

Matthew 8:14

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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

Analysis

Jesus' healing of Peter's mother-in-law demonstrates His compassionate power extending to ordinary domestic situations. The detail that this was Peter's wife's mother confirms Peter was married, contradicting later celibacy requirements for clergy. Christ's touch brought immediate healing, and her immediate service demonstrates that genuine healing produces responsive gratitude and ministry. The sequence—Jesus sees, touches, fever leaves, she serves—models the gospel pattern of grace received producing service rendered.

Historical Context

Peter's house in Capernaum became Jesus' ministry headquarters. Archaeological excavations have identified what may be this house, later converted into a church. The mention of Peter's mother-in-law living with them reflects extended family arrangements common in ancient Jewish culture.

Related Passages

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Study Questions

1. What does Peter's married state teach about biblical qualifications for ministry leadership?
2. How does the healed woman's immediate service illustrate the proper response to Christ's healing grace?

Interlinear Text

καὶ	ἔλθων	ὁ	Ἰησοῦς	εἰς	τὴν	οἰκίαν	Πέτρου	εἶδεν
And	was come	G3588	when Jesus	into	G3588	house	Peter's	he saw
G2532	G2064		G2424	G1519		G3614	G4074	G1492
τὴν	πενθερὰν	αὐτοῦ	βεβλημένην	καὶ	πυρέσσουσιν·			
G3588	wife's mother	his	laid	And	sick of a fever			
	G3994	G846	G906	G2532	G4445			

Additional Cross-References

1 Corinthians 9:5 (Parallel theme): Have we not power to lead about a sister, a wife, as well as other apostles, and as the brethren of the Lord, and Cephas?
