

**Providence Reformed Baptist Church – Sunday, February 6, 2022**

**Sermon Series: The Gospel of the Kingdom – Matthew**

**Message 60. Healing with Authority – Matthew 8:1-17**

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Introduction: In Mathew 4:23 we find an outline for what Matthew has been telling us since chapter 5: Jesus teaching, preaching, and healing. The emphasis was on the preaching, but the miracles served a purpose of demonstrating that Jesus was the prophesied Messiah. Matthew 8-10 show us Jesus' authority over disease and demons and His fulfillment of many Old Testament prophecies.

- I. A Leper Cleansed – vs. 1-4
  - A. Great Multitudes Followed (for now) – curiosity draws a crowd
  - B. Behold, a Leper
    1. Multitudes? Meh. Look at this – a leper came
      - a. Physically unclean – Lev. 13 & 14 – Hanson's Disease
        - 1) Separated from society and even the synagogue
        - 2) Shunned from entering towns
      - b. Spiritually unclean – cursed by God – Num. 12:1-15 – Adam's Disease – Rom. 5:12
        - 1) Touching made you unclean
        - 2) But look – Quote #1
    2. The leper worshipped – Quote #2
      - a. The leper believed - "If You are willing"
        - 1) Faith in the Person of Christ
        - 2) Faith in the Power of Christ
      - b. Jesus touched the leper! – He came to lift the curse.
      - c. "I will. Be clean." (2 words – *thelo katharisthati*)
    3. A Testimonial
      - a. The Old Law stood – Jesus came to fulfill it
      - b. The leper must go to the priest, present his offering, and be certified cleansed
      - c. The priest should have known who could heal a leper
      - d. But why be silent? Preaching was primary to Jesus – Mark 1:38
- II. A Centurion's Servant Healed – vs. 5-13
  - A. A Gentile - The work of the Messiah was for the whole world
  - B. Faith, not Touch
    1. Understanding Authority – Jesus taught and healed with authority
      - a. The Centurion had Caesar's authority
      - b. Christ had God's authority and needed but only speak it and it would be so
    2. "I have not found such great faith, not even in Israel!"
    3. Jesus said it and it was so
- III. Peter's Mother-in-Law Healed – vs. 14-15 – Mark 1:29-34; Luke 4:38-44
- IV. Fulfilling Isaiah – vs. 16-17
  - A. He Heals Our Sickness – Isa. 61:1-3; Luke 4:18-22
  - B. He Heals Our Sinfulness – Isa. 53:4-6
- V. Summary of the Theological Lessons these Healings Teach
  - A. We Are Spiritually Sick/Cursed/Dying – Eph. 2:1-4
  - B. We Need a Savior – Rom. 3:23
  - C. Jesus is that Savior – Acts 4:12
  - D. Faith is Necessary – Eph. 2:8-9
  - E. The Stakes are Eternal Life and Death – Matt. 8:11-12

## Quotes

1. “When Jesus touched the leper, His touch, rather than contaminating Jesus, cured the leper.” – JMBoice
2. “Those who call Him Lord and do not worship Him are more diseased than the leper.” – CHSpurgeon

