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January 15, 2023  
Matthew chapter 9 “Faith Alone in Jesus”

I. Introduction

Read: Psalm 146:5-10

- † We recall that last week we ended Matthew chapter 8 with the account of Jesus casting out the legion of devils into a herd of swine, the pigs then running off a cliff into the water and drowning and then in v.34 it says: **Mat 8:34** 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.
- † **But Jesus had only been doing what He does as He is great...Psalms 147:3-5** He healeth the broken in heart, and bindeth up their wounds. 4 He telleth the number of the stars; he calleth them all by their names. 5 Great is our Lord, and of great power: his understanding is infinite.
- † **So, we pick up this morning with Jesus responding to the people’s request...**

II. Forgiveness of Sins

**Matthew 9:1-2** And he entered into a ship, and passed over, and came into his own city [His city is Capernaum – the central town of His ministry]. 2 And, behold, they brought to him a man sick of the palsy, lying on a bed [palsy was a disease that caused the joint muscles and ligaments to freeze in place and was very painful...it would cause atrophy and ultimately death]: and Jesus seeing their faith said unto the sick of the palsy; Son, be of good cheer; thy sins be forgiven thee.

- † **Jesus knew the greater need – that of the forgiveness of sins.**
- † **There is nothing that is more needful than forgiveness – we are bound up, afflicted and emotionally stricken until we are set free through the forgiveness of sins.**
- † **Knowing God’s heart, and knowing that He knows all things – Jesus wanted to REALLY set the man free by extending forgiveness...**

**Matthew 9:3-8** And, behold, certain of the scribes said within themselves, This man blasphemeth [the Jews knew that only God could forgive sin and thus, if a person claimed to extend forgiveness of sin it was considered blasphemy]. 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? 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. 8 But when the multitudes saw it, they marveled, and glorified God, which had given such power unto men.

- † **Jesus healed the man to show the people He has the power to forgive our sins.**

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**Our Application:**

- † Sin can bind us up so badly that we become like this man – we can’t get up.
- † There is an old saying that came from Sampson’s predicament in the book of Judges: Sin will blind, bind and grind us!
- † Satan loves this because when we are bound up in sin he {meaning Satan} will try to make us think we are incapacitated through discouragement, fear, pride, lust, discontentment & covetousness as well as physical affliction.
- † We must walk under the anointing of the Holy Spirit putting on the FULL Armor of God every day that we might continue to stand under the barrage of the enemy and when it is all done, still be standing!

**III. The Call of Discipleship**

**Matthew 9:9** And as Jesus passed forth from thence, he saw a man, named Matthew, sitting at the receipt of custom {meaning he was a tax collector for the Roman government}: and he saith unto him, Follow me. And he arose, and followed him.

**A. Rise up and Follow!**

- † When called, Matthew simply got up and followed – no questioning or challenging or whining about what he had to give up...look what he got – he got JESUS and eternal life!!!
- † **Mark 8:36-37** For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? 37 Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?
- † Matthew heard Jesus and obeyed...through simple faith. Our exhortation is to follow as obediently as Matthew.

**B. Mercy, Not Sacrifice**

**Matthew 9:10-13** 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? 12 But when Jesus heard that, he said unto them, They that be whole need not a physician, but they that are sick. 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.

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- † **The self-righteous Pharisees thought it was wrong to eat with sinners and gentiles and tax collectors because they ate all “double-dipping”, no silverware – all fingers and sharing all the food – and they thought there became a mystical connection between those eating together as they all ate and assimilated the same foods and drink.**
- † **But, Jesus addressed the greater issue: He said that the healthy don’t need the physician, but the sick: meaning the righteous don’t need to be made “more righteous”,**
- † **Rather, those who are broken, lost, & hurting need the healing saving touch of Jesus – that’s where much of our focus should be...as well as making disciples.**
- † **Jesus quoted from Hosea 6:6-7** For I desired mercy, and not sacrifice; and the knowledge of God more than burnt offerings. 7 But they like men have transgressed the covenant: there have they dealt treacherously against me.

#### **IV. A New Way**

##### **A. The Old Paths**

**Matthew 9:14-15** Then came to him the disciples of John, saying, Why do we and the Pharisees fast oft, but thy disciples fast not? 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.

