

Matthew 9

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9 And he entered into a ship, and passed over, and came into his own city.

² And, behold, they brought to him a man sick of the palsy, lying on a bed: and Jesus seeing their faith said unto the sick of the palsy; Son, be of good cheer; thy sins be forgiven thee.

³ And, behold, certain of the scribes said within themselves, This man blasphemeth. (They didn't believe that He could forgive sins because they didn't believe that He was God with us- Emmanuel)

⁴ And Jesus knowing their thoughts said, Wherefore think ye evil in your hearts?

⁵ For whether is easier, to say, Thy sins be forgiven thee; or to say, Arise, and walk? (This man is paralyzed)

⁶ But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins, (then saith he to the sick of the palsy,) Arise, take up thy bed, and go unto thine house.

⁷ And he arose, and departed to his house. (Jesus proved who He was by curing the man of paralysis)

⁸ But when the multitudes saw it, they marvelled, and glorified God, which had given such power unto men. (They still don't get it. Jesus is God in the flesh)

⁹ And as Jesus passed forth from thence, he saw a man, named Matthew, sitting at the receipt of custom: and he saith unto him, Follow me. And he arose, and followed him. (He was a tax collector; that was the Mathew that composed this book)

¹⁰ And it came to pass, as Jesus sat at meat in the house, behold, many publicans and sinners came and sat down with him and his disciples.

¹¹ And when the Pharisees saw it, they said unto his disciples, Why eateth your Master with publicans and sinners? (The Pharisee was one of those holier-than thou kind of preachers)

¹² But when Jesus heard that, he said unto them, They that be whole need not a physician, but they that are sick. (Preachers should be helping those who need help)

¹³ But go ye and learn what that meaneth, I will have mercy, and not sacrifice: for I am not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance. Hosea-6:6 (God wants our love, and our repentance so we may have eternal life)

¹⁴ Then came to him the disciples of John, saying, Why do we and the Pharisees fast oft, but thy disciples fast not? (Disciples of John the Baptist, who was also a preacher, and a teacher. Apollus and many others mentioned in Paul's letters was a disciple of John)

¹⁵ And Jesus said unto them, Can the children of the bridechamber mourn, as long as the bridegroom is with them? but the days will come, when the bridegroom shall be taken from them, and then shall they fast. (After Jesus is crucified and returns with the Father)

¹⁶ No man putteth a piece of new cloth unto an old garment, for that which is put in to fill it up taketh from the garment, and the rent is made worse. (Old cloth is already shrunken from washing; new garment is not; when it does shrink, the patch will pucker up and no longer fit the shrunken garment)

¹⁷ Neither do men put new wine into old bottles: else the bottles break, and the wine runneth out, and the bottles perish: but they put new wine into new bottles, and both are preserved. (When wine finishes in a leather bottle, it let's out gasses from fermentation. An old wine skin is rigid and cannot expand to accommodate the pressure. It rips. A new wine skin can expand and will hold the wine)

(The teaching is that open minds <new minds> can absorb the teachings of Jesus – but not those who are set in their ways with the established traditions of men that have crept into their religion)

¹⁸ While he spake these things unto them, behold, there came a certain ruler, and worshipped him, saying, My daughter is even now dead: but come and lay thy hand upon her, and she shall live. (That is faith; in Luke-8:42 we learn that this girl is 12 years old)

¹⁹ And Jesus arose, and followed him, and so did his disciples.

²⁰ And, behold, a woman, which was diseased with an issue of blood twelve years, came behind him, and touched the hem of his garment: (Again the number 12 is brought up – 12 tribes of Israel; 12 disciples of Jesus)

²¹ For she said within herself, If I may but touch his garment, I shall be whole. (Again- faith in God)

²² But Jesus turned him about, and when he saw her, he said, Daughter, be of good comfort; thy faith hath made thee whole. And the woman was made whole from that hour.

²³ And when Jesus came into the ruler's house, and saw the minstrels and the people making a noise, (These were professional mourners, hired by the family)

²⁴ He said unto them, Give place: for the maid is not dead, but sleepeth. And they laughed him to scorn. (no faith)

²⁵ But when the people were put forth, he went in, and took her by the hand, and the maid arose. (Again, Jesus proves that He is God with us, who came to give us salvation. He has the power over life and death – physically and spiritually)

²⁶ And the fame hereof went abroad into all that land.

²⁷ And when Jesus departed thence, two blind men followed him, crying, and saying, Thou son of David, have mercy on us. (Physically blind, but spiritually seeing who Jesus was)

²⁸ And when he was come into the house, the blind men came to him: and Jesus saith unto them, Believe ye that I am able to do this? They said unto him, Yea, Lord. (They had faith in Him)

²⁹ Then touched he their eyes, saying, According to your faith be it unto you. (If they had faith, they would be cured of the blindness; but only if they had faith)

³⁰ And their eyes were opened; and Jesus straitly charged them, saying, See that no man know it. (Possibly because it wasn't time yet for His ministry to be made too public)

³¹ But they, when they were departed, spread abroad his fame in all that country.

³² As they went out, behold, they brought to him a dumb man possessed with a devil.

³³ And when the devil was cast out, the dumb spake: and the multitudes marvelled, saying, It was never so seen in Israel.

³⁴ But the Pharisees said, He casteth out devils through the prince of the devils. (They say Jesus uses the power of the devil to cast out devils. It doesn't make sense, but they were looking for any excuse to say that He wasn't God with us – Emmanuel. These corrupt preachers are trying to build a case against Jesus so that they can have Him executed)

³⁵ And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people.

³⁶ But when he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd. (The church was completely corrupt)

³⁷ Then saith he unto his disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few; (Few to no true preachers left who teach the Word of God instead of men's traditions)

³⁸ Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest. (Jesus was educating His disciples to teach the true Word of God. That's why the corrupt church hated him)