Matthew #7 (9:18-26)
I. Let us Look at the Story of the Woman with the Issue of Blood
A. These miracles are intertwined—Woman has disease 12 years—age of girl
B. This is example of one of many interruptions that happen to Jesus
   1. Mark 1:35-37; Matthew 8:24, 25; Matthew 16:21, 22; 20:29, 30
C. This woman had problem of severe bleeding—caused several issues
   1. She is unclean—Lev. 15:25-27—isolated—incurable—Luke 8:43
D. Came up behind to touch hem of garment—Num. 15:37-41; Deut. 22:12
E. She "Said"—imperfect in Greek—"She kept saying"
F. Matthew leaves out question of Jesus "Who touched me"?—Mk 5:30, 31
G. Verse 22—Jesus "Seeing her"—again—Seeing with a purpose
   1. Calls her "daughter"—Elective language—she is child of God
II. Let us Look at Story of the Ruler's Daughter
A. Matthew says ruler—Mark says ruler of synagogue—Important person
   1. Also say his name is Jairus which means "Jehovah enlightens"
      a. Perhaps enlightened when Jesus taught in synagogues—4:23, 24
B. Kneels before Jesus—"Worships"—Greek can mean to fall prostrate
   1. He is desperate as this is his child—his only daughter
   2. Compare Mark & Luke—Originally thinks she is dying—she dies on way
C. Ruler must have been bothered by interruption of woman—
D. V. 23—At the house there are professional mourners and musicians
   1. Flute Players only mentioned here and in Revelation 18:22
E. V. 24—They go quickly from mourning to laughing—False emotions
   1. Causes Jesus to "cast out" (Strong word) all but a few—Luke 8:51
F. V. 24—Does words of Jesus mean that the girl isn't actually dead?
   1. Jesus speaks of Lazarus as being sleeping—John 11:11-13
      a. Paul speaks of believers who died as sleeping—I Thess. 4:13-15
   2. This term often used of death—but usually is different Greek word
   3. This and I Thes. 5:10 only places this word used of death (Dan. 12:2)
   4. Other verses in Matthew indicate this girl was dead—Matt. 10:8; 11:5
   5. Not every word of Christ is to be taken literally (Jn 2:19-21; Jn 3:3)
G. This is first of three people, gospels give us of Christ raising the dead
   1. Each one progressively further—This girl, Widow's Son (Lu 7), Lazarus
III. Lessons to be Learned from These Stories
A. Both these cases alike because woman and daughter both unclean
   1. Jesus shouldn't have touched either—but He transcends law
B. Both stories also feature those who come to Christ out of desperation
   1. God often uses this to bring people to Him
C. Both stories have lessons of faith to teach us
   1. Ruler's daughter didn't have a lot of faith as she was dead—Eph. 2:1
   2. Be careful of teachings that say we need to work up faith—Jn 11:39, 40
   2. Jesus teaches woman with issue that it isn't outward things or actions
      a. Must focus on the inward
D. Not everyone in presence of Jesus receives—but those with faith
E. "Not dead but sleeping"—Words of comfort for believer at death
F. Girl "at point of death"—All of us must face that point some day