



FUNDAMENTAL GRACE BIBLE STUDY

Matthew

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Lesson 19: Chapter 8:1-17

Christ Takes Israel's Infirmities

1. Review & Extension

- a. Pre-creation. God willed & promised eternal life in Christ Jesus – 2Tim1:1; Ti1:2
- b. Post-creation. Man sought eternal life by patiently continuing in well-doing – Gen3:22; Rom2:7-14
- c. Solomon. Law commands instructed & reprov'd Israel in the way of life – Pro6:23; 12:28
- d. Israel. Instructed the keeping of the whole law as profitable to life – Eze18:5,9,21,23-32
- e. Jesus. Revealed himself as the gate & his commands the way to life eternal – Deu5:27-33; Mt5:19
 - i. Hearers/doers are wise, just, heard, blessed of God – Mt7:24-26; 9:31; Rom2:13; Jas1:22-25
 - ii. The living Word (Jn1:1-3,14), Light (Jn1:4), bread (Jn6:51), water (Jn4:14), resurrection (Jn11:25) & the life (Jn14:6)
- f. Mystery. Christ the end of the law for right., eternal life a free gift – Rom10:4; 3:21-24; 4:25; 5:18-21

2. 8:1-4 – Christ Cleanses the Leper

- a. "*leper*" disease of skin "white as snow" | 1st placed on Moses & healed – Ex4:6; Nu12:10-16; Deu24:8
- b. Covenant. If...then God would heal Israel – Ex15:26; 23:25; Deu28:27,58-62; Lev14:34
- c. Law of Leprosy. The infirmed were set apart, marked visibly & audibly – Lev13:1-3, 45-46
- d. Law of Leprosy Cleansing. Required priest to mediate – Lev14:2-3,18-20
- e. Notice the approach in faith (*weightier matter*): 1) worship, 2) Lord, 3) authority acknowledged
- f. Christ's deity displayed in the "touching", "willing" & "cleansing" the leper immediately
- g. "*tell no man*" why did Jesus not want people to know? – Mt8:4; 16:20; Mk8:30; 9:9; Lu7:36
- h. "*offer the gift*" continuation of law observance displayed..."*not to leave the other undone*" – Mt23:23

3. 8:5-13 – The Centurion's Messianic Blessing

- a. "*centurion*" (Gentile) Roman officer commanding ~100 soldiers
- b. Q: If Gentiles had no access to God in time past, what of this apparent blessing?
 - i. Gentile provision in time past was through God's chosen nation – Gen12:1-3; Ex19:5
- c. Gentiles had two options: bless OR become circumcision – Est8:17; Mt23:15; Ac2:10; 6:10
 - i. Servants in Abe's house, sojourn. strangers w/ Israel partook – Gen17:12; Ex12:48; Nu15:14
- d. See Luke 7 for amplifying information regarding this Centurion's treatment of Israel – Lu7:1-9
- e. "*not in Israel*" Israel's shame: their lack of faith in doing God's laws & receiving his Messiah – Jn1:11
- f. The fruitful nation (true Israel) is what Jesus sought – Mt21:43; Lu13:6-9, 27-29
- g. Gentiles were to receive blessing from Israel reigning w/ root of Jesse – Rom15:9-12
- h. The Lord's Kingdom Table. Appoint. to judges in kingdom – Lu22:28-30; Ps23:5; Ps78:19; Ps128:3
- i. "*many...shall sit down*" w/fathers in king. – Isa65:11-17; Lu12:37; Mt15:27; Rev19:9; 21:24; 22:1-15
- j. "*outer darkness*" which occurs during the day of the LORD's judgment – Rev16:10; Ps69:21-28
- k. "*gnashing of teeth*" reserved for the unfaithful children – Mt13:37-42,47-50; 22:13; 24:51; 25:28-30

4. 8:14-17 – Christ Heals All

- a. Peter's mother. "*his wife's mother*" Yes, Peter was married...the Pope has deviated – 1Tim4:1-3
- b. Prophecy #8. Taking Israel's infirmities & baring their sicknesses – Isa53:4
- c. Christ identified w/ sinful Israel in baptism (Mt3:15) & bore Israel's OT sins on the cross – Heb9:15



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5. Other Events Associated with Leprosy

- a. Naaman – Syrian leper w/ Israelite maid sought healing from Elisha – 2Kgs5:1-27; Lu4:27
- b. Uzziah – king of Israel, was strong & high-minded to destruction by leprosy – 2Chr26:19-23
- c. Jesus cleanses (Mt8:3; Mk1:42; Lu5:12), send disciples w/ authority to cleanse (Mt10:8)
- d. Messiah & kingdom of heaven confirmation was in the miracle healings – Mt11:4-5; Lu7:22
- e. Jesus resided in the house of “Simon the leper” – Mt26:6; Mk14:3
- f. Jesus’ preaching of the “acceptable year of the Lord” was not received in the synagogue
 - i. His rebuttal was to cite the 3.5yr famine w/ none of Israel receiving a prophet of Israel for provision & healing – Lu4:16-32
- g. Jesus instructed lepers to see the priests for cleansing, healed all, but only one returned – Lu17:12

6. Events Jesus wanted untold:

- a. Healing leper – Mt8:4; Lu5:14
- b. Cast out devil of Syrophenician’s (Gentile) daughter – Mk7:24
- c. Healing dumb – Mk7:36
- d. Restored sight – Mk8:26
- e. Resurrecting the ruler of the synagogue’s dead daughter – Mk5:43; Lu8:56
- f. Declaration of being Christ – Mt16:15-20; Mk8:30; Lu9:21
- g. Transfiguration – Mt17:9; Mk9:9; Lu9:36