

Matthew 9:18–26
Tenderly Loving God and Savior

Saturday, June 22, 2024 ▫ Read Matthew 9:18–26

Questions from the Scripture text: What did the ruler come do and ask (v18)? Who does what to Him on the way (v19–21)? What does He say, with what effect (v22)? What happens when He gets to the ruler's house (v23–24)? But what does Jesus do, with what effect (v25–26)?

What does Jesus do to believers? Matthew 9:18–26 prepares us for the morning sermon on the Lord's Day. In these nine verses of Holy Scripture, the Holy Spirit teaches us that **Jesus saves believers from death in divine power and Fatherly love**.

The ruler in v18 worships Jesus first, and asks for help (the resurrection of his daughter) later. Jesus kindly accommodates his request even for the manner of doing so (v19). The woman hopes in Him for salvation (v20–21); Jesus affirms that it was not the garment but the faith (Him Himself, in Whom she believed!) that saved her (v22). He calls her "daughter," showing that this is not only divine power but Fatherly love. His power is so great, even over death, that it is literally ridiculous (v24)!

What does Christ's saving power mean to you? What does His love mean to you? How do you think of/come to Him?

Sample prayer: Lord Jesus, we worship You and ask You to save us from death and unbelief. Love us as Your children, AMEN!

Suggested songs: ARP23B "The Lord's My Shepherd" or TPH257 "Children of the Heavenly Father"

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Matthew chapter 9 verses 18-26. These are God's words. While he spoke these things to them. Behold. A ruler came and worshiped him. Saying, my daughter has just died. But come and lay your hand on her and she will live So, Jesus rose and followed him. And so did his disciples.

And suddenly a woman who had a flow of blood for 12 years Came from behind and touched. The Hem of His Garment. First, she said to herself, if only, I may touch his garment. I shall be made. Well, But Jesus turned around, and when he saw her, he said, Be of good cheer.

Daughter your faith. Has made you well. And the woman was made well from that hour. When Jesus came into the ruler's house and saw the flute players and The noisy crowd wailing. He said to them, make room for the girl is not dead but sleeping. And they already killed him.

But when the crowd was put outside, he went in. And took her by the hand. And the girl arose. And the report of this went out into all that land.

So far, the reading of gods inspired. In Aaron twerked.

So, Jesus has just finished telling The Disciples of John basically that He is God and you shouldn't fast and longing for God. When God himself is with you. In the Flesh. And now how you relate to Jesus must be how you relate to God. And how you relate to God is how you relate to Jesus.

And immediately in God's Providence, in Jesus's own Providence. For, don't forget that. Jesus is not only fully a man but fully God Someone comes and does exactly according To what Jesus is saying, but In the situation. In which he needs Jesus, and And the secondary way. Need something from Jesus.

The raising of his little daughter. From the dead. And so the ruler comes and he worships him. He falls on his face before him. Matthew, Mark and Luke all recount. This occurrence. Emphasizing different things, giving us. Different particular details. But the first thing he does is he worships Jesus.

And of course, he submits to him. When he prays. And he makes her a request of him. He is. not giving him command. Is submitting himself to the Lord Jesus, as well. And we all must do this with everything that we Desire from him, his wisdom. Better than ours.

He knows why and what he is doing. In all places, and at all times, And he knows what is best to do. And it's often not what we thought would be best. And so we should learn to come to him with worship. Even when we come to him with requests, even when we come to him with urgent requests, In terms of Earthly things one can hardly think of a request, more urgent than my daughter has died.

And yet, the first thing to do, Is worship him. So we see of Jesus. That he is worthy of worship. And we see if Jesus, That he is. Patient. And that he listens to our prayers. And, he listens to prayers offered with real Faith, even if it's little faith.

And this is comparatively little faith. Mean to us, it seems like great faith. To believe that Jesus will raise our child from the dead. But all Christian faith is Faith in a resurrection. Faith that Jesus will raise us from the dead. That when we come to lie down in our Graves, we have only just finished The shortest.

Most painful, most difficult. Hardest part of our life. Which is what this the life in this world is. So believing in Christ is always believing for Resurrection from the dead. And hoping in him for what he will do in our children. Is believing in him to resurrect them twice.

First to resurrect them spiritually. Front must be. He who does it? Who brings them to Faith in himself and saves them. Because they are his. Because he has put them in our house and he has called them hol And he has given us the gospel. And by putting them in our house, he has given them the gospel.

