

Matthew 8:17

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying, Himself took our infirmities, and bare our sicknesses.

Analysis

Matthew quotes Isaiah 53:4 to explain Jesus' healing ministry as fulfillment of messianic prophecy. The phrase 'Himself took our infirmities, and bare our sicknesses' connects Christ's healing miracles to His substitutionary atonement. While the ultimate fulfillment is the cross bearing our sins, the healings demonstrated His identification with human suffering and power to deliver from all effects of the fall. This shows the incarnate Son entering fully into human misery to redeem it.

Historical Context

Isaiah 53:4's context is the Suffering Servant's substitutionary atonement. Matthew shows Jesus' healing ministry was not merely humanitarian but redemptive—demonstrating His power over sin's consequences and His role as the sin-bearer who would ultimately die for transgressions.

Related Passages

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

Study Questions

1. How do Christ's physical healings demonstrate His power over all consequences of the fall, both physical and spiritual?
2. What does Jesus 'bearing our sicknesses' teach about His complete identification with human suffering?

Interlinear Text

ὅπως	πληρωθῆ	τὸ	ὅτιθὲν	διὰ	Ἡσαῖος	τοῦ
That it might	be fulfilled	G3588	which was spoken	by	Esaias	G3588
G3704	G4137		G4483	G1223	G2268	
προφήτου	λέγοντος	Αὐτὸς	τὰς	ἀσθενείας	ἡμῶν	ἔλαβεν
the prophet	saying	Himself	G3588	infirmities	our	took
G4396	G3004	G846		G769	G2257	G2983
καὶ	τὰς	νόσους	έβάστασεν			
and	G3588	our sicknesses	bare			
G2532		G3554	G941			

Additional Cross-References

Isaiah 53:4 (Parallel theme): Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted.

1 Peter 2:24 (Parallel theme): Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed.

Matthew 1:22 (Prophecy): Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying,