

Matthew 9: The Power Of Men

Instructions: As you read the guide and the bible, write down any questions you come across. Try to find the answer on your own, but if you can't or do not know where to look, post your questions in the discussion. If you do find the answers, post your answers in the discussion. Chances are someone else had the same questions and you can help them out.

Summary:

We will go through Yeshua's teachings very in depth as this is our whole purpose for studying the word, to understand his teachings and follow them.

Verse	Summary
1	Yeshua got on a ship and traveled back home to Galilee, specifically the city of Capernaum, to which he moved when he left Nazareth in Chapter 4.
2	Someone brought him a paralyzed man. Seeing the faith of those who brought him, he told the paralytic, " <u>Son</u> , be of good cheer, your sins are forgiven."
3	The scribes or religious scholars that we present said that Yeshua was blaspheming, which means to speak evil or falsely concerning matters of God.
4	Yeshua discerned what they were discussing and asked them why they thing evil in their hearts.
5	He inferred it is easier to say "thy sins are forgiven" than it is to say "Arise and walk."
6-7	He went on to explain that the <u>son of man</u> had the power on earth to forgive sins. Then he told the paralytic to get up, pick up his bed, and go home and the man did so.
8	When the people saw it they were amazed and <u>glorified God who had given such power to <i>men</i></u> .
9	When Yeshua left there, he saw Matthew at the customs or import tax 'office' and told him to get up and follow him and Matthew did so.
10-11	Yeshua went home to eat and many tax collectors and sinners went and ate with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw it they asked the disciples why their master was eating with such people.
12	Yeshua heard it and said that it was the sick, and not the healthy, who needed a doctor.
13	He told the Pharisees to go and learn what that meant. He went on to explain that he will show mercy and not victimize and he did not come to call the righteous, but the sinners to repentance.
14-15	The disciples of John went to Yeshua and asked him why did they and the Pharisees have to fast often, but Yeshua's disciples did not have to fast at all. Yeshua explained that sons of the union, who are those working in the presence of Yeshua, were not required to fast because they were with him, but when he would leave them, they would need to fast.
16-17	Pertaining to the need to fast, he explained that you don't put what is new into something that is old, because it would become damaged. He demonstrated if

	you attach a strong garment to a weak one, the weak garment will be damaged and if you put new wine into an old bottle, both the bottle and the wine will be ruined. He said, rather, put what is new into something that is new so that both are preserved.
18	A certain ruler went to Yeshua, worshipped him, and asked him to bring his dead daughter back to life.
19-22	On their way there, a women who had a bleeding disorder for 12 years went touched the hem of his garment and said <u>within herself</u> , “If I touch his garment I will be made whole.” Yeshua turned and looked at her and said, “ <u>Daughter</u> be of good comfort, your faith has made you whole”, and she was made whole from that hour.
23-25	When they arrived at the ruler’s house, he heard flute players and people making a noise and told them move away from her, because she was not dead, but only asleep. The people laughed at and ridiculed him. After the people were put out, Yeshua grabbed her by the hand and she got up.
26	The word spread and he became famous throughout the land.
27	As he left the ruler’s house, two blind men followed him crying out to him “son of David, have mercy on us.”
28	When he went into the house, the blind men went to him and he asked if they believed he would “do this” and they said yes. He touched their eyes and said, “According to your faith be it unto you.”
29-31	Their eyes were opened and Yeshua told them not to tell anyone what he had done. But when they left they went told everyone.
32-33	They brought him back a man who could not speak and who was possessed by a demon and when it was cast out, the man spoke. Those who witnessed it were amazed and said they had never seen such a thing in Israel.
34	The Pharisees accused Yeshua of casting our devils through the prince of devils.
35	Yeshua went throughout all the cities and villages teaching in the synagogues and preaching the good news of the kingdom and healing every sickness and disease among the people.
36	When he saw all the people, he was compassionate, because they were weak and cast out as sheep with no shepherd.
37	Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is great, but the laborers are few.” He instructed the disciples to pray to God to send laborers to the people.

Instructions: Read Matthew Chapter 9 in the King James Version and answer the questions below.

1. What are some deeper ideas and themes you notice about the story in Matthew 9?
2. Does anything speak to you?

Instructions: Take a second look at each of these messages in Matthew 9 and find the lessons hidden within each message.