And he who has done all these things for them, we look to him, also to resurrect them, spiritually to give them life. But if that's what we are, hoping that he will do for them and putting our hope in him that he will do for them. And surely we are also believing that he will raise them from the dead.

Maybe not a few hours. or days. After. After they have died. Maybe thousands of years. And yet, what is the difference? Much greater that they be raised to never die again. That they be raised forever. Then they'd be raised like this little girl. Who was raised not to a glorious body.

But to a body that would die again and raised not forever. But perhaps for a few decades,

But the way in which we see that this was comparatively little faith or that, to, which we are comparing. Was the faith of the Centurion. To whom Jesus said he would come to his house. And who said, I do not need you to come to my house. Just speak the word.

And he will be healed for. I also am a man under Authority Etc. You remember what Jesus said? He said, I have not seen such Faith even in all Israel and this man. That has come as a ruler of a synagogue. Doesn't have the word synagogue here. We find out what ruler means.

Perhaps if we If we had been first century Jews, We would have instantly seen in the word. Ruler. Ruler of the synagogue. Luke and Mark, help us out with that. Here is a

ruler of a synagogue and he's fulfilling what Jesus has said of the Centurion. I have not seen such Faith even in all Israel.

The ruler of the synagogue asks come and lay your hand on her. And she will live. Jesus doesn't need to do that. But do you see? Jesus is willing to do that. How often we ask him things. That are in smaller Faith than we ought to have. How often we even prescribe to him the way in which we hope that you will do something?

And he is under no obligation, and Sometimes often. He does not do it in the way that we had asked her the timing that we had asked. But then, there are other times where In order to be gentle, with our faith in order to encourage us, He does come even though we've asked in little faith.

Small faith. He comes and he does just what we have asked. To show us that he Loves us. And that he hears our prayers even when we ask him. In small faith. So Jesus is worthy of being worshiped, Jesus. Patient and generous, even Towards small faith. And, Jesus himself.

Is the one who saves us and he saves us only by faith. On his way there. A woman who has a flow of blood for 12 years comes from behind and touches the Hem of the Garment saying to herself. If only I may touch his garment, I shall be made.

Well Now, there's a little bit of good Theology, and a little bit of bad theology here. Her hope is. That Jesus by his power will save her. That's the language in the original. If only I may touch his garment, I shall be saved. When Jesus turned around, Jesus turned around.

And when he saw her, he said, Be of good. Cheer daughter. Your faith has saved you. Now in other passages, the details of Jesus knowing the power. That has gone out of him. That he says, who touched me? And it's not, because He is unable to discern. Whether? In himself by his Spirit or in himself by virtue of the divine nature.

But, single her out and make an example of her faith. For others. When he says your faith has made you? Well, he is saying, Very gently, isn't he? It wasn't the touching of my garment that made you. Well, I do not have a magic cloak. That so long as I am wearing it, it is Magic.

It was her faith in him. Because it's Jesus himself who saves. And Faith does not work. By the virtue of the faith. Faith is the alone instrument that unites us to Christ. And so, she did not just have power from Christ. As is highlighted, she did For the healing of her flow of blood.

As is highlighted in the other gospels that were kept this. She had Christ himself now. And in display in demonstration of the fact that she had Christ himself, what does he call her? He calls her daughter. She is his spiritual Offspring. Her life has come from him just like a daughter's life has come in part from her father.

And from her mother. But here she has just Jesus as the source. Of her spiritual life. And so their source of life here. But there's also affection, isn't there? There is a. Who is with them and they're hurrying. And now they have stopped and his little daughter is dead.

And it is out of tender love for his little daughter that he has come and worshiped Christ and pleaded prayed that he would come and lay his hands on her. And, So, we have an example in the background of the tender affection. That a father has at the tender love that a father has for his daughter.

And now Jesus uses that word in this context to show that, not only Has this woman with the 12-year flow of blood. Received life from Jesus as a daughter. From a father. Life, not just to stop the flow of blood but to save her to deliver her. It wouldn't be much of a Salvation, would it?

If she was only delivered from the flow of blood and not delivered from her sin. And her sins guilt. But also now, That she not only has life from Jesus. But that he has. The tender affection for her. Of a father. For a daughter. He has as it were adopted her.

