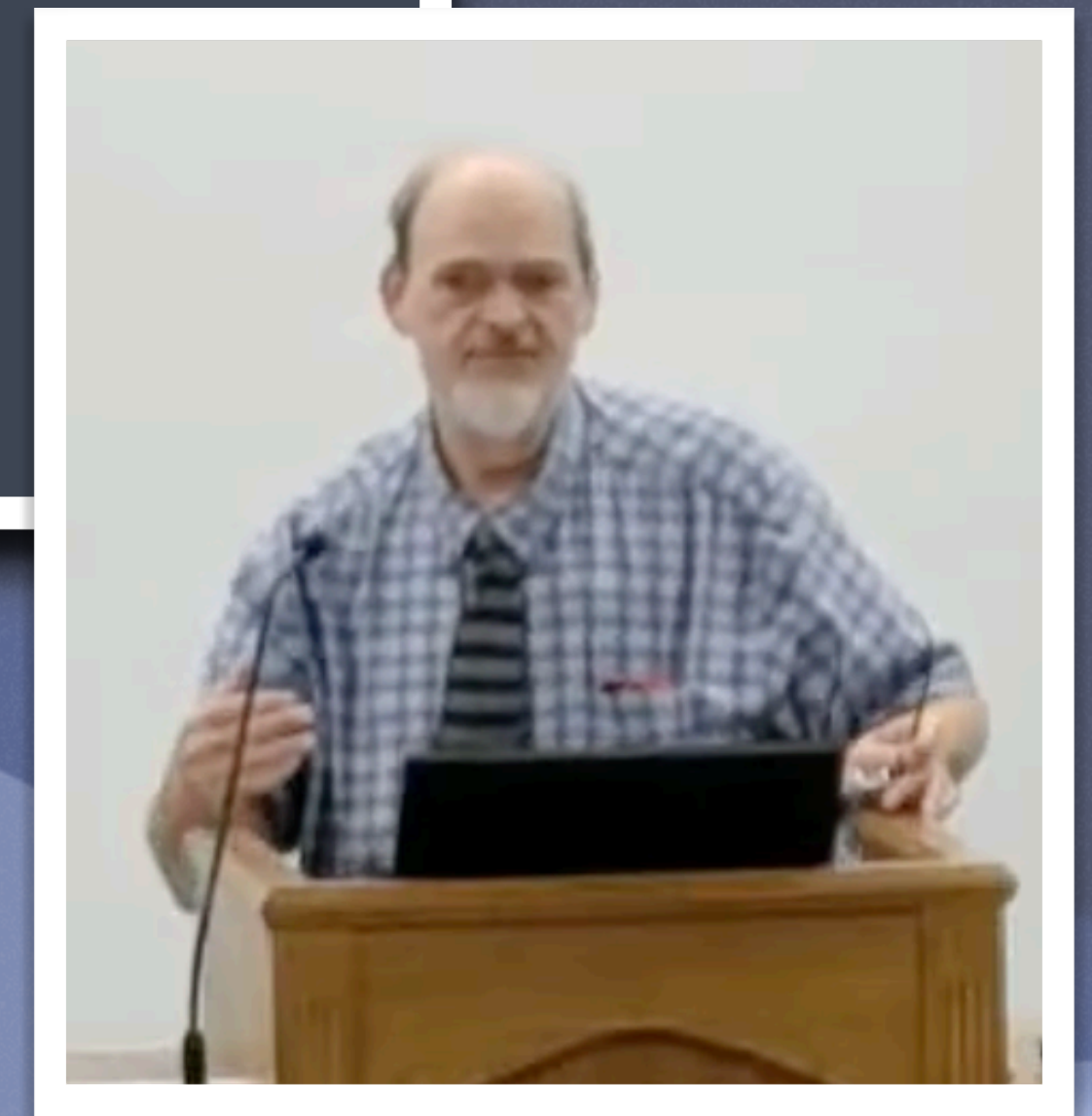


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“THE SPIRITUAL NATURE OF THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN”

(Matthew 8:16-22)

by James Hamilton



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MATTHEW 8-9

Outline of Matthew 1-10

Call of the Kingdom 1:1-7:27

Narrative 1 Introducing the **King** 1:1-4:25

Discourse 1 Introducing the **Citizen** 5:1-7:28

Character of the Kingdom 7:28-10:42

Narrative 2 **Signs** and **Sayings** 7:28-9:38

Discourse 2 The **Limited Commission** 10:1-42

Outline of **Matthew 8-9**

Signs and Sayings

8:1-22

Three miracles followed by a figurative saying

8:23-9:8

Three miracles followed by a figurative saying

9:18-34

Three* miracles followed by a figurative saying

Matthew 8:1-22

Three miracles 8:1-17

Cleansing of the leper 8:1-4 (touched)

