

/We will now begin the eighth lecture on the gospel of Matthew. /The main text is Matthew chapter 9. /The theme of chapter 9 is "Matthew".

/First, Jesus heals a paralytic. /Verses 1-8. /Second, Jesus calls Matthew. /Verses 9-13. /Third, a movement for new life. /Verses 14-17.

/Fourth, Jesus heals a woman suffering from bleeding. /Verses 18-22. /Fifth, Jesus heals Jairus' daughter. /Verses 23-26. /Sixth, Jesus heals the blind and the mute. /Verses 27-34. /Seventh, the need for harvest. /Verses 35-38.

/Read verses 1-2. /Jesus stepped into a boat, crossed over and came to his own town. Some men brought to him a paralytic, lying on a mat. When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "Take heart, son; your sins are forgiven."

/This neighborhood is Jesus' hometown, Capernaum. /There was a paralytic lying on a mat. /Four men brought the paralytic to Jesus. /Mark 2:1-12. /At the time, Jesus was surrounded by many people.

/The four men brought the paralytic on a mat. /However, they were not able to get close to Jesus. /Consequently, the four men went up to the roof and made a hole through the roof. /The men then lowered the paralytic on a mat down to Jesus.

/The four men used a blanket as rope to lower the paralytic down to Jesus. /Jesus looked at their faith and said, "Your sins are forgiven." /What was their faith? /They had faith in Jesus.

/The men believed that they would be saved if they went to Jesus. /Their faith was strong enough to overcome difficulties. /They tried to go to Jesus but they couldn't because of the large number of people. /Yet, they studied and strived to go to Jesus.

/As a result, the four men made a hole through the roof and let down the paralytic. /Zacchaeus climbed up the sycamore-fig tree to see Jesus. /Jesus said to the paralytic, "Take heart, son; your sins are forgiven."

/Jesus forgives sins. /Therefore, we must go before Jesus. /Also, there are many people around us who cannot go to Jesus, just like the paralytic.

/We must bring those people to church. /We must evangelize to people who don't believe in Jesus and bring them to church.

/Verses 3-4. /At this, some of the teachers of the law said to themselves, "This fellow is blaspheming!" Knowing their thoughts, Jesus said, "Why do you entertain evil thoughts in your hearts?"

/Some of the teachers of the law did not believe in Jesus. /They said that Jesus was

blaspheming. /They did not believe in Jesus nor did they believe in Jesus' powers.

/Verse 5. /Which is easier: to say, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Get up and walk'?

/Which is easier to say: "Your sins are forgiven" or "Get up and walk"? /It is easier to say, "Your sins are forgiven."

/Jesus did the difficult thing and said "Get up and walk." /Therefore, it is easier to say, "Your sins are forgiven." /When the paralytic began to walk, it was evident that he had been forgiven of his sins.

/Jesus can do the most difficult things, and therefore, we know that He can unquestionably do easy things as well. /Jesus showed us that He has the authority to forgive sins.

/The Lord made the paralytic walk and showed us that He has the power to forgive sins. /The paralytic was ill because of his sins. /John 5:14. /John 9:1. /James 5:13-16.

/Verse 6. /But so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins . . ." Then he said to the paralytic, "Get up, take your mat and go home."

/Jesus told the patient to take his mat and go home. /Why did Jesus tell him to get up, take his mat and go home? /Jesus meant that the man should take his mat and throw it away. /Jesus meant that we believers should throw away the things that made us ill in the past.

/Jesus meant that we should throw away everything that kept us in sin in the past. /We must abandon the wicked people whom we were once friends with. /We must abandon bad habits of the past.

/Verses 7-8. /7 And the man got up and went home. 8 When the crowd saw this, they were filled with awe; and they praised God, who had given such authority to men.

/The patient believed, obeyed, and got up. /Then many people saw this and praised God through Jesus. /Jesus proved that He was the Son of God.

/Verse 9. /As Jesus went on from there, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax collector's booth. "Follow me," he told him, and Matthew got up and followed him.

/Jesus called out to Matthew. /Mark 2:14. /Matthew was also known as Levi. /Matthew was a tax collector. /Tax collectors were wealthy.

/However, when Jesus told Matthew to follow Him, Matthew left his job and followed Jesus. /This is faith. /This tax collector named Matthew is the one who wrote the gospel of Matthew.

/Verse 10. /While Jesus was having dinner at Matthew's house, many tax collectors and "sinners" came and ate with him and his disciples.

