



Title: The Manifestation of the King (part 4) – The Miracles of Power – Over Sin (Spiritual realm)

Text: Matt. 9:1-8

1 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. 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 marvelled, and glorified God, which had given such power unto men.

Introduction:

1. Matthew carries out his thesis – proving that Jesus Christ is King and the Messiah.
2. Thus far in ch. 8 we saw how Jesus has power over the physical (bodily) realm, the natural realm, the Satanic realm, and now we shall Him with power over the spiritual realm (our sins).
3. This is the first record of the scribes accusing the Lord Jesus of blasphemy.
4. “his own city” – Capernaum (Matt. 4:13).

I. The Messiah has power over sickness and sin.

- A. The scribes should have known the relationship between sickness and sin (Ps. 103:3; Isa. 33:24).
- B. Jesus came and demonstrated His power over both sickness and sin.
- C. The people (esp. the scribes) did not miss the healing ministry of the Messiah BUT they did not see the Messianic office of Jesus Christ.

II. The Messiah has power over all these realms and fulfills or answers the O.T. Messiah.

- A. The Stilling of the Storm (Natural realm) – Isa. 30:23-24; 35:1-7; 41:17-18; 51:3; Joel 3:18; Ezek. 36:29-38; Zech. 10:9.
- B. The casting out of the devils (Satanic realm) – Dan. 7:25-27; 8:23-25; 11:3-12:3; Zech. 3:1-2.
- C. The forgiveness of sins (Spiritual realm) – Isa. 33:24; 40:1-2; 44:21-22; 60:20-21.
- D. Here in this pericope (or passage) is the first example of opposition to the Messiah. They asked Jesus to leave! The Jews wanted the physical blessings but not the spiritual blessings.

Conclusion:

1. All these mighty miracles are demonstrations of the Messiah’s power indicate that Jesus Christ is able to bring the Kingdom of Heaven to earth – if Israel would respond in repentance and faith.
2. The Lord Jesus took care of this man’s no. 1 problem – sin. And subsequently, his no. 2 problem – palsy (or paralysis).
3. The Lord Jesus looked into the heart of the sick and his friends and saw their faith – they had faith that He was the Messiah – and He honored their faith.
4. The Lord forgave him AFTER his exercised faith NOT BEFORE (as Calvinists would teach).
5. This occasion moves the Messiah towards His cross-work – his purpose – to seek and to save that which was lost and to die as a sinless and perfect and satisfactory sacrifice for all.