Jesus Heals a Paralytic v.1-9

1 Getting into a boat, *Jesus* crossed over *the Sea of Galilee* and came to His own city. 2 And they brought to Him a paralyzed man lying on a stretcher. And seeing their faith, Jesus said to the man who was paralyzed, “Take courage, son; your sins are forgiven.” 3 And some of the scribes said to themselves, “This man is blaspheming!” 4 And Jesus, perceiving their thoughts, said, “Why are you thinking evil in your hearts? 5 For which is easier, to say, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Get up and walk’? 6 But so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins”—then He \*said to the paralyzed man, “Get up, pick up your stretcher and go home.” 7 And he got up and went home. 8 But when the crowds saw *this*, they were awestruck, and they glorified God, who had given such authority to men.

## Matthew Called

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This chapter speaks and shows of the Compassion and Authority of Christ:

Topic - Forgiveness and Authority

Key Verse: "Take heart (courage) my son, your sins are forgiven."

Spiritual Focus: Jesus 'links' physical healing with spiritual healing.

Jesus sees 'sin' as the deeper sickness, the heart is being addressed before the physical sickness.

Application for us today: Don't seek 'symptom solutions' ask the Holy Spirit

to reveal the 'spiritual roots' to sicknesses.

# The Call of Matthew v. 9-13

<sup>9</sup> As Jesus went on from there, He saw a man called Matthew sitting in the tax collector's office; and He \*said to him, "Follow Me!" And he got up and followed Him.

<sup>10</sup> Then it happened that as Jesus was reclining *at the table* in the house, behold, many tax collectors and sinners came and *began* dining with Jesus and His disciples. <sup>11</sup> And when the Pharisees saw *this*, they said to His disciples, "Why is your Teacher eating with the tax collectors and sinners?" <sup>12</sup> But when *Jesus* heard *this*, He said, "*It is not those who are healthy who need a physician, but those who are sick.* <sup>13</sup> Now go and learn what this means: 'I DESIRE COMPASSION, RATHER THAN SACRIFICE,' for I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners."

# The Call of Matthew v. 9-13

Topic: Mercy triumphs over judgement (Pharisaical)

Key Verse: "I desire mercy, not sacrifice."

Spiritual Focus: The *radical grace* of Jesus calling the unqualified.

Lesson to be learned here for us all is, God's call is never based on merit but on *His grace alone*.

Application: Reflect on your own gracious calling and extend God's grace especially to those *you* may see as outcasts or morally 'unfit' to be called by God.

None of us would be here this morning if it wasn't for God's Grace on our lives.

## A Question about Fasting v. 14-17

<sup>14</sup> Then the disciples of John \*came to Him, asking, “Why do we and the Pharisees fast, but Your disciples do not fast?” <sup>15</sup> And Jesus said to them, “The attendants of the groom cannot mourn as long as the groom is with them, can they? But the days will come when the groom is taken away from them, and then they will fast. <sup>16</sup> But no one puts a patch of unshrunk cloth on an old garment; for the patch pulls away from the garment, and a worse tear results. <sup>17</sup> Nor do *people* put new wine into old wineskins; otherwise the wineskins burst, and the wine pours out and the wineskins are ruined; but they put new wine into fresh wineskins, and both are preserved.”

# A Question about Fasting v. 14-17

Topic: New Wine, New wineskins.

Key Verse: v. 17- "New wine can only be put into new wineskins."

Spiritual focus: Jesus tries to reveal a 'New Covenant' which can't be confined to an old system.

The lesson that must be learnt by us today is that 'Old Traditions' must yield to any fresh move of The Holy Spirit.

What is the application for each of us in CCF today in going forward,  
Be 'open' to how God is moving in new ways and continually examine our lives that  
we are not clinging on to the past of that which is familiar.

God is always moving on! And we must follow the leading of His Spirit.

# The woman with the issue of blood and the raising of Jairus' daughter. V. 18-26

<sup>18</sup> While He was saying these things to them, behold, a *synagogue* official came and bowed down before Him, and said, “My daughter has just died; but come and lay Your hand on her, and she will become alive again.” <sup>19</sup> Jesus got up *from the table* and *began to* accompany him, along with His disciples.

