

Matthew 8

King James Version (KJV)

8 When he was come down from the mountain, great multitudes followed him. (His miracles made Him famous among the people)

²And, behold, there came a leper and worshipped him, saying, Lord, if thou wilt, thou canst make me clean. (He had faith in Jesus. He said "if you will" not can you)

³And Jesus put forth his hand, and touched him, saying, I will; be thou clean. And immediately his leprosy was cleansed. (Immediately, as Jesus was saying the words)

⁴And Jesus saith unto him, See thou tell no man; but go thy way, shew thyself to the priest, and offer the gift that Moses commanded, for a testimony unto them. Leviticus-14:3 (The Old Covenant statutes regarding leprosy) (Jesus would later fulfill all ordinances and statutes on the cross. This was a forerunner to prophecy that Jesus would later be sacrificed for us for all time)

⁵And when Jesus was entered into Capernaum, there came unto him a centurion, beseeching him, (A centurion commanded approx. 800 soldiers in the Roman army) (Capernaum = consolation)

⁶And saying, Lord, my servant lieth at home sick of the palsy, grievously tormented. (He is paralyzed)

⁷And Jesus saith unto him, I will come and heal him.

⁸The centurion answered and said, Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldest come under my roof: but speak the word only, and my servant shall be healed. (Again, he had faith in God) (This man is a gentile; a Roman soldier. He had more faith in Jesus than many of the Jews that were following Him)

⁹For I am a man under authority, having soldiers under me: and I say to this man, Go, and he goeth; and to another, Come, and he cometh; and to my servant, Do this, and he doeth it.

¹⁰When Jesus heard it, he marvelled, and said to them that followed, Verily I say unto you, I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel.

¹¹ And I say unto you, That many shall come from the east and west, and shall sit down with Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, in the kingdom of heaven. **Isaiah-11:10 (many = many nations <other than Israel> will have faith in God and have eternal life) (Jesus opened salvation to all who believe on Him and do His commandments)**

¹² But the children of the kingdom shall be cast out into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth. **(Many of the Israelites will refuse Jesus and will be damned)**

¹³ And Jesus said unto the centurion, Go thy way; and as thou hast believed, so be it done unto thee. And his servant was healed in the selfsame hour. **(This Roman centurion had faith and believed in Jesus. The servant was probably a house servant. He thought enough of him to go humbly plead for his life to Jesus. He had compassion for others)**

¹⁴ And when Jesus was come into Peter's house, he saw his wife's mother laid, and sick of a fever. **(laid = laid out for death; she was dying. They didn't expect her to make it)**

¹⁵ And he touched her hand, and the fever left her: and she arose, and ministered unto them. **(She was instantly and completely healed)**

¹⁶ When the even was come, they brought unto him many that were possessed with devils: and he cast out the spirits with his word, and healed all that were sick: **(There were sick and there were possessed ones)**

¹⁷ That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying, Himself took our infirmities, and bare our sicknesses. **Isaiah-53:3-6**

¹⁸ Now when Jesus saw great multitudes about him, he gave commandment to depart unto the other side. **(HE was being mobbed by curious seekers who wanted to see miracles. God does not put on side shows for peoples entertainment)**

¹⁹ And a certain scribe came, and said unto him, Master, I will follow thee whithersoever thou goest.

²⁰ And Jesus saith unto him, The foxes have holes, and the birds of the air have nests; but the Son of man hath not where to lay his head. **(In the Song of Solomon, Kenites are called the little foxes. They hit the blossoms off of the vine and kill the fruit. Jesus is the vine and we are**

the fruit. This guy has ulterior motives. God can read minds. HE knows what we're thinking)

²¹ And another of his disciples said unto him, Lord, suffer me first to go and bury my father. (His father was dying; not dead yet)

²² But Jesus said unto him, Follow me; and let the dead bury their dead. (The spiritually dead can stay behind and bury this physically dead person; when he finally dies)

²³ And when he was entered into a ship, his disciples followed him. (His disciples were His students)

²⁴ And, behold, there arose a great tempest in the sea, insomuch that the ship was covered with the waves: but he was asleep.

²⁵ And his disciples came to him, and awoke him, saying, Lord, save us: we perish. (They had no faith that Jesus would protect them)

²⁶ And he saith unto them, Why are ye fearful, O ye of little faith? Then he arose, and rebuked the winds and the sea; and there was a great calm. (In verse 18, Jesus said they were going to the other side) (This was a test for His disciples. Later Jesus would be gone and they will need to have faith that they can depend on)

²⁷ But the men marvelled, saying, What manner of man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey him! (They still didn't get it and yet it had been foretold by prophet after prophet. Jesus was God in the flesh; not a prophet)

²⁸ And when he was come to the other side into the country of the Gergesenes, there met him two possessed with devils, coming out of the tombs, exceeding fierce, so that no man might pass by that way.

²⁹ And, behold, they cried out, saying, What have we to do with thee, Jesus, thou Son of God? art thou come hither to torment us before the time? John-14:9 (If you've seen me, you've seen the Father. These devils know who Jesus is) (before the time = before the Lord's Day, when He will finish them. These devils are the spirits of the fallen angels who have been sentenced to death. They will all die the instant that Messiah's feet touch down on the Mount of Olives at His return)

³⁰ And there was a good way off from them an herd of many swine feeding. (The Gergesenes were swine herders)

³¹ So the devils besought him, saying, If thou cast us out, suffer us to go away into the herd of swine. (They would rather go into the swine than to be sent back to where they are being held, until Michael releases them in the end days)

(They had to get permission from Jesus. God has power over all things. HE gives us power over evil spirits if we have the faith)

³² And he said unto them, Go. And when they were come out, they went into the herd of swine: and, behold, the whole herd of swine ran violently down a steep place into the sea, and perished in the waters. (The swine would rather die than to host these evil spirits)

³³ And they that kept them fled, and went their ways into the city, and told every thing, and what was befallen to the possessed of the devils.

³⁴ And, behold, the whole city came out to meet Jesus: and when they saw him, they besought him that he would depart out of their coasts. (He had destroyed their swine raising business, so they wanted Him gone. They didn't care that the two men had been saved from the devils. They cared more about their swine business)