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Days of Elijah

"Remember the former things, those of long ago:

I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like Me." Isaiah 46:9

Robin Mark

These are the days of Elijah
Declaring the word of the Lord
And these are the days of your servant
Moses, righteousness being restored
And though these are days of great trial
Of famine and darkness and sword
Still, we are the voice in the desert crying
"Prepare ye the way of the Lord!"

Behold He comes riding on the clouds
Shining like the sun at the trumpet's call
Lift your voice, it's the year of jubilee
Out of Zion's hill salvation comes.

These are the days of Ezekiel
The dry bones becoming as flesh
And these are the days of your servant
David, rebuilding a temple of praise
These are the days of the harvest
The fields are as white in your world
And we are the laborers in your vineyard
Declaring the word of the Lord!

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There's no God like Jehovah.
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This Is Amazing Grace

"...Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!" Rev 5:12

Josh Farro, Jeremy Riddle, Phil Wickham

Who breaks the power of sin and darkness? Whose love is mighty and so much stronger? The King of Glory, the King above all kings	This is amazing grace; This is unfailing love That You would take my place That You would bear my cross You laid down Your life That I would be set free Oh, Jesus, I sing for All that You've done for me
Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder And leaves us breathless in awe and wonder? The King of Glory, the King above all kings	Worthy is the Lamb who was slain Worthy is the King who conquered the grave Worthy is the Lamb who was slain Worthy is the King who conquered the grave Worthy is the Lamb who was slain Worthy is the King who conquered the grave Worthy is the Lamb who was slain Worthy is the King who conquered the grave
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Who brings our chaos back into order? Who makes the orphan a son and daughter? The King of Glory, the King above all kings	This is amazing grace; This is unfailing love That You would take my place That You would bear my cross You laid down Your life That I would be set free Oh, Jesus, I sing for All that You've done for me
Who rules the nations with truth and justice Shines like the sun in all of its brilliance? The King of Glory, the King above all kings	

Offering: The Power of the Cross

*"And He is the head of the body the church;
He is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead,
so that in everything He might have the supremacy" Col 1:18*

Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

Oh, to see the dawn
Of the darkest day:
Christ on the road to Calvary
Tried by sinful men
Torn and beaten, then
Nailed to a cross of wood

This, the power of the cross:
Christ became sin for us;
Took the blame, bore the wrath
We stand forgiven at the cross

Oh, to see the pain
Written on Your face
Bearing the awesome weight of sin
Every bitter thought
Every evil deed
Crowning Your bloodstained brow

This, the power of the cross:
Christ became sin for us;
Took the blame, bore the wrath
We stand forgiven at the cross

Now the daylight flees;
Now the ground beneath

Quakes as its Maker bows His head
Curtain torn in two
Dead are raised to life;
"Finished!" the vict'ry cry

This, the power of the cross:
Christ became sin for us;
Took the blame, bore the wrath
We stand forgiven at the cross

Oh, to see my name
Written in the wounds
For through Your suffering, I am free
Death is crushed to death;
Life is mine to live
Won through Your selfless love

This, the power of the cross:
Son of God - slain for us
What a love! What a cost!
We stand forgiven at the cross

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Matthew 9:35-38 — English Standard Version (ESV)

³⁵ And Jesus went throughout all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction. ³⁶ When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷ Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; ³⁸ therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.”

Freely, Freely #447

"As you go, proclaim this message: 'The kingdom of heaven has come near'...Freely you have received, freely give" Matt. 10:7-8

Carol Owens

God forgave my sin in Jesus' name
I've been born again in Jesus' name
And in Jesus' name I come to you
To share His love as He told me to

He said: 'Freely, freely, you have received
Freely, freely give
Go in My name, and because you believe
Others will know that I live.'

All pow'r is giv'n in Jesus' name
In earth and heav'n in Jesus' name
And in Jesus' name I come to you
To share His pow'r as He told me to

He said: "Freely, freely, you have received
Freely, freely give
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KINGDOM AUTHORITY

Calling Workers 9:35-38

In these two chapters (Mt 8-9), Matthew provides a host of stories that show Jesus' authority extends to every power of the world. Jesus not only teaches with authority (the authority of wisdom), but He also has authority over diseases, nature, demons, sins, and even death.

All of these displays of authority are an invitation to you and me to come and follow Jesus, the powerful King of kings.

Today's text invites us to follow Jesus (immediately and completely) and to join Him in the work of the His Kingdom.

Calling Workers for the Harvest- Matthew 9



Matthew 9:35–38

[35] And Jesus went throughout all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction. [36] When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. [37] Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; [38] therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.” (ESV)

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Matthew repeats a theme from Mt.4:23-5:1, where he writes:
[4:23] And he went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction among the people.

Here in ch.9, Matthew describes Jesus’ ministry in identical terms.

[9:35] And Jesus went throughout all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction.