/Matthew the tax collector was so happy he invited Jesus to his home for dinner. /There were many tax collectors present for dinner. /Hence, there were many Pharisees who began to whisper about.

/“Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and ‘sinners’?” /The Pharisees condemned Jesus. /They criticized Jesus.

/Verse 12. /On hearing this, Jesus said, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick.

/The healthy do not need a doctor. /Sinners need Jesus. /Those who believe they are without sin do not need Jesus.

/Verse 13. /But go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners."

/Sacrifices characterize external aspects. /Mercy is to have a heart of compassion. /Having a heart of love is more important than performing ritual sacrifices. /Yes, we must give sacrifices to God. /However, we must have mercy on others as we give sacrifices to God.

/God came to call the sinners. /People who do not have any sin do not need Jesus. /Psalm 51:17. /Isaiah 57:15. /God saves those who are contrite. /We must also repent every day.

/Verse 14. /Then John's disciples came and asked him, "How is it that we and the Pharisees fast, but your disciples do not fast?"

/In the Old Testament times, people fasted according to regular fasting seasons. /Zechariah 8:19. /Jesus and His disciples did not fast. /John the Baptist's disciples fasted.

/Verse 15. /Jesus answered, "How can the guests of the bridegroom mourn while he is with them? The time will come when the bridegroom will be taken from them; then they will fast.

/The bridegroom symbolizes Jesus. /The guests symbolize believers. /When it says the bridegroom is taken away, it means that Jesus will die on the cross. /There was no need to fast when Jesus was among them.

/When Jesus is taken away, people must fast. /What is the purpose of fasting? /The purpose is to communicate one's voice to God. /Isaiah 58:3-5.

/When we lose sight of Jesus, we must fast to find Him. /We must lift our voices to communicate to God.

/Verses 16-17. / "No one sews a patch of unshrunk cloth on an old garment, for the patch will pull away from the garment, making the tear worse. Neither do men pour new wine into old wineskins. If they do, the skins will burst, the wine will run out and the wineskins will be ruined. No, they pour new wine into new wineskins, and both are preserved."

/No one sews a patch of unshrunk cloth onto old clothes. /No one pours new wine into old wineskins. /The old clothes and old wineskins symbolize doubts and formalism. /Romans 7:6. /The unshrunk cloth and new wineskins is a movement for new life.

/This is a movement for the soul. /This is a movement for saving souls. /John 6:63. /John 6:63. /The church must work to save souls.

/The church must get rid of humanism and formalism. /The church must strive to save souls. /The new wineskins symbolize the Word of truth. /Hebrews 8:13. /There must be an expansion of saving souls.

/Verse 18. /While he was saying this, a ruler came and knelt before him and said, "My daughter has just died. But come and put your hand on her, and she will live."

/The man here is a synagogue ruler named Jairus. /Mark 5:22. /Jesus was on His way to save Jairus' daughter. /On the way, Jesus healed a woman suffering from bleeding.

/Verses 19-20. /Jesus got up and went with him, and so did his disciples. Just then a woman who had been subject to bleeding for twelve years came up behind him and touched the edge of his cloak.

/Luke 8:43-48. /A woman was suffering from bleeding for twelve years. /She suffered from bleeding. /This woman went up behind Jesus and touched his cloak. /At that moment, she was healed of her illness.

/Verse 21. /She said to herself, "If I only touch his cloak, I will be healed."

/The woman believed that she would be healed even if she touched the edge of Jesus' cloak. /She was healed according to her faith. /However, the woman tried to hide herself. /Then Jesus asked the crowd who had touched His cloak.

/Jesus saw the woman's faith and healed her with His power. /Jesus wanted the woman to reveal herself. /When we receive grace, we must not hide it.

/We must testify about the grace we receive. /We must give thanks and give glory to God. /We must give offerings to God and give thanks for our blessings. /This is the way to bear fruit of our faith.

/Verse 22. /Jesus turned and saw her. "Take heart, daughter," he said, "your faith has

healed you." And the woman was healed from that moment.

/Jesus declared, "Take heart, daughter, your faith has healed you." /This woman had good faith. /She was also healed of her illness. /Then she was complimented by Jesus.

/Verses 23-24. /When Jesus entered the ruler's house and saw the flute players and the noisy crowd, he said, "Go away. The girl is not dead but asleep." But they laughed at him.

/Jesus said that Jairus' daughter was asleep. /Jesus said that the dead girl was asleep. /This refers to living life. /It means that the spirit is alive. /When Jesus returns, the bodies of dead believers will be awakened. /Luke 8:49-56.

