

## Matthew – Part 4

### Faith and Healing

Welcome to Hope Sabbath School--an in-depth interactive study of the Word of God. We are continuing an exciting series of studies on The Gospel of Matthew. Our topic today: Faith and Healing

Scripture Theme Song: Praise Him the Heights (Ps. 148:1-4)

- 1) Touching the Untouchable
  - a) Matthew 8:1-4
  - b) Some taught that all lepers were under the judgment of God (Numbers 12:9-12). How would you respond?
  - c) What can we learn from the confession of the leper?
  - d) Jesus didn't need to touch the leper. What was the significance of His healing touch?
  - e) Why did Jesus instruct the leper not to broadcast the news that Jesus had healed him?
  - f) What lessons can we learn from Jesus about touching the untouchable?
- 2) The Roman Centurion's faith
  - a) Matthew 8:5-13
  - b) Why does Matthew record this miracle of Jesus? Is it just about a soldier's servant being healed?
  - c) What is the significance of the words of Jesus recorded in Matthew 8:10-12 for our lives today?
- 3) The testimony of a healed life
  - a) Matthew 8:28-34
  - b) What story in Matthew's Gospel precedes the healing of these two demoniacs? Matthew 8:23-27
  - c) What is the relationship between these two miracles and why does Matthew record both of them?
  - d) Both Mark (5:1-20) and Luke (8:26-29) record the healing of the demoniacs. Why was this miracle so important? What lesson does Jesus want us all to learn?
  - e) Evil forces oppress many today. What encouragement can we receive from this miracle of Jesus? (John 10:10)
  - f) Matthew 8:34 – Satan tried to hinder the ministry of Jesus in that region. How did Jesus respond? (Luke 8:38-39)
- 4) Spiritual healing and physical healing
  - a) Which is more important—physical healing or spiritual healing?
  - b) Matthew 9:1-8
  - c) What important truth is Jesus teaching in the healing of the paralytic?
  - d) How does the faith of the friends impact this man in need of healing? (Matthew 8:2)
  - e) Share a time when someone helped you to find healing by bringing you to Jesus.
- 5) Extending the healing ministry of Jesus
  - a) Matthew 9:18-26 –Desperate need for healing all around us.
  - b) Matthew 10:8 – the command of Jesus
  - c) What are your thoughts about extending the healing ministry of Jesus?