

Matthew 8:15

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And he touched her hand, and the fever left her: and she arose, and ministered unto them.

Analysis

The phrase 'the fever left her' emphasizes the completeness and immediacy of Christ's healing power. Unlike natural recovery requiring convalescence, Jesus' touch produced instant restoration to full health and strength. Her immediate rising and serving demonstrates both the thoroughness of healing and grateful response to grace received. This illustrates the principle that those Christ heals are empowered for service, not merely restored to passive comfort.

Historical Context

Fevers in the ancient world were often life-threatening without modern medicine. Luke's gospel (Luke 4:38) calls this a 'great fever,' indicating serious illness. Jesus' healing without medication or recovery time demonstrated supernatural power over disease.

Related Passages

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Study Questions

1. How does the completeness of Christ's physical healing illustrate the thoroughness of His spiritual salvation?
2. What does the woman's immediate service teach about the relationship between receiving grace and actively serving Christ?

Interlinear Text

καὶ	ήψατο	τῆς	χειρὸς	αὐτοῖς	καὶ	ἀφῆκεν	αὐτοῖς	ό
And	he touched	G3588	hand	her	And	left	her	G3588
G2532	G680		G5495	G846	G2532	G863	G846	
πυρετός,	καὶ	ήγέρθη	καὶ	διηκόνει	αὐτοῖς			
the fever	And	she arose	And	ministered	her			
G4446	G2532	G1453	G2532	G1247	G846			

Additional Cross-References

2 Kings 13:21 (Parallel theme): And it came to pass, as they were burying a man, that, behold, they spied a band of men; and they cast the man into the sepulchre of Elisha: and when the man was let down, and touched the bones of Elisha, he revived, and stood up on his feet.

Luke 8:54 (Parallel theme): And he put them all out, and took her by the hand, and called, saying, Maid, arise.

Mark 1:41 (Parallel theme): And Jesus, moved with compassion, put forth his hand, and touched him, and saith unto him, I will; be thou clean.

Matthew 14:36 (Parallel theme): And besought him that they might only touch the hem of his garment: and as many as touched were made perfectly whole.

Matthew 9:20 (Parallel theme): And, behold, a woman, which was diseased with an issue of blood twelve years, came behind him, and touched the hem of his garment:

Matthew 20:34 (Parallel theme): So Jesus had compassion on them, and touched their eyes: and immediately their eyes received sight, and they followed him.

Matthew 8:3 (Parallel theme): And Jesus put forth his hand, and touched him, saying, I will; be thou clean. And immediately his leprosy was cleansed.

Matthew 9:29 (Parallel theme): Then touched he their eyes, saying, According to your faith be it unto you.