

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瘫痪者 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.