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Daily Bible Notes/Highlights Genesis through Revelation 2014

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Matthew

C8 Vss 1-34 Matthew begins to focus on people healing and relationships. Jesus heals leprosy. A man knelt and called Jesus to be cleansed. Notice the fellow said, "if you are willing, you can heal me." This is what no one asks today. They don't ask you are willing. Here's a sad fact, everyone does not need healing or their circumstances changed. This writer has a saying, 'hitting the lottery is the worst thing that can happen to most people. The Lord would never get their attention. ' Jesus healed the man, and directed him to honor the Law by showing himself to the priests.

One of the great healing experiences in the life of Jesus is the "heathen" Roman officer with an ill servant. The officer understood authority and testimony. He understood based on testimony that Jesus had God-given authority to heal. He became an example to every Jew and Gentile about faith. He caused Jesus to marvel (10).

Every believer must understand the sacrificial cost of following Jesus. The illustration and response about the son who desired to bury his dad sounds harsh and insensitive. However, it demonstrates that nothing is more important than following Jesus, and most importantly motive is everything. Why didn't the young man ask if he could bury his dad? This gives Jesus the place of Lordship. There's no question in this writer's mind that the young man had a heart issue. He was giving an excuse and following Jesus was not his primary desire. Jesus' knows our motives (18-22).

Jesus clearly has authority over both the natural and spiritual. Every believer needs to be completely focused on Jesus when he/she believes his/her ship of life is sinking. Jesus is completely aware of our circumstances (22-26)

Concerning demon possession, note their our circumstances within human beings that not even swine can tolerate. Also, when Jesus is present around demon activity, the demons scream out. This is a characteristic of demon activity in the presence of Jesus (29)

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C 9 Vss 1-38

If there is ever evidence that sin can make us physically sick, the experience with the paralyzed man is evidence. Jesus forgave his sins. The religious leaders took exception to Jesus' act of forgiving sin. The leaders knew it meant Jesus was doing only what God could do. Given their unbelief Jesus step to a higher level. He commands the man to walk (1-6)

Notice the call to Matthew. There were no conditions other than to follow. People are to follow Jesus before they actually discover completely who He is. Invited to dinner with the tax collector the Pharisees ridiculed Jesus, but Jesus' response must stay with every believer. We are here for the sinner (12-13).

Jesus' word concerning fasting is that it is to be a personal experience and not done for show.

We are able to see Jesus healing to and fro. Called to see a man's sick daughter a woman reaches out to touch the hem of his garment. She's healed! If we'll reach out to Him, he'll meet us in some way.

Arriving at the synagogue leader's home Jesus removes the faith-killers! When it comes to the most difficult experiences where healing is required excuse the faith-killers. Then God will do His work (23-25).

He opens the eyes of the blind, and though he tells them not to tell anyone. They disobeyed Him, understandably. Our faith is personal but not private. When a person encounters Jesus they will tell somebody (27-32).

The Pharisees charge Jesus with operating under the authority of Satan. Mark records that Jesus calls this blasphemy of the Holy Spirit, and unforgivable (.). That is, to continue with the conduct is unforgivable.

C10 Vss 1-42. Disciples are followers subject to an instructional discipline. Apostles are those who are sent out. Jesus sends His disciples in their first apostolic campaign. Their first assignment was to Jews. It is the precedent commission to heal and cast out demons. They are to shake those who refuse their message.

Jesus gives a word of persecution. Again leaders need to count the cost of ministry. True leadership will lead to periods of persecution (18-20). He includes a look at apocalypse. It is an act of enduring (22).

The reality is that believers must understand that we are no better than Jesus. He was crucified (24-25). They called Jesus prince of demons, we should not expect anything better but worse (25).

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Denying Jesus on earth will be a devastating result. Jesus will not acknowledge before show father.

Again, sacrifice is indicated by Jesus. Following Jesus requires us to lose our personal self will (38-39).

C11 Vss 1-30

John hears about Jesus and sends messengers Jesus answers with actions and not words. "Tell John what you have seen." The question is curious since John is the one who Baptized Jesus. However, John might be suffering with cabin fever. When we are under duress, we are not clear about things we were so clear about at one time (4-6)

Jesus gives this startling revelation about John. None is greater than John, but he makes every person who follows Him as important as John in value to the kingdom. This should raise the kingdom esteem of every believer (10-11).

Jesus also has a striking comparison of those who complained about He and John. It's a direct hit on religion. They said John was possessed with demons because he apparently had a very narrow diet. Jesus on the other hand had a much larger diet so He was a glutton and drunk. One who occasioned with sinners. Jesus called it child's play (16-18).

We'll see often in the Gospels that while Jesus did miracles there were many who did not believe. Here's an often missed citation. Jesus declares, Sodom a city destroyed by God will be better off on Judgment day. How persons can think there will be no final judgment, or that a loving God will not allow people to go to a place of eternal torment is refuted here. However, throughout His life Jesus will give more clarity (

Here's a prayer often missed. There is so much on the "Lord's Prayer." It is a prayer of thanks. And the prayer addresses God's revelation to every day people. Following the prayer, there is the appeal to the burdened. He defines Himself as humble and gentle of heart. This is in direct opposition to the religious arrogance of the Pharisees and others.

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