

Compassionate Sovereignty

Part 4
Matthew 8 and 9

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Theme passage:

Matthew 9:35 And Jesus was going about all the cities and the villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every kind of disease and every kind of sickness.

³⁶ And seeing the multitudes, He felt compassion for them, because they were distressed and downcast like sheep without a shepherd.

³⁷ Then He said to His disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few.

³⁸ "Therefore beseech the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into His harvest."

Review:

Matthew 8:23 And when He got into the boat, His disciples followed Him.

²⁴ And behold, there arose a great storm in the sea, so that the boat was covered with the waves; but He Himself was asleep.

²⁵ And they came to *Him*, and awoke Him, saying, "Save *us*, Lord; we are perishing!"

²⁶ And He said to them, "Why are you timid, you men of little faith?" Then He arose, and rebuked the winds and the sea; and it became perfectly calm.

²⁷ And the men marveled, saying, "What kind of a man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey Him?"

Today:

Matthew 8:28 And when He had come to the other side into the country of the Gadarenes, two men who were demon-possessed met Him as they were coming out of the tombs; *they were* so exceedingly violent that no one could pass by that road.

²⁹ And behold, they cried out, saying, "What do we have to do with You, Son of God? Have You come here to torment us before the time?"

³⁰ Now there was at a distance from them a herd of many swine feeding.

³¹ And the demons *began* to entreat Him, saying, "If You are *going to* cast us out, send us into the herd of swine."

³² And He said to them, "Begone!" And they came out, and went into the swine, and behold, the whole herd rushed down the steep bank into the sea and perished in the waters.

³³ And the herdsmen ran away, and went to the city, and reported everything, including the *incident* of the demoniacs.

³⁴ And behold, the whole city came out to meet Jesus; and when they saw Him, they entreated *Him* to depart from their region.

Matthew 9:1 And getting into a boat, He crossed over, and came to His own city.

² And behold, they were bringing to Him a paralytic, lying on a bed; and Jesus seeing their faith said to the paralytic, "Take courage, My son, your sins are forgiven."

³ And behold, some of the scribes said to themselves, "This *fellow* blasphemes."

⁴ And Jesus knowing their thoughts said, "Why are you thinking evil in your hearts?"

⁵ "For which is easier, to say, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Rise, and walk '?"

⁶ "But in order that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins "-- then He said to the paralytic-- "Rise, take up your bed, and go home."

⁷ And he rose, and went home.

⁸ But when the multitudes saw *this*, they were filled with awe, and glorified God, who had given such authority to men.

⁹ And as Jesus passed on from there, He saw a man, called Matthew, sitting in the tax office; and He said to him, "Follow Me!" And he rose, and followed Him.

¹⁰ And it happened that as He was reclining *at the table* in the house, behold many tax-gatherers and sinners came and were dining with Jesus and His disciples.

¹¹ And when the Pharisees saw *this*, they said to His disciples, "Why is your Teacher eating with the tax-gatherers and sinners?"

¹² But when He heard this, He said, "*It is* not those who are healthy who need a physician, but those who are sick.

¹³ "But go and learn what *this* means, 'I desire compassion, and not sacrifice,' for I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners."

¹⁴ Then the disciples of John came to Him, saying, "Why do we and the Pharisees fast, but Your disciples do not fast?"

¹⁵ And Jesus said to them, "The attendants of the bridegroom cannot mourn as long as the bridegroom is with them, can they? But the days will come when the bridegroom is taken away from them, and then they will fast.

¹⁶ "But no one puts a patch of unshrunk cloth on an old garment; for the patch pulls away from the garment, and a worse tear results.

¹⁷ "Nor do *men* put new wine into old wineskins; otherwise the wineskins burst, and the wine pours out, and the wineskins are ruined; but they put new wine into fresh wineskins, and both are preserved."

¹⁸ While He was saying these things to them, behold, there came a *synagogue* official, and bowed down before Him, saying, "My daughter has just died; but come and lay Your hand on her, and she will live."

¹⁹ And Jesus rose and *began* to follow him, and *so did* His disciples.

²⁰ And behold, a woman who had been suffering from a hemorrhage for twelve years, came up behind Him and touched the fringe of His cloak;

²¹ for she was saying to herself, "If I only touch His garment, I shall get well."

²² But Jesus turning and seeing her said, "Daughter, take courage; your faith has made you well." And at once the woman was made well.

²³ And when Jesus came into the official's house, and saw the flute-players, and the crowd in noisy disorder,

²⁴ He *began* to say, "Depart; for the girl has not died, but is asleep." And they *began* laughing at Him.

²⁵ But when the crowd had been put out, He entered and took her by the hand; and the girl arose.

²⁶ And this news went out into all that land.