

Hidden Hills Sovereign Grace Baptist Church
Sunday Sermon

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Text: Matthew 9:18-28

Scripture Reading: Matthew 9:18-28

Subject: Woman with issue of blood; Jairus' daughter; 2 blind men; a demon cast out; Jesus preaches in Galilee

In the preceding message from Matthew 9:1-17, we considered:

1. Jesus returning to Capernaum and healing a palsied man who was let down through the roof by four others. In this healing, the LORD stated "But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins;"

2. We studied the call of Matthew (Levi, son of Alpheus), a publican, who, after Jesus called him Levi made a great feast for Jesus in his house and they were joined by many publicans and sinners. Jesus rebuked the unbelieving Pharisees who said "Why eateth your Master with Publicans and sinners?" Jesus said, "They that be whole need not a physician, but they that are sick."

3. John's disciples came to Jesus asking, "Why do we and the Pharisees fast oft, but thy disciples fast not?" The LORD answered them "Can the children of the bridechamber mourn, as long as the bridegroom is with them? But the days will come, when the bridegroom shall be taken from them, and then shall they fast."

4. We also considered the parable "No man putteth a piece of new cloth unto an old garment, for that which is put in to fill it up taketh from the garment, and the rent is made worse. Neither do men put new wine into old bottles; else the bottles break, and the wine runneth out, and the bottles perish: but they put new wine into new bottles, and both are preserved." This was spoken in the context of the disciples of Jesus fasting.

Let us now proceed to chapter 9, verses 18 through 38, the end of the chapter.

Matthew 9:18-26 (KJV) *While he spake these things unto them, behold, there came a certain ruler, and worshipped him, saying, My daughter is even now dead: but come and lay thy hand upon her, and she shall live. 19 And Jesus arose, and followed him, and so did his disciples. 20 And, behold, a woman, which was diseased with an issue of blood twelve years, came behind him, and touched the hem of his garment: 21 For she said within herself, If I may but touch his garment, I shall be whole. 22 But Jesus turned him about, and when he saw her, he said, Daughter, be of good comfort; thy faith hath made thee whole. And the woman was made whole from that hour. 23 And when Jesus came into the ruler's house, and saw the minstrels and the people making a noise, 24 He said unto them, Give place: for the maid is not dead, but sleepeth. And they laughed him to scorn. 25 But when the people were put forth, he went in, and took her by the hand, and the maid arose. 26 And the fame hereof went abroad into all that land.*

Mark 5:22-43 (KJV) *And, behold, there cometh one of the rulers of the synagogue, Jairus by name; and when he saw him, he fell at his feet, 23 And besought him greatly, saying, My little daughter lieth at the point of death: I pray thee, come and lay thy hands on her, that she may be healed; and she shall live. 24 And Jesus went with him; and much people followed him, and thronged him. 25 And a certain woman, which had an issue of blood twelve years, 26 And had suffered many things of many physicians, and had spent all that she had, and was nothing bettered, but rather grew worse, 27 When she had heard of Jesus, came in the press behind, and touched his garment. 28 For she said, If I may touch but his*

*clothes, I shall be whole. **29** And straightway the fountain of her blood was dried up; and she felt in her body that she was healed of that plague. **30** And Jesus, immediately knowing in himself that virtue had gone out of him, turned him about in the press, and said, Who touched my clothes? **31** And his disciples said unto him, Thou seest the multitude thronging thee, and sayest thou, Who touched me? **32** And he looked round about to see her that had done this thing. **33** But the woman fearing and trembling, knowing what was done in her, came and fell down before him, and told him all the truth. **34** And he said unto her, Daughter, thy faith hath made thee whole; go in peace, and be whole of thy plague. **35** While he yet spake, there came from the ruler of the synagogue's house certain which said, Thy daughter is dead: why troublest thou the Master any further? **36** As soon as Jesus heard the word that was spoken, he saith unto the ruler of the synagogue, Be not afraid, only believe. **37** And he suffered no man to follow him, save Peter, and James, and John the brother of James. **38** And he cometh to the house of the ruler of the synagogue, and seeth the tumult, and them that wept and wailed greatly. **39** And when he was come in, he saith unto them, Why make ye this ado, and weep? the damsel is not dead, but sleepeth. **40** And they laughed him to scorn. But when he had put them all out, he taketh the father and the mother of the damsel, and them that were with him, and entereth in where the damsel was lying. **41** And he took the damsel by the hand, and said unto her, Talitha cumi; which is, being interpreted, Damsel, I say unto thee, arise. **42** And straightway the damsel arose, and walked; for she was of the age of twelve years. And they were astonished with a great astonishment. **43** And he charged them straitly that no man should know it; and commanded that something should be given her to eat.*

