

Mt.9.1-8 “God-Man OR godly-man? Does It Matter?”
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I The PEOPLE’S FAITH v.2a [review]

II. JESUS’ FORGIVENESS 2b

The paralytic was overwhelmed with his sin & now being thrust into Jesus’ presence.

Tharseō (take heart [courage]) refers to _____ vs. *tolmaō*.

When the man repents in faith he no longer has reason to fear.

Jesus gave him His most gracious gift to meet his greatest need.

Forgiveness of sin is God’s greatest gift because it meets man’s greatest need.

- ❖ Sin is a transgression of God’s law (I Jn.3.4) &
- ❖ defiles His image in man,
- ❖ staining his soul with Satan’s image (Jn.6.70; 8.44).

Sin brings men under the dominion of Satan & the wrath of God (Ep.2.2–3).

III. RELIGIOUS FOLK’S FURY v.3

The two barriers to salvation are refusing to see the need & believing it must be earned.

IV. THE MOB’S DEBATE v.6a

An evil ... heart is a heart that plots against God.

Both healing and forgiveness of sins are:

✚ equally impossible for men & equally possible for God.

Jesus point was that *saying* something is always easier than *doing* it.

The scribes and Pharisees knew well the Old Testament predictions that miraculous healings would accompany the Messiah when He came to earth, & the Son of Man (the title of His humiliation) was now about to give them a special, front-row view of one of those miracles.

V. GOD’S [DIVINE] FORCE vv.6b–7

The command to rise suggests that when Jesus spoke the healing had already taken place.

VI. CROWD’S FEAR v.8

It expresses the feeling of a person who is in the presence of someone infinitely superior.

CONCLUSION:

Reverential awe of God is the substance out of which all right Christian

- ✓ worship,
- ✓ behavior, &
- ✓ service must come.

If they did not realize that He was the God-Man,
they at least realized He was an extraordinarily godly man.