## Cross References

### Numbers 12:1-15

12 Then Miriam and Aaron spoke against Moses because of the Ethiopian woman whom he had married; for he had married an Ethiopian woman. 2 So they said, “Has the Lord indeed spoken only through Moses? Has He not spoken through us also?” And the Lord heard it. 3 (Now the man Moses was very humble, more than all men who were on the face of the earth.) 4 Suddenly the Lord said to Moses, Aaron, and Miriam, “Come out, you three, to the tabernacle of meeting!” So the three came out. 5 Then the Lord came down in the pillar of cloud and stood in the door of the tabernacle, and called Aaron and Miriam. And they both went forward. 6 Then He said, “Hear now My words: If there is a prophet among you, I, the Lord, make Myself known to him in a vision; I speak to him in a dream. 7 Not so with My servant Moses; He is faithful in all My house. 8 I speak with him face to face, Even plainly, and not in dark sayings; And he sees the form of the Lord. Why then were you not afraid To speak against My servant Moses?” 9 So the anger of the Lord was aroused against them, and He departed. 10 And when the cloud departed from above the tabernacle, suddenly Miriam became leprous, as white as snow. Then Aaron turned toward Miriam, and there she was, a leper. 11 So Aaron said to Moses, “Oh, my lord! Please do not lay this sin on us, in which we have done foolishly and in which we have sinned. 12 Please do not let her be as one dead, whose flesh is half consumed when he comes out of his mother’s womb!” 13 So Moses cried out to the Lord, saying, “Please heal her, O God, I pray!” 14 Then the Lord said to Moses, “If her father had but spit in her face, would she not be shamed seven days? Let her be shut out of the camp seven days, and afterward she may be received again.” 15 So Miriam was shut out of the camp seven days, and the people did not journey till Miriam was brought in again.

### Romans 5:12

12 Therefore, just as through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned—

### Mark 1:38

38 But He said to them, “Let us go into the next towns, that I may preach there also, because for this purpose I have come forth.”

### Mark 1:29-34

29 Now as soon as they had come out of the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. 30 But Simon’s wife’s mother lay sick with a fever, and they told Him about her at once. 31 So He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up, and immediately the fever left her. And she served them. 32 At evening, when the sun had set, they brought to Him all who were sick and those who were demon-possessed. 33 And the whole city was gathered together at the door. 34 Then He healed many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and He did not allow the demons to speak, because they knew Him.

### **Luke 4:38-44**

38 Now He arose from the synagogue and entered Simon's house. But Simon's wife's mother was sick with a high fever, and they made request of Him concerning her. 39 So He stood over her and rebuked the fever, and it left her. And immediately she arose and served them. 40 When the sun was setting, all those who had any that were sick with various diseases brought them to Him; and He laid His hands on every one of them and healed them. 41 And demons also came out of many, crying out and saying, "You are the Christ, the Son of God!" And He, rebuking them, did not allow them to speak, for they knew that He was the Christ. 42 Now when it was day, He departed and went into a deserted place. And the crowd sought Him and came to Him, and tried to keep Him from leaving them; 43 but He said to them, "I must preach the kingdom of God to the other cities also, because for this purpose I have been sent." 44 And He was preaching in the synagogues of Galilee.

### **Isaiah 61:1-3**

61 "The Spirit of the Lord God is upon Me, Because the Lord has anointed Me To preach good tidings to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives, And the opening of the prison to those who are bound; 2 To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord, And the day of vengeance of our God; To comfort all who mourn, 3 To console those who mourn in Zion, To give them beauty for ashes, The oil of joy for mourning, The garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; That they may be called trees of righteousness, The planting of the Lord, that He may be glorified."

### **Luke 4:18-22**

18 "The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, Because He has anointed Me To preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives And recovery of sight to the blind, To set at liberty those who are oppressed; 19 To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord." 20 Then He closed the book, and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all who were in the synagogue were fixed on Him. 21 And He began to say to them, "Today this Scripture is fulfilled in your hearing." 22 So all bore witness to Him, and marveled at the gracious words which proceeded out of His mouth. And they said, "Is this not Joseph's son?"

### **Isaiah 53:4-6**

4 Surely He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; Yet we esteemed Him stricken, Smitten by God, and afflicted. 5 But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, And by His stripes we are healed. 6 All we like sheep have gone astray; We have turned, every one, to his own way; And the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.

### **Ephesians 2:1-4**

2 And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins, 2 in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience, 3 among whom also we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others. 4 But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us,

### **Romans 3:23**

23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

**Acts 4:12**

12 Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.”

**Ephesians 2:8-9**

8 For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, 9 not of works, lest anyone should boast.

**Matthew 8:11-12**

11 And I say to you that many will come from east and west, and sit down with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven. 12 But the sons of the kingdom will be cast out into outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.”