Luke 8:41-56 (KJV) *And, behold, there came a man named Jairus, and he was a ruler of the synagogue: and he fell down at Jesus' feet, and besought him that he would come into his house: **42** For he had one only daughter, about twelve years of age, and she lay a dying. But as he went the people thronged him. **43** And a woman having an issue of blood twelve years, which had spent all her living upon physicians, neither could be healed of any, **44** Came behind him, and touched the border of his garment: and immediately her issue of blood stanch'd. **45** And Jesus said, Who touched me? When all denied, Peter and they that were with him said, Master, the multitude throng thee and press thee, and sayest thou, Who touched me? **46** And Jesus said, Somebody hath touched me: for I perceive that virtue is gone out of me. **47** And when the woman saw that she was not hid, she came trembling, and falling down before him, she declared unto him before all the people for what cause she had touched him, and how she was healed immediately. **48** And he said unto her, Daughter, be of good comfort: thy faith hath made thee whole; go in peace. **49** While he yet spake, there cometh one from the ruler of the synagogue's house, saying to him, Thy daughter is dead; trouble not the Master. **50** But when Jesus heard it, he answered him, saying, Fear not: believe only, and she shall be made whole. **51** And when he came into the house, he suffered no man to go in, save Peter, and James, and John, and the father and the mother of the maiden. **52** And all wept, and bewailed her: but he said, Weep not; she is not dead, but sleepeth. **53** And they laughed him to scorn, knowing that she was dead. **54** And he put them all out, and took her by the hand, and called, saying, Maid, arise. **55** And her spirit came again, and she arose straightway: and he commanded to give her meat. **56** And her parents were astonished: but he charged them that they should tell no man what was done.*

What have we seen in this account of the healing of Jairus daughter and the woman with an issue of blood?

Jairus came to Jesus and according to Mark's account did this: "*he fell at his feet, **23** And besought him greatly, saying, My little daughter lieth at the point of death: I pray thee, come and lay thy hands on her, that she may be healed; and she shall live.*"

Moreover, Luke tells us this: "*For he had one only daughter, about twelve years of age, and she lay a dying. But as he went the people thronged him.*"

As we see from all three accounts, as Jesus and his disciples went to heal the daughter of Jairus, the people thronged him. An unnamed woman who had an issue of blood twelve years came behind him. She had spent all of her money on physicians and was no better - her issue of blood remained. She had heard of Jesus and was in the throng about him and followed him. She had said within herself "*If I may touch but his garment, I shall be whole.*" So she came behind him and touched the hem of his garment and immediately her blood stanching (stopped and was restrained from flowing.) Jesus perceived that virtue (acting power, power adequate to the purpose intended) had gone out of him. Therefore, he said, "Who touched me?" His disciples said to him, "*Master, the multitude throng thee and press thee, and sayest thou, Who touched me? **46** And Jesus said, Somebody hath touched me: for I perceive that virtue is gone out of me. **47** And when the woman saw that she was not hid, she came trembling, and falling down before him, she declared unto him before all the people for what cause she had touched him, and how she was healed immediately. **48** And he said unto her, Daughter, be of good comfort: thy faith hath made thee whole; go in peace.* What a testimony! This woman, after hearing of Jesus believed – truly believed that if she

could just touch his garment, she would be healed by his amazing power, was so healed immediately from this terrible malady that had plagued her and left her penniless for twelve long years. Praise the LORD!

