

JESUS POWER OVER TRADITIONS MATT 9:9-17 6/3/18

V9 AFTER JESUS HEALED THE PARALYTIC PROVING THAT HE HAD THE POWER TO FORGIVE SIN HE LEAVES THE HOUSE AND HE SEES A MAN CALLED MATHEW SITTING IN THE TAX COLLECTORS BOOTH AND HE SAYS TO HIM FOLLOW ME AND HE GETS UP AND FOLLOWS JESUS WITH NO HESITATION

LIKE THE PARALYTIC WHEN JESUS SAID GET UP PICK UP YOUR BED AND GO HOME AND HE GOT UP AND WENT HOME WHEN JESUS SPEAKS THINGS HAPPEN

JESUS CAME THAT OUR SINS MIGHT BE FORGIVEN AND MATTHEW BEING A TAX COLLECTOR WAS CONSIDERED BY THE SCRIBES AND PHARISEES TO BE THE WORST OF SINNERS THEY WOULD NEVER HAVE BELIEVED THAT A TAX COLLECTOR LIKE MATTHEW WHO COLLECTED MONEY TO SUPPORT THE ROMANS AND OFTEN TOOK IN MORE THEN NECESSARY AND POCKETED THE DIFFERENCE COULD BE FORGIVEN

V10 AFTER MATTHEW BEGAN TO FOLLOW JESUS HE HELD A DINNER AT HIS HOUSE AND INVITED MANY OF HIS FRIENDS TO THIS DINNER MANY TAX COLLECTORS AND SINNERS AND THEY WERE DINNING WITH JESUS AND HIS DISCIPLES

V11 THE PHARISEES WOULD NEVER EAT WITH SUCH PEOPLE SO WHEN THEY SEE THIS THEY SAY TO JESUS DISCIPLES WHY IS YOUR TEACHER EATING WITH TAX COLLECTORS AND SINNERS

V12-13 BUT WHEN JESUS HEARD THIS HE SAID IT IS NOT THOSE WHO ARE HEALTHY WHO NEED A PHYSICIAN BUT THOSE WHO ARE SICK BUT GO AND LEARN WHAT THIS MEANS I DESIRE COMPASSION AND NOT SACRIFICE

THE PHARISEES DIDN'T THINK THEY WERE SINNERS OR SICK SO THEY WOULD NEVER HAVE SOUGHT A PHYSICIAN THE PHARISEES ALWAYS BROUGHT THE PROPER SACRIFICE BUT THEY WERE TOTALLY LACKING IN COMPASSION TOWARD SINNERS THEY HAD NO MERCY

V14 THEN THE DISCIPLES OF JOHN CAME TO JESUS AND ASK WHY DO WE AND THE PHARISEES FAST BUT YOUR DISCIPLES DO NOT FAST

V15 JESUS SAID TO THEM THE ATTENDANTS OF THE BRIDEGROOM CANNOT MOURN AS LONG AS THE BRIDEGROOM IS WITH THEM BUT THE DAY WILL COME WHEN THE BRIDEGROOM IS TAKEN AWAY FROM THEM AND THEN THEY WILL FAST

MATT 22:2 THE KINGDOM IS LIKE A GREAT FEAST IN THIS CASE A WEDDING BANQUET SINCE THE KING WAS NOW PRESENT IT WAS INAPPROPRIATE FOR HIM OR HIS DISCIPLES TO FAST AT A WEDDING PEOPLE ARE HAPPY AND EATING NOT MOURNING OR FASTING

V16-17 NEXT JESUS PICTURED THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN HIS MINISTRY AND THAT OF JOHN THE BAPTIST JOHN WAS A REFORMER SEEKING TO BRING ABOUT REPENTANCE AMONG THOSE STEEPED IN THE TRADITIONS OF JUDAISM

JESUS WAS NOT OUT TO PATCH UP AN OLD SYSTEM LIKE SEWING A NEW UNSHRUNK CLOTH ON AN OLD GARMENT WHICH WOULD TEAR OR POUR NEW WINE INTO OLD WINE SKINS WHICH WOULD THEN BURST HE HAD COME TO LEAD A GROUP OUT OF JUDAISM INTO THE KINGDOM BASED ON HIM AND HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS

TRUE RIGHTEOUSNESS IS NOT BUILT ON THE LAW OR ON PHARISAIC TRADITIONS IT IS BASED ON GRACE THROUGH FAITH IN THE WORK OF CHRIST FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SIN

YOU CAN'T MIX LAW AND GRACE TO MIX THEM IS TO CAUSE CONFUSION AND DESTROY THEM BOTH MIXING THE OLD AND THE NEW COVENANT LEADS TO RELIGIOUS CONFUSION

THE MESSAGE OF THE GOSPEL IS SALVATION BY GRACE EPH 2:8-10