General Insights:

In chapter 9, Yeshua shows us who the children of God are and what powers they hold.

1. The first clue regarding who God's children are, is that these events took place in Capernaum, which was in Israel. This tells us that the children of God are more than likely, Israelites.
2. Secondly, he referred to the paralytic as a son, the women with the issue of blood as a daughter, and the disciples as sons of the bridechamber. The word used for children in verse 15 is actually a Greek word meaning sons.
3. In verse 37, he describes the harvest as those on whom he has compassion, because they are weak and abandoned, having no unity or leadership.

An illuminating message in this chapter is regarding the power of certain men. In verse 6, Yeshua says that the son of man has the power to forgive sin on earth, than immediately commanded the paralytic to get up and go home and he did. There are a few peculiar points to this story.

We have been taught the son of man is Yeshua and Yeshua alone, but throughout the gospels, he demonstrates this not to be completely true. The Old Testament also confirms this, as God also called Ezekiel the 'Son of man'.

Additionally, Yah says in Exodus 4:22 that his first-born son are the descendants of Israel.

"And thou shalt say unto Pharaoh, Thus saith Yah, Israel is my son, even my firstborn" – Exo 4:22

Additionally, Yeshua usually refers to the son of man in third person to demonstrate himself as a part of the entity that is the 'son of man'. Do we believe Yeshua was so conceited as to refer to himself in third person? Of course not. He always made it a point to give credit to our Father and was righteous, having no pride in himself. It would be like him telling us, "Yeshua is the way truth and life", referring to himself. Instead he says, "I am the way, truth, and life." So why than does he frequently refer to himself as the son of man?

Hold on to your pants, this is deep. You will come to understand this better as we continue to study the all gospels, disciple writings, and Revelations. Meanwhile, here is the secret no one wants to tell you. He often uses the son of man and son, because the events he is describing would not only happen to him, but also to an elect generation of Israelite people who would suffer the same fate as he did.

See, the term 'son of man' has several meanings throughout the bible. Sometimes it simply means human, other times it means a son of God in human form (like Yeshua), and still at other times, it refers to the son of God as a group of God's children in human

form, united with one spirit and one purpose under the instruction of the Father. As Christianity teaches us, we take on the spirit of Yeshua, making us one son of God, or more traditionally put, sons and daughters of God. Same concept different perception.

Notice in Matthew 24 Yeshua is describing what the coming of the son of man is. He explains that it will be like lightning that is visible from the east to the west, like eagles gathered together on a carcass, yet it will be like the days of Noah where everyone was still living their lives as though nothing was happening. No one will recognize the signs or the eagles gathering, that is the son of man.

Imagine a carcass covered by eagles. All one sees are the eagles and thinks nothing of what they are covering, or what is hidden beneath the surface of the group of eagles eat at the carcass, with one goal, one mission, and one mind.

In verse 8, it is evident that the people who were present at that time understood this. After the paralytic was healed, they all gave glory to God, who had given such power to men.

Additionally, we know that the disciples also performed some of the same supernatural miracles that Yeshua did, because they too were sons, as Yeshua explains in this chapter and throughout the gospels, especially in the Gospel of John.

Some other observations include how Yeshua knew peoples' thoughts. This is mentioned in verse 4 and 21.

In verse 8 the people glorified God when Yeshua healed the paralytic and told them they had the power to forgive sins. Regarding the forgiving of sins, notice how in that day it seemed blasphemous to forgive the sins of others and even in this day if you tell that to a Christian they will likely forget the fact that we are instructed to forgive man their sins in the Our Father or 'The Lord's' Prayer. We forgive people every day, yet religious folk might consider it blasphemous to say we have the power to forgive sins. This just points out the limited understanding and ignorance of certain groups of people in Yeshua's day and today.

Yeshua is pointing this error in thinking out to us in this chapter. In the same manner, he is saying that we have even greater power than to only forgive man for their sins against us, but for the past error of their ways in general. He also specifies that we have the power to forgive sin on earth.

Insights for Application to Life:

- The people glorified God for the power he had given to the men. Know who you are and the power given to you by God.