Upon this: *“While he yet spake, there cometh one from the ruler of the synagogue's house, saying to him, Thy daughter is dead; trouble not the Master. **50** But when Jesus heard it, he answered him, saying, Fear not: believe only, and she shall be made whole.” (Luke 8:49-50).*

36 *As soon as Jesus heard the word that was spoken, he saith unto the ruler of the synagogue, Be not afraid, only believe. **37** And he suffered no man to follow him, save Peter, and James, and John the brother of James. **38** And he cometh to the house of the ruler of the synagogue, and seeth the tumult, and them that wept and wailed greatly. **39** And when he was come in, he saith unto them, Why make ye this ado, and weep? the damsel is not dead, but sleepeth. **40** And they laughed him to scorn. But when he had put them all out, he taketh the father and the mother of the damsel, and them that were with him, and entereth in where the damsel was lying. **41** And he took the damsel by the hand, and said unto her, Talitha cumi; which is, being interpreted, Damsel, I say unto thee, arise. **42** And straightway the damsel arose, and walked; for she was of the age of twelve years. And they were astonished with a great astonishment. **43** And he charged them straitly that no man should know it; and commanded that something should be given her to eat. (Mark 5:36-43).*

Brothers and sisters, our Lord had already healed those with palsy, had cast out devils; healed the centurion's servant; Peter's wife's mother; had stilled the storm sea with the waves and winds; and

the woman with the issue of blood. Then he raised one from the dead showing that the son of Man had power over death. As we continue on through the NT, we shall see that he raised two more from the dead – the widow's son of Nain and Lazarus, the brother of Martha and Mary.

Matthew 9:27-31 (KJV) *And when Jesus departed thence, two blind men followed him, crying, and saying, Thou Son of David, have mercy on us. 28 And when he was come into the house, the blind men came to him: and Jesus saith unto them, Believe ye that I am able to do this? They said unto him, Yea, Lord. 29 Then touched he their eyes, saying, According to your faith be it unto you. 30 And their eyes were opened; and Jesus straitly charged them, saying, See that no man know it. 31 But they, when they were departed, spread abroad his fame in all that country.*

What have we in these verses? Jesus had departed from the healing of Jairus' daughter and now two blind men followed him, crying, and saying, Thou Son of David, have mercy on us. How horrible is physical blindness! These men indeed were looking for mercy and mercy was what they asked. It is much like a spiritual blind person who has heard the gospel of Jesus Christ and knows that he needs spiritual healing.

These two men cried for mercy and pursued Jesus until he bestows mercy on them. As they came into the house, the Lord said to them, "Believe ye that I am able to do this?" They said unto him, "Yea, Lord. Touching their eyes, he said to them, "According to your faith be it unto you." He was calling forth their faith. It was like asking them, "Do you believe I will have mercy on you?" They did believe that. That had faith that he would have mercy on them. And their eyes were opened.

Jesus charged them: "See that no man know it." But they, when they were departed, spread abroad his fame, in all that country. Why did he charge them that no man know it? We are not told, but we can understand that Jesus was perhaps not ready for this to be made know. He did not want to be the object of great fame over healing and performing miracles. This was not the grand object for his coming into the world. His coming was to die for the sins of his people and save them from their sins.

Now, we come to the 32nd through 34th verses:

Matthew 9:32-34 (KJV) *As they went out, behold, they brought to him a dumb man possessed with a devil. 33 And when the devil was cast out, the dumb spake: and the multitudes marvelled, saying, It was never so seen in Israel. 34 But the Pharisees said, He casteth out devils through the prince of the devils.*

In these two verses we see a dumb man who was possessed with a devil (demon – evil spirit), which evidently bound the man so that he could not speak. One of the things which Jesus did frequently during his earthly ministry, was to cast out devils, therefore, he cast out the devil from this poor unfortunate man. When the devil was cast out, the dumb man spake. The multitudes evidently knew of this man and hearing him now speaking marvelled at it saying, "It was never so seen in Israel." Nothing like this had ever happened before according to their witness. But – seems there is always a but.

But the Pharisees said, He casteth out devils through the prince of devils." This was a lie, of course and there is nothing recorded her about Jesus' saying anything in rebuttal to the wicked Pharisees – but he definitely would say something another time. The word of

Jesus was sufficient to dispel any evil spirit from a person and he did this many times in the New Testament.