† **Jesus is our bridegroom, the church (meaning us) is the bride. Jesus was with His disciples so why should they fast – but, after His ascension believers will fast to draw closer to Him.**

**Matthew 9:16-17** 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. 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.

† **Jeremiah 6:16** Thus saith the LORD, Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls. But they said, We will not walk therein. {because of man’s rejection: God sent His Son to make a new way...}

† **This “NEW WAY” is the coming New Covenant. The new way is the fulfillment of the law by the death of the perfect sacrificial Lamb...we are now to love God and love others by showing mercy & compassion rather than being singularly focused upon our own righteousness!**

† **The idea behind the new patch on old cloth and new wine in old wineskins is that you can’t put a new movement/covenant into an old religious system...**

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† Putting a new patch on an old cloth will tear the old when washed; putting new wine into an old skin will burst the skin as the new wine ferments and the old skin is stiff and will break.

† **God will handle our righteousness if we will simply keep our eyes on Him and follow His Word.**

**B. “Others Centered”**

**Matthew 9:18-19** While he spake these things unto them, behold, there came a certain ruler {**Mark 5 tells us this is Jairus**}, and worshipped him, saying, my daughter is even now dead: but come and lay thy hand upon her, and she shall live. 19 And Jesus arose, and followed him, and so did his disciples.

† **So Jairus, the leader of a Jewish synagogue, recognizes and acknowledges Jesus as God as asks Him to raise her from the dead – that is complete faith that He is the Messiah...and Jesus goes.**

**Matthew 9:20-26** And, behold, a woman, which was diseased with an issue of blood twelve years, came behind him, and touched the hem of his garment: 21 For she said within herself, If I may but touch his garment, I shall be whole. 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.

† **As Jesus is heading out, a woman who is unclean sneaks through the crowd {another gospel tells us the crowd is “thronging” Him} and in faith, she seeks to just touch the hem of his robe...**

† **She believes – she’s probably seen and heard of His healings and after trying everything else, believes His power is her only hope.**

† **Jesus’ response is telling for all of us – He calls her “daughter”, which is an endearing term of love, and then acknowledges that her faith in Him has made her whole.**

† **As a side note, this is her faith that Jesus can heal her, not her faith in her faith. Humans are sinful and often fail – putting our faith in our faith is to put our faith in uncertainty, whereas Jesus never fails, never falters and always keeps His Word!**

**Matthew 9:23-26** And when Jesus came into the ruler's house, and saw the minstrels and the people making a noise, 24 He said unto them, Give place: for the maid is not dead, but sleepeth. And they laughed him to scorn. 25 But when the people were put forth, he went in, and took her by the hand, and the maid arose. 26 And the fame hereof went abroad into all that land.

† **Mourning was a profession and when someone died, mourners were expected. This included flute players, wailers and the like. They were professionals and had seen many dead, thus they thought Jesus was a nut when He told them she was just sleeping**

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† **Once all scorers were gone, Jesus simply touched the girl’s hand and brought her back to life – this could ONLY have been done by God, thus Jesus’ fame spread abroad.**

**Matthew 9:27-31** And when Jesus departed thence, two blind men followed him, crying, and saying, Thou Son of David, have mercy on us. 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. 29 Then touched he their eyes, saying, according to your faith be it unto you. 30 And their eyes were opened; and Jesus straitly charged them, saying, See that no man know it. 31 But they, when they were departed, spread abroad his fame in all that country.

† **Jesus came to bring sight to the blind...both physically and spiritually. He opens our eyes to His truth...to the life that He has for us that is much better than this world.**

† **Jesus touched these two men...NOT in the open where all would be amazed, rather he was somewhat in private and did it “just” for them, not for a show!**

† **Ministry is always one life at a time!**

**Matthew 9:32-38** 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.

† **Again, ministering to the “one” and not necessarily the masses: Jesus casts out a demon!**

† **Yet, here the Pharisees are bordering on the blasphemy of the Holy Spirit which is attributing the work of God to Satan.**

† **We must be careful to always attribute the works of God to God and to no other place or person.**

**V. Conclusion**

**Matthew 9:35-38** 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. 37 Then saith he unto his disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few; 38 Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest.

† **We are called by Jesus to Pray...pray...pray! But when we do, we must also then be ready to be used...to minister wherever and however the LORD chooses!**