

The Power of the King—Part 3
Matthew 8:14-17

I. Jesus Heals a Woman (vs. 14-15)

- a. Matthew has chosen on purpose to detail three specific healings that all share one detail in common: the recipients were all outcasts or looked down upon by society (cf. 1 Cor. 9:5)
- b. Here He heals a woman, who men weren't supposed to touch unless they were their wives and she had a fever (cf. Lev. 15:19; Matt. 8:3; 9:20, 25, 29)
 - i. Jesus is not a respecter of persons or man's rules and traditions (cf. Rom. 2:11-16; Acts 10:34; James 2:1-4)
- c. This miracle was performed on a Sabbath (cf. Mark 1:29, 32; cf. Genesis 1:5, 8, 13, 19, 23, 31)
- d. Peter's mother-in-law had a serious illness with her "high fever" (cf. Luke 4:38; Col 4:14)
- e. Her healing was an immediate, complete, and restorative miracle of God's Power

II. Jesus Heals All (vs. 16-17)

- a. The straightforward key to this passage is that Jesus healed ALL without concern for condition, disease, demon-possession, or faith.
- b. The New Testament often conveys Jesus' miraculous power with very little fanfare, but that makes it no less amazing!!! (for comparison consider Naaman's healing in 2 Kings 5)
- c. Matthew makes a clear distinction between those who were **demon-possessed** and those who **were ill**.

- d. This mass-healing showed:
 - i. There is no is no level of sickness, disease, or disability that Jesus is not able to heal! (cf. Matt. 4:23-24; 14:14; Luke 5:17; 9:6)
 - ii. Jesus had full and complete authority over not just some of the demonic realm; ALL demonic "**rulers...powers...the world forces of this darkness...the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places.**" (cf. Matt. 9:34; 12:24; Eph. 6:12)
 - iii. Jesus' healing was not based on the individual's level of faith, but was and is instead based on Him, His perfect will, love, compassion, and power!
- e. "**He Himself took our infirmities and carried away our diseases**" is another of Matthew's Old Testament quotes and statements that Jesus was the fulfillment of Messianic Prophecies (cf. Isa. 53:4)
 - i. Jesus fulfilled over 300 direct Old Testament Prophecies
- f. It is **NOT** however a guarantee of "healing in the Atonement" and we have no "right to claim it".
 - i. God definitely still breaks into our world today with supernatural miracles of healing!
 - ii. But we have **NO** promise of healing on this side of eternity! (cf. 1 Cor. 15:26; cf. 2 Cor. 12:8-10; Gal. 3:13; 2 Tim. 4:20; 1 Peter 2:24)
- g. It is a direct connection to the fact that SIN brought sickness, death, and hell into creation and that Jesus' atoning work on the cross destroys that root cause of our pain & suffering (cf. Matt. 9:5-7)