

## Thy Sins Be Forgiven Thee

### **Matthew 9:1-9**

Intro:

**A. The chapters and verses that precede this reading have revealed many things about Jesus.**

1. He was born of a virgin.
2. he was tempted in the wilderness.
3. He preached repentance and the kingdom.
4. He began His church.
5. He has delivered His sermon on the mount.
6. He has begun His healing ministry.
7. In these verses His true purpose for coming to the earth is boldly stated, to forgive sins.

**B. The setting of His statement.**

1. "...and came to his own city." V.1
2. A man, confined to a bed was brought to Him.  
V.2

**I. The Bold Statement Of Jesus.**

**A. "Son, be of good cheer"; v.2b**

1. θαρσεω = "take good courage", "cheer-up."
2. "Son, take good heart - Bas

**B. "...thy sins be forgiven thee."**

1. sins = αμαρτια = "failure from prescribed law"
2. forgiven = χαριζομαι = "to bestow a thing freely"
3. "your failures are pardoned."

**C. Facts we should note.**

1. This man had sins.
2. They needed to be forgiven.
3. Jesus had the power to forgive them.

**II. The Accusation Of The Scribes.**

**A. And behold, certain of the scribes said within themselves..." v.3a**

1. certain = τις = "someone", "anyone".
2. "...Teachers of the law said to themselves." -  
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B. **"This man blasphemeth." 3b**

1. βλασφημεω = "to drop evil or profane words", "to revile God or divine things."
2. "This man speaks profanely!" - Rhm

III. The Reply Of Jesus.

A. **"And Jesus knowing their thoughts said, Wherefore think ye evil in your hearts"? v.4**

1. knowing = οίδα = "I have perceived or seen."
2. thoughts = ενθυμησις = "a revolving of the mind," "secret motives."
3. evil = πονηρος = "malignant," "active evil"

B. **"For whether is easier, to say, Thy sins be forgiven thee; or to say, Arise, and walk?" v.5**

1. easier = ευκοπωτερος = "requiring less labor"
2. "...which command is more lightly given" - Knox
3. Neither of these can be done without God's power. One is by God's authority and one is by God's power. Jesus has been healing. It is no more difficult to say one than the other. It take no more energy.

C. **The purpose and blessing of healing. V.6**

1. "...that ye may know..."
2. "...take up thy bed, and go unto thine house."

IV. The Man And The Multitudes And Matthew.

A. **"And he arose, and departed to his house." V.7**

1. arose = αναβαινω = "to go up," "ascend."
2. departed = απερχομαι = "to set off"

B. **"But when the multitudes saw it, they marveled, and glorified God, which had given such power unto men. V.8**

1. marveled = φοβεομαι = "were afraid"
2. power = εξουσια = "delegated authority"
3. glorified = δοξαζω = "to invest with dignity"

C. **The call of Matthew. V.9**

1. Jesus saw him and He called him.

2. receipt of custom = τελωνιον = "a collectors office," "a toll house."
3. follow = ακολουθεω = "to be a follower" "to go with or after him". "to become a pupil"
4. There is a grand simplicity here. The writer is Matthew. He gives only one verse to his call. How unusual. How refreshing! The modern preacher n our work today would spend an entire year in grand praise of himself, telling of the great "call" that came from Jesus.