

# Matthew 9:6

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins, (then saith he to the sick of the palsy,) Arise, take up thy bed, and go unto thine house.

## Analysis

Jesus' statement 'But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins' makes the healing evidential—proving His divine authority. The title 'Son of man' (from Daniel 7:13-14) claims messianic identity. Only God can forgive sins, so Jesus demonstrates deity by healing the paralytic—the visible miracle authenticates the invisible spiritual reality. The command 'Arise, take up thy bed, and go unto thine house' is immediate and complete healing.

## Historical Context

The scribes accused Jesus of blasphemy (v. 3) because claiming to forgive sins usurped God's prerogative. Jesus' response—performing a miracle only God could do—vindicated His claim. The healing served as physical proof of spiritual authority.

## Related Passages

**Romans 1:17** — The righteous shall live by faith

**James 2:17** — Faith and works

## Study Questions

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1. How does Jesus' authority to forgive sins give you confidence in your salvation?
2. What 'paralysis' in your spiritual life needs Jesus' healing word?

## Interlinear Text

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ἵνα δὲ εἰδῆτε ὅτι ἔξουσίαν ἔχει ὁ υἱὸς τοῦ  
that But ye may know that power hath the Son G3588  
G2443 G1161 G1492 G3754 G1849 G2192 G5207 G3588

ἀνθρώπου ἐπὶ τῆς γῆς ἀφίέναι ἀμαρτίας τότε λέγει  
of man on earth to forgive sins (then saith he  
G444 G1909 G3588 G1093 G863 G266 G5119 G3004

τῷ παραλυτικῷ Ἐγερθεὶς ἄρον σου τὴν κλίνην καὶ  
G3588 to the sick of the palsy Arise take up thine G3588 bed and  
G3885 G1453 G142 G4675 G2825 G2532

ὑπαγε εἰς τὸν οἶκόν σου  
go unto G3588 house thine  
G5217 G1519 G3624 G4675

## Additional Cross-References

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**Isaiah 43:25** (Sin): I, even I, am he that blotteth out thy transgressions for mine own sake, and will not remember thy sins.

**Matthew 9:5** (Resurrection): For whether is easier, to say, Thy sins be forgiven thee; or to say, Arise, and walk?

**2 Corinthians 2:10** (Parallel theme): To whom ye forgive any thing, I forgive also: for if I forgave any thing, to whom I forgave it, for your sakes forgave I it in the person of Christ;