<sup>20</sup> And behold, a woman who had been suffering from a hemorrhage for twelve years came up behind Him, and touched the border of His cloak; <sup>21</sup> for she was saying to herself, “If I only touch His cloak, I will get well.” <sup>22</sup> But Jesus, turning and seeing her, said, “Daughter, take courage; your faith has made you well.” And at once the woman was made well.

<sup>23</sup> When Jesus came into the official's house and saw the flute players and the crowd in noisy disorder, <sup>24</sup> He said, “Leave; for the girl has not died, but is asleep.” And they *began* laughing at Him. <sup>25</sup> But when the crowd had been sent out, He entered and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. <sup>26</sup> And this news spread throughout that land.

# The woman with the issue of blood and the raising of Jairus' daughter. V. 18-26

Topic in this section of scripture is faith from desperation

Key verses are directed at the Courage and Faith of them that believed.

Spiritual Focus: True Faith reaches out even in the midst of seeming hopelessness.

Lesson here is: When personal Hopelessness and Fear is laid aside, and Faith is moved upon by the whoever, rich or poor, God will always fulfil His part.

## Jesus' Healing of two blind men v.27-31

<sup>27</sup> As Jesus went on from there, two men who were blind followed Him, crying out, “Have mercy on us, Son of David!” <sup>28</sup> And after He entered the house, the men who were blind came up to Him, and Jesus \*said to them, “Do you believe that I am able to do this?” They said to Him, “Yes, Lord.” <sup>29</sup> Then He touched their eyes, saying, “It shall be done for you according to your faith.”

<sup>30</sup> And their eyes were opened. And Jesus sternly warned them, saying, “See that no one knows *about this!*”

<sup>31</sup> But they went out and spread the news about Him throughout that land.

# Jesus' Healing of two blind men v.27-31

Topic here again, is quite simply, FAITH in ACTION

Spiritual Focus: Faith brings us to the place of Believing before actually physically seeing. Heb.11:1. Also Mark 11:24.

A lesson here is: These men "saw" (spiritually) who this JESUS was, before they were physically healed. They 'saw' with the 'eye of FAITH.'

Let Faith lead us all into 'deeper' spiritual and awareness!

That our lives must be 'LIVED in, by and through FAITH in CHRIST

If we are to please God.

## The Deliverance of the man with a 'dumb spirit' v.32-34.

<sup>32</sup> And as they were going out, behold, a demon-possessed man who was unable to speak was brought to Him. <sup>33</sup> And after the demon was cast out, the man who was *previously* unable to speak talked; and the crowds were amazed, *and were* saying, “Nothing like this has ever been seen in Israel.” <sup>34</sup> But the Pharisees were saying, “He casts out the demons by the ruler of the demons.”

# The Deliverance of the man with a 'dumb spirit' v.32-34.

The Spiritual Focus here is clearly Christ's Authority over the demonic forces.

Key verse: "Nothing like this was ever seen in Israel!"

lessons from this:

- 1) There are unseen forces behind many struggles.
- 2) Religious opposition often arises when TRUE FREEDOM is experienced.

Incidentally, here, the Pharisees commit the unforgiveable sin v.34 also found in Matthew 12:24-32, Mark 3:22

Application for us today: 1) Don't underestimate 'spiritual warfare'

- 2) Seek Jesus for 'true freedom' - not just from sin and sickness but spiritual bondage.

# The Compassion of Jesus v.35 - 38

- ▶ <sup>35</sup> Jesus was going through all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every disease and every sickness.
- ▶ <sup>36</sup> Seeing the crowds, He felt compassion for them, because they were distressed and downcast, like sheep without a shepherd. <sup>37</sup> Then He \*said to His disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. <sup>38</sup> Therefore, plead with the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into His harvest.”

# The Compassion of Jesus v.35 - 38

Topic: Christ the Lord of the Harvest

The Key verses: 37 and 38. "The Harvest is plentiful, but the workers few."

Spiritual Focus: God's Heart is breaking for the helpless and lost souls.

Our Lessons here: Jesus is not just a 'Healer, Deliverer and Lord,' but a Shepherd with many lost and ailing sheep.

He invites us to enter into 'His Compassion' and join with His Mission.

Our Application today: Pray for true labourers - and be ready and willing to

become one, as the Holy Spirit calls.

Compassion is the 'fuel for mission'