/Verses 25-26. /After the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took the girl by the hand, and she got up. News of this spread through all that region.

/Jesus declared the girl to get up. /Luke 8:56. /Jesus told her parents not to tell anyone what had happened. /This is the idea of the Messianic Secret.

/Jesus wanted to be publicly known through the cross. /This was so that Jesus' arrest would take place and then proclamation would follow.

/Beginning at verse 27, Jesus healed the blind and the mute. /The blind men knew that Jesus was the Son of David. /They asked Jesus to have mercy on them.

/They believed that Jesus is Christ. /They believed that Jesus could heal their blindness and heal muteness as well. /John 9:39-41.

/Verses 32-33. / While they were going out, a man who was demon-possessed and could not talk was brought to Jesus. And when the demon was driven out, the man who had been mute spoke. The crowd was amazed and said, "Nothing like this has ever been seen in Israel."

/Jesus healed the man who was mute. /Jesus then drove out the demons.

/Verse 34. /But the Pharisees said, "It is by the prince of demons that he drives out demons."

/The Pharisees attacked Jesus. /They said Jesus was driving out demons by the prince of demons. /Jesus did not drive out demons by the prince of demons. /Jesus drove out demons by the power of God.

/Verse 35. /Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness.

/Jesus went to the towns and villages and evangelized. /The Lord was diligent in

evangelizing. /Then Jesus taught. /We must also be diligent in educating others. /We must teach believers in the church.

/We must teach the children in Sunday schools. /2 Timothy 2:2. /Matthew 5:1. /Luke 5:3. /The Lord also preached the gospel. /Mark 1:38-39. /1:38-39. /Luke 10:17-20.

/We must be diligent in evangelizing. /We must evangelize our families, evangelize our neighbors, and go abroad for missions. /Jesus told us to be witnesses to the ends of the earth. /Acts 1:8.

/We are in debt to the gospel. /We must deeply love the dying souls and save them. /Jesus healed His people of all illnesses and weaknesses. /He healed spiritual illnesses.

/Jesus healed illness of the spirit. /Isaiah 53:3. /Exodus 15:26. /Exodus 15:26. /James 5:15.

/Verse 36. /When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.

/Jesus had compassion on the people who He saw did not believe and who were harassed and helpless. /Jesus had compassion on the people who were lost because of their sins.

/Jesus had compassion on the people because they were ultimately going to die and be destroyed. /We must also have true compassion on the souls that are dying.

/Verses 37-38. /Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field."

/It is now time for harvest. /There are many grains for harvest. /There is much work for evangelism. /We must pray before God.

/We must pray that God will send faithful workers. /We must become faithful workers. /Then we must save many people.

/We will continue the lecture with Matthew chapter 10. /The theme of chapter 10 is the disciples.

/First, Jesus picked His twelve disciples and gave them authority. /Verses 1-4. /Second, the disciples preached with God's authority. /Verses 5-15.

/Third, the disciples were to be prepared for persecution. /Verses 16-23. /Fourth, Jesus told His disciples not to be afraid and testify. /Verses 24-33. /Fifth, Jesus said to leave everything and follow Him. /Verses 34-39. /Sixth, those who received Jesus will be blessed. /Verses 40-42.

/Read verse 1. /He called his twelve disciples to him and gave them authority to drive out

evil spirits and to heal every disease and sickness.

/Jesus called His twelve disciples. /The Lord gave His disciples the authority to drive out demons. /He also gave them authority to heal every disease and sickness. /When God sends us, he sends us out with authority as well.

/Jesus did not send His disciples out barehanded, but gave them authority. /Therefore, when we evangelize, we must evangelize with authority from God. /Jeremiah 1:6-7.

/Verses 2-4. These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon (who is called Peter) and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him.

/Jesus chose the two disciples. /However, the twelve disciples were not noble men. /They were neither famous scholars nor were they educated. /They were ordinary fishermen who caught fish in the Sea of Galilee. /They were also tax collectors.

/They were lowly men. /1 Corinthians 1:26-29. /God uses the inadequate. /He rejects the proud. /He uses those who are humble. /He uses those who are like children.

/Then they will boast of the gospel and rely solely on Jesus. /We are weak so we depend more and more on Jesus. /Then why did Jesus choose Judas Iscariot as one of His disciples?

/Judas Iscariot was a man who was not chosen by God and was an unbeliever. Then why did Jesus choose Judas Iscariot as a disciple? /First, in the future there will be unbelieving pastors. /Second, God uses even the unchosen in his plans for redemption.

