

Mark 1:31

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And he came and took her by the hand, and lifted her up; and immediately the fever left her, and she ministered unto them.

Analysis

Christ's gentle touch and lifting action demonstrates His compassionate approach to healing—not merely speaking from a distance but physically engaging with the afflicted. The fever's immediate departure shows His complete authority over disease. Her instant service illustrates the proper response to divine healing: grateful, energetic ministry to Christ and His disciples. Salvation produces service.

Historical Context

Women in first-century Jewish culture were responsible for hospitality and serving meals. Her immediate resumption of these duties would have been understood as both a sign of complete healing and a demonstration of proper gratitude and household order.

Related Passages

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

1 John 4:8 — God is love

Study Questions

1. How does Christ's compassionate touch model the personal care God shows His people in their afflictions?

2. What does her immediate service teach us about the relationship between receiving grace and serving others?

Interlinear Text

καὶ προσελθὼν ἤγειρεν αὐτοῖς κρατήσας τῆς χειρὸς
And he came and lifted her and took τῆς by the hand
G2532 G4334 G1453 G846 G2902 G3588 G5495
αὐτοῖς καὶ ἀφῆκεν αὐτοῖς ὁ πυρετός εὐθὲως, καὶ
her And left her the fever immediately And
G846 G2532 G863 G846 G3588 G4446 G2112 G2532
διηκόνει αὐτοῖς
she ministered her
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Additional Cross-References

Acts 9:41 (Parallel theme): And he gave her his hand, and lifted her up, and when he had called the saints and widows, presented her alive.

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