Centurion's tormented servant healed 8:5-13
(not touched; spoke)

Healed Peter's mother-in-law 8:14-15 (touched)

Isaiah 53:4 quoted and applied to healing as a sign
of spiritual healing 8:16-17

Figurative saying 8:18-22 "Let the dead *bury* their
own dead." (spiritually dead Ephesians 2:1)

Matthew 8:23-9:17

Three miracles 8:23-9:8

Stilling of the storm 8:23-27 (spoke)

Casting out legion of tormenting demons

8:28-34 (spoke)

Healing of the paralytic 9:1-8 (spoke)

Figurative saying 9:9-12 *“Those who are **well** have no need of a **physician**, but those who are **sick**.”*

(**spiritually sick**)

Suffering and rejection will come to Jesus

9:13-17

Matthew 9:18-38

Three* miracles 9:18-34 (all three signs were reported)

Daughter raised from death 9:18-26

Faith's appeal 9:18-19

Faith's action 9:20-22 (rewarded)

Faith's absence 9:23-25 (Jesus was ridiculed)

Two blind men given sight 9:27-31 (vocal)

Demon-possessed mute spoke 9:32-34

Figurative saying 9:35-38 “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few.”

Lessons from Signs and Sayings in

Matthew 8-9

Physical miracles are signs of spiritual reality

9:1-8; 8:16-17; 9:13

Trust in the ability (power) and willingness (compassion) of Jesus to heal you spiritually

8:3,16-17; 9:27-30,36

Jesus defines great faith as the recognition that He is Lord, and His authority is found in

His word 8:8-10,16,27,32; 9:2-8,9

When we are spiritually healed, we are

equipped to serve the Lord 8:14-15

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Since **Jesus is Lord**, our top priority must be **pleasing Him** 8:21-22

If we are with Jesus, we need not fear anything 8:23-27

Demons went when Jesus said, “**Go**” **Do we go when Jesus tells us to go?** 28:18-20

Selfish people see Jesus as an imposition 8:33-34

Jesus has **authority** and **willingness to forgive** 9:1-8

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Do we look at others the way Jesus looks at them? 9:9-13; Luke 15; 2 Corinthians 5:11,14-17

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11 **Knowing**, therefore, the **terror of the Lord**, **we persuade men**; but we are well known to God, and I also trust are well known in your consciences.

14 For **the love of Christ compels us**, because we judge thus: that **if One died for all, then all died**; **15** and He died for all, that those who live should live no longer for themselves, but for Him who died for them and rose again.

2 Corinthians 5:11,14-17

16 Therefore, from now on, **we regard no one according to the flesh.** Even though we have known Christ according to the flesh, yet now we know *Him thus* no longer. **17** Therefore, if anyone *is in Christ*, *he is a new creation*; old things have passed away; behold, **all things have become new.**

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Everything is beautiful in God's time 9:15-17

Jesus bore our sicknesses and pains; raising the physically dead takes it to another level

9:18-26; Romans 6:1-7,16-18; Colossians 2:11-13

Active faith is rewarded 9:20-22; James 2:25

Satan wants to prevent us from proclaiming

our faith; Jesus equips us to proclaim our

faith 9:32-34

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Matthew 8-9

Some people are too hard-hearted **to accept** the perfect Teacher, the perfect Person, the most selfless Person **to ever live on this earth** **9:34** **Where do you stand?**

Saving faith cannot keep quiet **9:27-31; 2 Cor. 4:13; Romans 10:5-10**

Romans 10:5-10

5 Therefore For Moses writes about the righteousness which is of the law, “The man who does those things shall live by them.” **6** But the righteousness of faith speaks in this way, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’ ” (that is, to bring Christ down *from above*) **7** or, “ ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’ ” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead).

Romans 10:5-10

8 But what does it say? “**The word** is near you, **in your mouth** and **in your heart**” (that is, the **word of faith** which **we preach**): **9** that **if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus** and **believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.** **10** For with the **heart** one **believes unto righteousness**, and with the **mouth confession is made unto salvation.**

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We have gone astray. Jesus is the shepherd 9:36; John 9:35-10:30

If we do not have compassion for the lost, how can we claim to be His disciples?

