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Holy Spirit & Power

HEALING AND REDEMPTION IN MATTHEW 8

AT A GLANCE

BIG IDEA

Matthew 8 presents Jesus acting with authority over sickness and suffering, showing what God's kingdom looks like in real life. Scripture connects that ministry to God's identity as Healer, and to what Christ accomplished for us. This study traces healing, redemption from the curse, and the believer's new identity—so your faith rests on what God has said and done.

PRIMARY PASSAGES

Matthew 8:1–17

1 Peter 2:24

Exodus 15:26

Galatians 3:13

2 Corinthians 5:17

Colossians 1:27

KEY TAKEAWAYS

- Matthew 8 shows Jesus willing and able to heal, responding to those who come to Him.
- God identifies Himself as the LORD who heals, calling His people to trust and obedience (Exodus 15:26).
- Healing is tied to Christ's redemptive work: by His wounds we are healed (1 Peter 2:24).
- Christ redeems from the curse (Galatians 3:13), shaping how we view suffering and restoration.
- Believers live from a changed identity—new creation—and from the indwelling Christ (2 Corinthians 5:17; Colossians 1:27).
- Jesus' choosing and God's presence encourage steadfast faith and confidence (John 15:16; Hebrews 13:5).
- Grace also addresses material need and generosity through Christ's self-giving (2 Corinthians 8:9).

INTRODUCTION

Many people search for a "single solution" that can fix every kind of trouble. Scripture presents Jesus Christ as the One who can cleanse, restore, and give a true new beginning—starting with the heart and reaching every area of life.

SCRIPTURE READING

- **Primary text:** Matthew 8:1–3. Jesus comes down from the mountain; a man with leprosy approaches, worships, and says, "Lord, if You are willing, You can make me clean." Jesus touches him and says, "I am willing; be clean," and the leprosy immediately leaves. —
- **Leprosy in the biblical world carried multiple burdens:** physical suffering, social separation, loss of livelihood, and public shame. The man's approach to Jesus is both humble ("if You are willing") and confident ("You can"). —
- **Supporting passages referenced for the study's themes:** 1 Peter 2:24; Exodus 15:26; 2 Corinthians 8:9; Galatians 3:13; Hebrews 13:5; John 15:16; Colossians 1:27; 2 Corinthians 5:17. —

KEY POINTS

1. One encounter with Jesus can change what seems hopeless (Matthew 8:1–3). The man's life turns at the moment Jesus is approached in worship and faith.
2. Jesus is both able and willing. The leper's question is not about power ("You can"), but about willingness ("if You will"). Jesus answers clearly: "I am willing."
3. Jesus touches what others avoid. The touch communicates mercy, acceptance, and authority—then cleansing happens immediately (Matthew 8:3).
4. Jesus addresses "total life" needs, not only one symptom. The leper's condition represents many kinds of bondage people experience: sickness, poverty, shame/curse, loneliness, barrenness/unfruitfulness, and hopelessness.
5. Healing: God reveals Himself as the healer (Exodus 15:26), and Christ's suffering is tied to our healing (1 Peter 2:24).
6. Provision: Christ's self-giving is the basis for believers' supply and enrichment (2 Corinthians 8:9).

GROUP DISCUSSION

Tip: Use these questions to guide the group from seeing → understanding → applying.

OBSERVATION

- In Matthew 8:1–3, what details show the leper's posture and attitude as he approaches Jesus (actions and words)?
- What does Jesus do before He speaks, and what does He say before the healing happens?
- What word in the passage highlights the speed of the miracle (Matthew 8:3)?

INTERPRETATION

- Why might the leper have said, "If You are willing," even though he believed Jesus had power?
- What does Jesus' touch communicate about His character and His response to people who feel rejected or "unclean"?
- How do the supporting texts expand the meaning of Jesus as the answer to multiple life problems (Exodus 15:26; Galatians 3:13; Hebrews 13:5; 2 Corinthians 5:17)?
- What is the difference between being part of the "multitude" and being the one who comes to Jesus personally?

APPLICATION

- Identify one area where you most relate to the leper's situation (need of healing, provision, freedom from shame/curse, loneliness, fruitfulness, hope). How will you bring that specifically to Jesus in prayer this week?
- What "crowd pressures" (fear of opinions, delay, distraction, shame) can keep someone from coming to Christ openly? What is one practical step to overcome that pressure?
- If Jesus says, "I am willing," what changes in how you pray—especially about issues you have stopped talking to God about?
- How can the group help someone who is making a new beginning in Christ (follow-up, prayer support, accountability, practical care)?
- What would "fruitfulness" look like for you in the next season (character, relationships, work, ministry)? Name one measurable action aligned with John 15:16.

PRAYER FOCUS

- Reveal Jesus' willingness and authority to heal and restore.
- Help me receive and stand in redemption from the curse through Christ.
- Strengthen my faith to pray specifically and persistently for healing.
- Teach me to live as a new creation with Christ in me, chosen and cleansed.

NEXT STEP

Read Matthew 8:1–17 and pray aloud, applying the promises of redemption and new creation to one specific area where you need Jesus' healing and restoration.

CONCLUSION

Matthew 8:1–3 shows Jesus Christ as compassionate and decisive: willing to cleanse, powerful to heal, and ready to give a new beginning. The call is not merely to stand near Him, but to come to Him personally—trusting His willingness, receiving His cleansing, and walking forward in hope and fruitfulness.

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