

HOW CAN WE BE HEALED OF OUR SIN SICKNESS?

The teaching of Jesus the King affirmed by His miracles

Matthew 8:1-4

- I. **PRELIMINARY ISSUES FOR RIGHTLY UNDERSTANDING THE PURPOSE OF THE MIRACLES OF JESUS IN CHAPTERS 8-9** (Various passages)
 - A. **The miracles performed affirmed the identity of Jesus as the Christ by fulfilling Old Testament prophecies** (Isaiah, Matt 11)

 - B. In the context of Matthew, **the miracles performed by Jesus affirmed and accompanied His Word proclaimed**, i.e His kingdom teaching. (Matt. 4:23, 9:35)

 - C. These **miracles foreshadow our spiritual healing from our sin sickness** (Chs. 8-9)

- II. **Recognize CHRIST HAS AUTHORITY OVER PHYSICAL DISEASE which pictures our spiritual sickness and thus respond to His Kingdom teaching (8:1-17)**
 - A. **An transition:** Great multitudes follow Jesus, yet sadly were unrepentant (Matt. **8:1**, 4:23-5:1, 7:28-81 11:20-26)

 - B. **The healing of the of the leper:** A picture of sin cleansed (**2-4**)
 - 1. A Leper entreats the Lord for cleansing (2)

 - 2. Jesus' gracious willing response (3-4)
 - (a) He willingly cleanses him (3)

 - (b) He commands him to not to share with the people but to show himself to the priest for a testimony to them (4)