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Ye have heard it said, “People won’t listen today.” But our Lord Jesus said, “*The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few.*”

Do we believe Jesus?

Pray for laborers; pray and prepare to be a laborer 9:37-38; Hebrews 5:11

If you are in Christ, you need to be teaching
OR you need a teacher

If you are not in Christ, you need to believe in Him, submit to Him, confess Him as Lord, and be baptized in His name NOW

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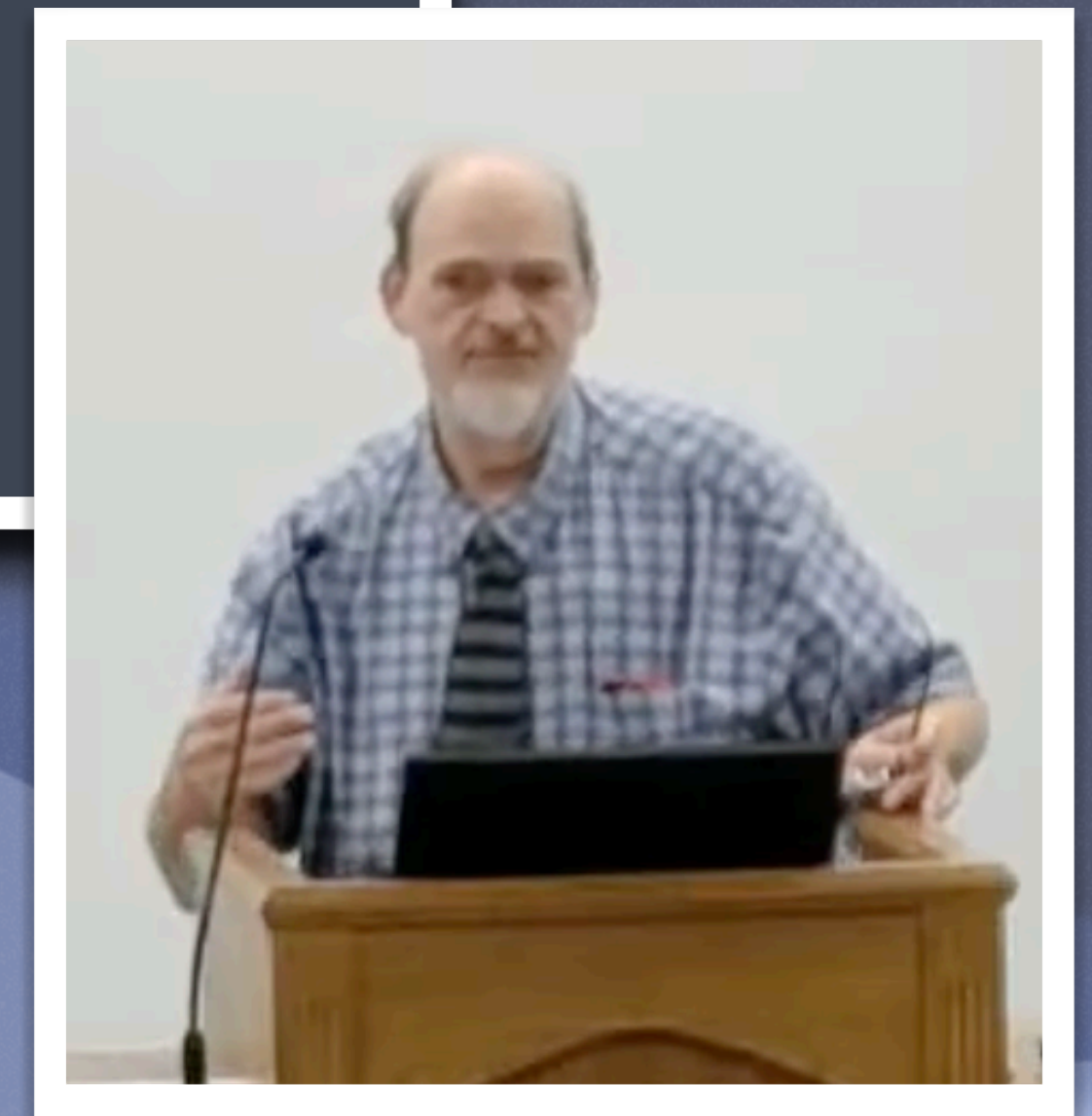
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