/Third, God intended to fulfill all that is written in the Bible. /John 13:18. /Psalm 41:9. /Fourth, God wanted to show that the lives of criminals end in destruction.

/Verse 5. /These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: "Do not go among the Gentiles or enter any town of the Samaritans.

/Jesus told His disciples to first go to the Jews and to Israel. /The first priority belonged to the Israelites. /Jesus meant that they should preach first to the Israelites then to the Gentiles.

/Verse 6. /Go rather to the lost sheep of Israel.

/The Israelites had Old Testament rituals and systems. /They were waiting for the Messiah. /Therefore, the disciples had to first give the good news of Christ to the Israelites.

/We must preach first to those who are ready to receive the gospel. /We must preach first

to those who are yearning. /Luke 15:3-24. /We must first seek the lost sheep. /We must first preach to those who once believed but became corrupt.

/Verse 7. /As you go, preach this message: 'The kingdom of heaven is near.'

/The kingdom of heaven mentioned here refers to evangelism during the New Testament times.

/Verse 8. Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy, drive out demons. Freely you have received, freely give.

/The Lord gave healing power to those who preached to others. /Jesus gave the disciples power to evangelize so that they could save the dead souls. /This was for healing of the soul and healing of the physical.

/Since the disciples received freely, Jesus commanded that they give freely to others. /We have been saved first by Jesus. /We were freely given grace.

/Therefore, we must freely give the gospel to others. /When we evangelize, we must not expect anything in return. /We must evangelize unconditionally.

/Verse 9. /Do not take along any gold or silver or copper in your belts;

/Jesus said that we must not worry about money when evangelizing. /He said that we must not worry about our lives. /Jesus meant that God provides food and clothes for those who evangelize.

/Verse 10. /take no bag for the journey, or extra tunic, or sandals or a staff; for the worker is worth his keep.

/The bag here refers to a pouch for carrying around bread and other items. /Jesus said that His disciples should not carry extra clothes or shoes or staffs. /Jesus told them not to worry about what to eat or what to wear. /Mark 6:8. /This meant that Jesus would take care of everything for them.

/It is appropriate for workers to receive food for their work. /It was said not to muzzle an ox while it is treading out the grain. /God will feed those who preach the gospel. /When we preach the gospel to others and if they offer us food, then we can accept it.

/Verse 11. / "Whatever town or village you enter, search for some worthy person there and stay at his house until you leave.

/We must search for worthy people when we enter towns or villages. /We must find those who are fit for the gospel. /When we evangelize, there are people who welcome us. /There are people who are accepting of the gospel.



/When we evangelize to such people, God works in those situations. /Also, the Lord allows us to be received in their homes. /Those people accept us. /God said that we should stay in welcoming homes and preach the gospel.

/We must pray for peace on such households. /We must teach Scripture. /We must bless them. /We must introduce Jesus to them. /When we do so, the people will accept Jesus and be saved.

/Verse 13. /If the home is deserving, let your peace rest on it; if it is not, let your peace return to you.

/If people accept the gospel, then they will have peace. /It is right for them to have peace. /When people accept the gospel, /then their entire household will have peace and will be blessed.

/However, there are cases where people in the household refuse the gospel. /They do not accept the gospel. /They are not obedient. /They reject the gospel. /They reject the evangelist. /In such cases, we must leave the home.

/When we leave, peace will return to us. /The peace that the evangelist prayed on the people will return to the evangelist. /The love and faith that the evangelist showed will remain. /God gives us power.

/Verse 14. /If anyone will not welcome you or listen to your words, shake the dust off your feet when you leave that home or town.

/If anyone does not accept us, Jesus said to shake the dust off our feet. /First, there are people who accept evangelists and accept the gospel. /Second, there are people who reject the gospel. /When the gospel is rejected, we must shake the dust off our feet.

/This means that we must not stay in that home. /We have no reason to depend on unbelievers. /We must also be upright regarding material goods. /Acts 18:6. /Acts 13:51.

/Verse 15. /I tell you the truth, it will be more bearable for Sodom and Gomorrah on the day of judgment than for that town.

/Jesus said that it would be more bearable for Sodom and Gomorrah on the day of judgment than for that town. /This means that the town that rejects the gospel is more sinful than Sodom and Gomorrah. /Those who do not accept Jesus is guilty of greater sins.

/Those who receive grace but still reject Jesus will receive greater judgment. /God poured out his grace unto his people in the New Testament times. /However, there will be great judgment for those who do not accept Jesus.

