

The Responsibility of God's Touch

2. To God

Scripture: Matthew 8:14-15

Introduction

So often we come to God with a great need, and God graciously meets the need. Seldom, however, do we take time to realize the responsibilities that accompany receiving God's touch. God always places his hand on our lives for a specific purpose. We are responsible when God touches our lives.

I. The need for God's touch

Matthew 8:14 And when Jesus was come into Peter's house, he saw his wife's mother laid, and sick of a fever.

- A. The need for healing
- B. The need for forgiveness
Example: Woman taken in act of adultery
- C. The need for companionship
 - 1. John on Patmos
 - 2. Paul on trial

2 Timothy 4:16-17a At my first answer no man stood with me, but all men forsook me... Notwithstanding the Lord stood with me, and strengthened me....

II. The result of God's touch

Matthew 8:15a And he touched her hand, and the fever left her:

- A. God has provided healing
- B. God has provided forgiveness and salvation
- C. God has provided to relieve our loneliness

III. The responsibility of God's touch

Matthew 8:15b ...and she arose, and ministered unto them.

- A. The responsibility to receive God's touch
- B. The responsibility to arise from our bed
- C. The responsibility to begin ministering
 - 1. To others