

**INTERMEDIATE SUNDAY SCHOOL  
STUDIES IN THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW**  
**Text: Matthew 8:14-17**  
**Subject: THE MINISTRY OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST**

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**INTRODUCTION**

**1. The Ministry of the Lord Jesus Christ**

This is a major focus in the Gospels

**2. Three distinct ministries may be noted:**

- a) Preaching/ Teaching
- b) Training of Disciples
- c) Healing/ Casting out demons

**THE LORD'S HEALING MINISTRY**

**1. This may be done in public**

**2. This may also be done in private**

(In the presence of a limited few, like the Disciples)

**3. The healing of the mother-in-law of Peter**

*<sup>14</sup> Now when Jesus had come into Peter's house, He saw his wife's mother lying sick with a fever.*

*<sup>15</sup> So He touched her hand, and the fever left her. And she arose and served them.*

*Matthew 8:14-15*

*<sup>29</sup> Now as soon as they had come out of the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John.*

*<sup>30</sup> But Simon's wife's mother lay sick with a fever, and they told Him about her at once.*

*<sup>31</sup> So He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up, and immediately the fever left her. And she served them.*

*Mark 1:29-31*

**1. The Lord Jesus was informed about the illness of Peter's mother-in-law**

**2. He went to her home and restored her to health**

3. The restored mother-in-law served the Lord Jesus immediately after she was made well

### **HEALING OF MANY SICK PEOPLE**

*<sup>16</sup> When evening had come, they brought to Him many who were demon-possessed. And He cast out the spirits with a word, and healed all who were sick,*

*<sup>17</sup> that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying:*

*"He Himself took our infirmities  
And bore our sicknesses."*

*Matthew 8:16-17*

1. The healing ministry of the Lord Jesus was described succinctly here

- a) All who were possessed by demons were healed
- b) All who were ill were also restored to full health

2. An important comment

- a) Matthew cited Isaiah 53:4
- b) This gives us a deeper appreciation of how the Lord Jesus undertook this ministry of healing

3. He took our infirmities and bore our illnesses

- a) There is deep identification with those who are ill
  - i) There is understanding
  - ii) There is affection too
- b) There is also deep compassion
  - i) For those who are suffering
  - ii) There is a desire to help them in every way possible

4. The power of God at work

- a) There is the application of the power of God
  - i) The power of God was applied to cast out demons
  - ii) The power of God was there to bring about healing too

- b) This is authentication:
  - i) Of the Person of the Lord Jesus Christ
  - ii) Of the ministry of the Lord Jesus Christ too

## **CONCLUSION**

### **1. Illness**

- a) It is a reality of life
- b) Our challenge is to seek the grace and mercy of God

### **2. Illumination**

- a) Let us be illumined by what we read in the Gospels and the Epistles
- b) There is power with the Lord to help us get well
- c) But the Lord would also have us learn deep lessons about:
  - i) Faith
  - ii) Prayer
  - iii) Humility
  - iv) Serving the Lord