

Luke 6:18

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And they that were vexed with unclean spirits: and they were healed.

Analysis

And they that were vexed with unclean spirits: and they were healed (οἱ ἐνοχλούμενοι ἀπὸ πνευμάτων ἀκαθάρτων καὶ ἐθεραπεύοντο, hoi enochlumenoi apo pneumatōn akathartōn kai etherapeuonto). The verb enochlumenoi (ἐνοχλούμενοι, from ἐνοχλέω) means to be troubled, harassed, tormented—present passive participle indicating ongoing torment. These weren't merely sick but demonized, harassed by **unclean spirits** (pneumatōn akathartōn, πνευμάτων ἀκαθάρτων)—spiritual forces of impurity and corruption.

The simple statement **and they were healed** (ἐθεραπεύοντο, etherapeuonto—imperfect passive, continuous action) shows Jesus' absolute authority over the demonic realm. Where demons tormented, Jesus brought therapeia (θεραπεία)—healing, restoration, wholeness. This verse demonstrates that Jesus' ministry addresses not only physical illness but spiritual oppression.

Historical Context

First-century Palestinian Judaism recognized demonic activity as causing various afflictions—physical, mental, and spiritual. Unlike pagan exorcists who used elaborate rituals, incantations, and magical formulas, Jesus cast out demons with simple authoritative commands. The crowds gathering from Tyre, Sidon, and all Judea (v. 17) show Jesus' reputation for delivering the demonized had spread throughout the region. This mass healing foreshadows the greater deliverance

Christ would accomplish at the cross, destroying Satan's power (Colossians 2:15, Hebrews 2:14-15).

Related Passages

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1 John 4:8 — God is love

Study Questions

1. How does Jesus' authority over unclean spirits encourage you in spiritual warfare and the reality of demonic opposition?
2. What areas of ongoing torment or harassment in your life need Jesus' healing and delivering power?

Interlinear Text

καὶ	οἱ	όχλούμενοι	ὑπὸ	πνευμάτων	ἀκαθάρτων	καὶ
And	G3588	they that were vexed	with	spirits	unclean	And
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ἐθεραπεύοντο

they were healed

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