

THOSE WHO NEED A PHYSICIAN

Matt 9:9-13

INTRODUCTION:

- A. In this text, Jesus notes that there are some who do not need a physician and some who do
- B. In this lesson we want to suggest several classes of people who need a physician
- C. In Rom 3:23 Paul teaches that all have sinned and we realize that sin is a spiritual sickness. So, in this sense we all need a physician. But, we want to look at some particular categories of those who are sick spiritually.

DISCUSSION:

I. THE IMMORAL 1Cor 6:9-11

- A. We sometimes tend to forget about this group - we dismiss them as having gone too far
- B. However, many of Paul's converts were of this class "such were some of you"
- C. Of the four groups we will mention this group above the rest should feel the need of a physician.
- D. Many times they do recognize their need but think of themselves as being too deep in sin to be healed
- E. That's the reason Christ is called the Great Physician. Can our "immoral neighbors" say, as in Psa 142:4 "No man cared for my soul"?

II. THE MORAL WHO ARE NOT CHRISTIANS

- A. It is hard to show this group their need, because they do not believe they are sick.
- B. Young folks who have not obeyed the gospel many times fall into this category (Ex. Wade Townsley)
Note: Eccl 12:1
- C. All have sinned Rom 3:23; 1Jhn 1:10
- D. Salvation is by grace Eph 2:8,9 not our good morals
- E. To appropriate this grace one must submit to the physician's prescription Heb 5:8,9

III. THOSE IN RELIGIOUS ERROR

- A. It is possible to be religious but be in error
 - 1. Cain Gen 4
 - 2. Saul of Tarsus Acts 9
 - 3. Ethiopian Eunuch Acts 8
 - 4. The Athenians Acts 17

- B. Millions are now religious but misled
 - 1. "Faith only salvation"; "once saved always saved"
 - 2. "Church the center of social activities"
 - 3. "Chose church of your choice"
 - 4. "Church has earthly head/headquarters"
 - 5. Unscriptural work & worship - etc. etc.
- C. The vast majority have not submitted to the terms of pardon taught by Christ the Physician
- D. We need to be active in trying to show these religious people their error as was done in the New Testament
 - 1. Paul regarding idolatry in Acts 17:23
 - 2. Peter and apostles on circumcision Acts 15:7-11
 - 3. Paul "disputing and persuading" Acts 19:8-10

IV. APOSTATES: THOSE WHO LEFT THE PHYSICIAN

- A. Many that you ask if they are a Christian would reply "I used to be."
- B. Also some are apostates who do not realize they are
- C. Notice Peter's description of this group 2Pet 2:20-22
- D. Many of these are hardened to the point that they have rejected Christ - their only hope
- E. It seems that this is the hardest of all groups to reach with the story of the great Physician and the reason is that they have already rejected this Heb 6:4-6
- F. This group must "come to themselves" as did the prodigal son in Lk 15:17

CONCLUSION:

- A. Regardless of the state or group you find yourself in today, Christ offers to you, healing from sin - any and all sin that you will repent of and turn from.
- B. It is required of you only that you be willing to submit to his terms – He, being the Physician and you the sick patient.