/Verse 16. / I am sending you out like sheep among wolves. Therefore be as shrewd as

snakes and as innocent as doves.

/Jesus said that He was sending out His disciples like sheep among wolves. /When we evangelize, people of the world bite and tear us apart. /Unbelievers act as wolves. /They try to harm us. /They persecute us.

/What should we do in such situations? /We must be as wise as snakes and innocent as doves. /We must be careful not to be sabotaged by wolves. /We must not let our faith be sabotaged. /We must act wisely.

/Snakes have the wisdom of the devil. /Therefore, the snake with the devil's wisdom tempted Eve in the Garden of Eden. /We believers must receive wisdom of the Holy Spirit. /We believers must receive God's wisdom and triumph.

/We must get rid of humanistic wisdom and receive wisdom and knowledge from God. /We must throw away humanistic ways and methods. /We must triumph with God's wisdom and power. /Jesus also commanded us to be as innocent as doves.

/To be innocent means to be clean and simple. /Doves were given as offerings to God. /Believers must be clean before God. /Believers must become the offering. /We must devote our lives before God.

/Then we can defeat the wolves. /Sheep do not have teeth to tear at things. /They do not have nails to claw at things. /Sheep cannot overpower wolves. /Therefore, sheep must gain victory by being innocent like doves.

/We must gain victory with God's wisdom. /Then the sheep must stand by Jesus who is the Shepherd. /We believers must stay close to Jesus, our Good Shepherd. /We must live in Jesus.

/Verse 17. /"Be on your guard against men; they will hand you over to the local councils and flog you in their synagogues.

/We must be careful not to bring damage to our faith. /The "local councils" refer to the Sanhedrin. The Sanhedrin is the highest court of justice for the Jews.

/Therefore, we must protect our faith even in such places. /We must be prepared for sufferings. /We must be prepared for persecution. /We must be prepared to be flogged.

/Verse 18. /On my account you will be brought before governors and kings as witnesses to them and to the Gentiles.

/When believers preach the gospel, they are taken away by governors and kings. /They receive great persecution. /They can even be martyred.

/When we yield to the truth, our physical bodies will be at peace. /However, when we

preach the gospel and walk by the Word, we will face persecution. /Paul received much persecution while preaching the gospel.

/Verses 19-20. /But when they arrest you, do not worry about what to say or how to say it. At that time you will be given what to say, for it will not be you speaking, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you.

/There is no need to worry about what to say if we were to be brought before governors and kings. /We must not worry about how we could run away. /There is no need to worry about how we can save ourselves from death. /In such times, we must pray and seek God's wisdom.

/We must believe that God will help us. /Our hearts must find peace. /We must not be afraid of death. /John 14:1. /Mark 4:35-40. /God will work. /God will guide us.

/Verse 21. /"Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child; children will rebel against their parents and have them put to death.

/Verse 20 says that the Holy Spirit will speak to us. /The Holy Spirit works in such situations by giving us the wisest and most appropriate words. /Verse 21 says that there will be great persecution. /The persecution is so serious that people will betray and kill one another.

/We must resolve to keep our faith. /If we do not put down our lives, then we will not be able to keep our faith. /Brother will betray brother to death. /Pastors will put pastors to death. /There will be great persecution.

/In the midst of such circumstances, we must hold on to our faith. /We must entrust everything to God, and when we step out prepared for martyrdom, we will triumph.

/Verse 22. /All men will hate you because of me, but he who stands firm to the end will be saved.

/Following Jesus is a difficult road. /We are hated by others when we evangelize. /However, if we endure to the end and hold on to our faith, God will help us. /People will believe in Jesus and be saved. /When we keep our faith, we will receive rewards.

/Verse 23. /When you are persecuted in one place, flee to another. I tell you the truth, you will not finish going through the cities of Israel before the Son of Man comes.

/When we are persecuted in one town, we can go to another. /The Lord is always with us. /If we are persecuted in this town, we can believe that Jesus wants us to go to another place and preach the gospel there.

/When we are persecuted in one place, we can go to another place and preach the gospel. /Our Jesus opens the way for us. /He said that the "Son of Man" would come.

/This means that the Lord will watch over us. /This means that He will open the way for us.

/This means that there is hope. /This means that God will accomplish his means of salvation. /Therefore, we must hold on to our faith in the midst of hardships and persecutions. /We must preach the gospel until the end. /We must testify to Jesus until the end.

/We will conclude the eighth lecture on the gospel of Matthew. /Thank you.