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Notice that back in Mt.4:23-5:1, Matthew describes the response of the crowds and then what Jesus does for them (healing & teaching):
[23] And he went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction among the people. [24] So his fame spread throughout all Syria, and they brought him all the sick, those afflicted with various diseases and pains, those oppressed by demons, those having seizures, and paralytics, and he healed them. [25] And great crowds followed him from Galilee and the Decapolis, and from Jerusalem and Judea, and from beyond the Jordan. [5:1] Seeing the crowds, he went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him. [Jesus preaches the Sermon on the Mount.]

Calling Workers for the Harvest- Matthew 9



So, in summary, back in ch.4, Jesus' kingdom ministry to the crowds was to meet their physical needs and to teach them the truths of the kingdom (i.e. meet their spiritual needs).

Jesus' ministry pattern is instructive for His followers. He meets people's physical needs. He meets those needs because of His mercy (see Mt.9:12-13), but He is also a physician of the soul.

[Application: A church shows mercy as it meets physical and spiritual needs.]

We see that pattern as we return to Matthew 9. Jesus has been meeting physical needs through His healing ministry (displays of His authority throughout the chapter), but He is also committed to providing the kingdom teaching that the crowds need.

Calling Workers for the Harvest- Matthew 9



Matthew pointed out back in ch.4 that Jesus “saw the crowds” and then went up on the mountain to teach them. Here in ch.9, Matthew provides a longer depiction of Jesus’ view of the crowds.

[36] When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.

Notice the motivation of “compassion” or mercy. We have seen earlier in the chapter about Christ’s mercy toward those with spiritual needs. Here the metaphor is not sickness but sheep without a shepherd (see Ezekiel 34:22-24 and Isaiah 53:6). These people are threatened by false teaching and sinful desires. They are “helpless” to get out of their quandary. Jesus went toward such people, not away from them.

Calling Workers for the Harvest- Matthew 9



After seeing the crowds through His mercy, Jesus turns to His disciples to provide a call to action. Jesus points out two “problems”: 1) there are so many needs; 2) there are so few working. It takes spiritual sensitivity to have proper view of these needs, but the needs can be overwhelming. So, Jesus provides two responses: 1) earnest prayer; 2) sending more workers into the harvest.

[37] Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; [38] therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.”

Disciples who are motivated by mercy will see the physical and spiritual needs around them. Then as they pray earnestly, they will have an increased desire to meet those needs.

Calling Workers for the Harvest- Matthew 9



1) Are we blind to the needs of those around us?

Jesus saw the needs around Him and had compassion on them. What keeps us from being more aware of the needs around us? When we see needs, do we respond with compassion or hope that someone else will?

2) Are there people around you who are sheep in need of a shepherd?

We need spiritual shepherds in our homes. Dads and moms, how are you doing at shepherding your homes? We need spiritual shepherds in our church. If you are a leader (in any role), are you seeking to provide spiritual leadership? We need spiritual shepherds in our communities and on our campuses.

3) Let's pray that God will send workers to meet the needs around us.

Remember that as we pray that the Lord's answer to our prayer may be to send us.



O The Deep, Deep Love of Jesus

"...I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power together with all the Lord's holy people to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ" Eph. 3-17-18

S. Trevor Francis

O the deep, deep love of Jesus!
Vast, unmeasured, boundless, free
Rolling as a mighty ocean, in its fullness over me
Underneath me, all around me
Is the current of Thy love
Leading onward, leading homeward
To Thy glorious rest above

O the deep, deep love of Jesus!
Spread His praise from shore to shore
How He loveth, ever loveth
Changeth never, nevermore
How He watches o'er His loved ones
Died to call them all His own
How for them He intercedeth,
Watcheth o'er them from the throne

O the deep, deep love of Jesus!
Love of ev'ry love the best
'Tis an ocean vast of blessing
'Tis a haven sweet of rest
O the deep, deep love of Jesus!
'Tis a heav'n of heav'ns to me
And it lifts me up to glory
For it lifts me up to thee

Jesus Paid It All #210

*"You are not your own; you were bought at a price.
Therefore honor God." 1 Corinthians 6:19-21*

Elvina Hall

I hear the Savior say, "Thy strength indeed is small!
Child of weakness, watch and pray. Find in Me thine all in all."
Jesus paid it all. All to Him I owe
Sin had left a crimson stain
He washed it white as snow.

Lord, now indeed I find, Thy pow'r, and Thine alone
Can change the leper's spots, and melt the heart of stone.
Jesus paid it all. All to Him I owe
Sin had left a crimson stain
He washed it white as snow.

For nothing good have I, whereby Thy grace to claim
I'll wash my garments white, in the blood of Calv'ry's Lamb.
Jesus paid it all. All to Him I owe
Sin had left a crimson stain
He washed it white as snow.

And when before the throne, I stand in Him complete
"Jesus died my soul to save," my lips shall still repeat.
Jesus paid it all. All to Him I owe
Sin had left a crimson stain
He washed it white as snow.