And so it's not just in this moment. That she receives along with forgiveness for her sin. The stopping of the flow of blood. But she may rightly hope her faith is not going to be strong and perfect. The rest of her life, she will often forget often live in the wrong way, but she may rightly hope That for the rest of her life.

Whatever is happening for her. And in her life. As according to Jesus's affectionate tender. Fatherly, love towards her. And you may have that hope too. Fergie says of you who believe in him. Daughter. You may wonder at how something may be good. But you may always know. That he's loving you.

He's doing according to the love in which he calls you, his child, the love in which he has delivered you From the guilt of your sin. The love in which he indeed will deliver you from every evil. Every harm every difficulty. It will wipe every tear from your eye.

It will remove every sorrow. There will one day be no more sickness or sadness or sin. Or any such thing. Because he calls you daughter. Because he calls your Well, when Jesus came into the ruler's house and saw Flute players and the noisy crowd wailing. He said to them, make room for the girl is not dead but sleeping.

Now, it looks at first like they're making a big deal out of death, but Jesus is not making as big a deal out of death. Nothing could be further from the truth. They're making a big deal out of death because they cannot do anything about it. And so, they have this.

great show. It's the ruler of the synagogue, so they're really pulling out all the stops in. in this Society you would even hire a professional mourners The equivalent, I guess of A funeral home in our society, except for funeral homeless and funeral home directors are much quieter than the flute playing in the noisy.

Wailing. But Jesus has made a bigger deal out of death. He himself became a man. To die and to save us from death. It's not as noisy a deal. But it is a much bigger deal. But what he has done has changed death, hasn't it? Make room for the girl is not dead, but sleeping.

Now, it does not tell us. Whether she was brought Faith, brought to Faith in Christ. When she died the second time, she again fell asleep in the Lord. What the scripture does speak in that way. Of the deaths of Believers. Even believers who are Being disciplined by their death.

Like in First Corinthians 11 where it says, many have fallen asleep. But, For the Christian to die, is to fall asleep in the Lord. To have our souls be made perfect in Holiness and pass into Glory. And yet, Jesus. Keeps track. Of our bodies, which are still United to him, Faith, unites us to him.

And one day, By his command, by his will. he will. Left us out of our Graves. Resurrected in glory with glorious bodies. Like his glorious body. And it will not be less personal. Than it is here. Here, the Lord Jesus.

Grants the request of the dad, doesn't he? He puts out those who are ridiculed or they are put outside. Perhaps it is the synagogue ruler. Who puts them out? And Jesus goes. And he takes her by the hand. Just like the man had said Come lay your hand on her.

And she will live. He takes her by the hand. He doesn't say anything. Often uses his word and he is upholding all things by the word of his power. But we should not treat Jesus's words like magical words used as an incantation. You must not use the Bible.

as if it is a book of spells. Like if you find the right verse to use in every situation, That that is how the Bible Works. His word works, because it is his Because it is coming from him because he he accomplishes what he wants by Because he uses it to inform our mind and teach us and bring us to And so, in this case, we know from other gospels that he does say, Little girl rise.

But Matthew doesn't recount that for us. For he wants us to see. That it is Jesus himself. who makes her to live? And again, it's similar. To what he did with. Saving the The woman with the flow of blood. She thought if I only touched the Hem of His Garment, but it's really he Not the Hem of His Garment that saves the synagogue ruler thought.

If only he comes and lays his hand on her. But it is, he himself not the coming or the laying on. Of his hand. And so we see the The great power of our Lord, even Power over death. He is not. he is. His power to save is not limited.

And not limited by death, not limited, even by sin. For he himself. Will suffer death and Or rather in the correct order, hell and death. In order to save us. And so much here. About our Lord Jesus in the right way. Of interacting with him and responding to him.

And may his Spirit, give each of us. To worship him and trust in him. And to More and more. May his Spirit give to each of us. To worship him and to trust in him. And to know more and more. That it is, he himself. By Union with himself.

Who saves us? In every way. Hey man. Let's pray. Lord, thank you for this part of your word and for how it announces Christ to us. Please give us. To know him as our God and to worship him. To see his tender love. To trust in him himself and Be joined savingly to him.

To know the fruit of his salvation. In those ways that he, Is pleased to give it to us. In this life. At our death. And at our Resurrection, Before we ask these things in his name. Amen.