- Don't sacrifice the souls of sinners, because it is them who need repentance and healing. It is our duty to minister to the lost, the ignorant, and to sinners, not to the righteous.
- Yeshua didn't open a new church. His ministry was to go where the sinners were, including in the churches, and teach them and demonstrate the power of the Almighty God imparted on him. We should do the same.
- Fasting is something done when we are separated from God. When we are made new, we should only fill ourselves up with what is new – which is the new covenant. The new covenant says that we are to be directed and taught by the Father or the Spirit he imparts on us and not by man.

*"Behold, days are coming," declares the LORD, "when I will make a **new covenant** with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah, not like the covenant which I made with their fathers ... which my covenant they brake although **I was an husband unto them**, saith Yah. "But this is the covenant which I will make with the house of Israel after those days," declares Yah. "I will put My law within them and on their heart I will write it; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. They will not teach again, each man his neighbor and each man his brother, saying, 'Know Yah,' for they will all know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them," declares Yah, "for I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin I will remember no more." – Jeremiah 31:31-34*

*For **thy Maker is thine husband**; Yah of hosts is his name; and thy Redeemer the Holy One of Israel; The God of the whole earth shall he be called. - Isaiah 54:4*

This makes perfect sense because by fasting when we have not been directed by God to do so, we risk losing focus on what God is imparting on us and begin to focus on the law and details of fasting. Meanwhile, the father is speaking, but we cannot hear. On the other hand, when we have not yet made ourselves new or fully received the new covenant, fasting is a way of reaching out to God to show him you want Him back – a way of mourning Him. In this, we grow closer to him to the point that we receive his new covenant. Remember, fasting was one of the first things Yeshua did before he began ministering.

The above scriptures tells each of us when we have been made new. You will surely know, but here are the signs.

1. You have a strong self-conviction and determination to please God and do his will, to the extent that you cannot do otherwise. This is the law within you and written in our heart.
2. You know when he is telling you to do certain things, such as pray, fast, or minister to someone.
3. Our Father teaches you what no man has been able to teach you through the gift of prophecy.
4. You know Him at a level deeper than what you have read, heard, or been told.
5. You understand and accept that your sins have already been forgiven and why they were forgiven.

Deep Thought:

1. Do you believe that we are a son or daughters of the Most High, Almighty God? Yes or No
2. Based on the signs regarding being made new by receiving the new covenant, do you believe you have been made new? Yes or No
 - a. If not, why do you think you have not been made new yet? _____

3. In the current state of your spiritual journey, should you fast routinely, when lead by God to fast, or not at all? Routinely - When lead by God - Not at all
4. What more can you do to be made new? _____

Final Thoughts:

The central theme here is that Yeshua is teaching his own people who they are and what powers they possess.

Particularly, he reminds us that we are sons and daughters of the Almighty God, who has given us the power to forgive, to heal, and to cast out demons and a responsibility to use that power to save and not sacrifice souls.

He teaches us what our ministry should look like. True ministry is one that accepts and has compassion for the lost, abandoned, and the sick who have faith and for the sinners who are victims of ignorance who God leads to sit at our table. He teaches us that our duty is not to the righteous, but to the unrighteous.

Yeshua tells us, in so many words, that we are the bride of our Father. Something that is precious to and one with Him. Something that he will never leave nor forsake and for whom His love has no limits or conditions. He is our protector, provider, director, our head, and our heart.

When we listen to Yeshua's teachings with an unbiased mind and a seeking heart, we can hear the truth of his words and his message. He teaches us about the nature of our Father and helps us to understand what we must do to take our place in our Father's kingdom.

Maybe you do not desire to heal the body or restore physical life; but we are required to heal the soul and restore spiritual life to all who God sends to us. We are required to forgive men and tend to the spiritual condition of our fellow brothers and sisters by manifesting the truth of our God and his power, as Yeshua did.

See, when we think of the ultimate fate of this world, we sometimes forget that our own journey is our ultimate fate rather we are here during the perceived apocalyptic moment or not. In other

words, our journey may end tomorrow. We will return to our Father when our job here is done. So, for those of you procrastinating and delaying your journey, consider this: Stop delaying your journey and accept that your destiny is with Him. I for one am tired of the sin and evil that surrounds me, even knowing that it cannot touch me, but sin and evil is waiting on us to put it to rest!

So, it is my prayer that we become one with each other and with our Father and husband, that we may demonstrate his love to the world and redeem His people to Him.

Remember, if you have questions ask. If you don't have questions than share what you've learned in the discussion group so you can help others to understand.