When we come to the 12th chapter, we will see that Jesus does answer the Pharisees for their false charge against him. Please read with me about how Jesus answers these hypocrites in the 12 chapter beginning at verse 23 and reading through verse 32. I will read, but reserve comments on this until we come to the 12th chapter.

Matthew 12:23-32 (KJV) *And all the people were amazed, and said, Is not this the son of David? **24** But when the Pharisees heard it, they said, This fellow doth not cast out devils, but by Beelzebub the prince of the devils. **25** And Jesus knew their thoughts, and said unto them, Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation; and every city or house divided against itself shall not stand: **26** And if Satan cast out Satan, he is divided against himself; how shall then his kingdom stand? **27** And if I by Beelzebub cast out devils, by whom do your children cast them out? therefore they shall be your judges. **28** But if I cast out devils by the Spirit of God, then the kingdom of God is come unto you. **29** Or else how can one enter into a strong man's house, and spoil his goods, except he first bind the strong man? and then he will spoil his house. **30** He that is not with me is against me; and he that gathereth not with me scattereth abroad. **31** Wherefore I say unto you, All manner of sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven unto men: but the blasphemy against the Holy Ghost shall not be forgiven unto men. **32** And whosoever speaketh a word against the Son of man, it shall be forgiven him: but whosoever speaketh against the*

Holy Ghost, it shall not be forgiven him, neither in this world, neither in the world to come.

Now, let us consider verses 35 and 36 of our 9th chapter:

Matthew 9:35-36 (KJV) *And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people. 36 But when he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd.*

This tells us much about the public ministry of our Lord.

Remember, he is still in Galilee, near Capernaum, but didn't stay in Capernaum. He went about all the cities and villages in Galilee teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom. John the Baptist preached the gospel of the kingdom and Jesus preached the same gospel. The apostles preached it – Paul preached it, and we are preaching it also. It is said that Jesus also healed every sickness and every disease among the people. There must have been great joy in those cities and villages as they encountered Jesus Christ, the Great Physician. No disease or sickness is too big for him to heal.

Jesus, seeing the great multitudes, was moved with compassion for them. He cared for them – he felt for them, that is what compassion means. Why was that? Because they fainted probably because of the long walks and waiting and because of their sicknesses and infirmities. They were scattered abroad as sheep having no shepherd. They know not which way to turn – they needed a leader to guide them, protect them, and save them. The compassion of the LORD for these multitudes is undoubtedly why

he says what follows in the last two verses of this 9th chapter. Let's consider them.

Matthew 9:37-38 (KJV) *Then saith he unto his disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few; 38 Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest.*

Clearly Jesus had compassion – feelings for the multitudes, but he knew they could not help themselves. He saith to his disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few. What did he mean by that? The multitudes needed workers in the gospel of the kingdom. These are the fields white unto harvest. There were then few LABOURERS (workers) – and there are few LABORERS now. The ministry is a good WORK! And it is WORK indeed to those who obey the Lord's commandments in the word about "Studying to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." (2Ti. 2:15).

Notice his commandment to his disciples: "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest." O how, you and I need to pray this prayer today. The time is now. The harvest is ripe. The laborers are few. The need is great, but God is able. Many speak about God calling them to this work. I agree that God moves his men to this work. What is the call to serve in the ministry? God puts into the hearts of his men the DESIRE FOR THE OFFICE OF A BISHOP, which is a good work. He has given his churches the criteria upon which to measure men who have this desire and so they are able to do so. Few there seems to be whom God has moved to this work in past years, but we are encouraged. We have seen some of late who are showing some interest in this good work and for that we bow unworthy

heads and give thanks. May I encourage you who the LORD is moving toward this good work – fear not, if the Lord brings you to it, He will also bring you through it! He will be with you as you “preach the word; being instant in season and out of season; reproving, rebuking, exhorting with all longsuffering and doctrine.” (2Ti. 4:2). He will help you! He will strengthen you. He will never leave thee nor forsake thee. O, Lord, may it be so. Amen!