Mat 94

The Believer must follow the one true Shepherd.

Keep your eye open Thursday for the next installment of my lesson in the book of Malachi this week.

And due to the coming conference in Sutter Creek Ca at end of the month I will probably only manage one message next week.

But I think between Matthew and Kimberly & myself I will most likely film a portion of the Bible Conference and upload it here on You Tube.

As we close out Matthew chapter nine I want to clarify a principle I only had time to gloss over in the last message.

We learned about Blasphemy against the HS in the historical context that it should be used in last lesson.

But I did touch on what I would call fake healing and demonic possession concerning Satan casting out a demon.

In other words can a demon be cast out by another demon possessed individual?

Let’s cover a few of these scriptures so we can get focused on what I mentioned last lesson.

Mat 9:32 As they were going out, a mute, demon-possessed man was brought to Him.

Mat 9:33 After the demon was cast out, the mute man spoke; and the crowds were amazed, *and were* saying, “Nothing like this has ever been seen in Israel.”

/Mat 9:34 But **the Pharisees** were saying, “**He casts out the demons by the ruler of the demons.**”\

Remember last lesson we looked at scriptures from Mark chapter 3?

 Where the Lord clearly says a kingdom divided can not stand and that Satan can-not cast out Satan.

Then I mentioned that a demon possessed teacher or person may be able to cast out another demon.

It is called a fake healing instead of a faith healing. But I warned you it is difficult to discern unless you are being led by the spirit and have enough doctrine in your soul.

/Miracles, signs and healings done under the power of the Holy Spirit do not need man-made rituals or the shout of a demand from human beings or tongues for that healing/miracle to take place.\

ELABORATE ON SLIDE!!!!

Any time you are in the presence of a satanic or demon possessed healing situation… I warn you to question every aspect of it because it is really not a norm or standard in the Christian life.

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/Satan and some high ranking demons have the ability to perform great miracles and healings. There may even be the name of “*Jesus*” being thrown into the mix along with a ritual, tongues or demands for God to cast out the demon.\

This is why I often warn against being involved with emotional churches that get involved in this type of nonsense.

/When God heals it has nothing to do with human effort or human mediation. It is not done by an emotional build-up or props and repetitive chants or rituals. Also when God heals it has a lasting effect that human beings can take no credit for.\

God doesn’t need a pastor or a spiritual- guru to heal or cast out a demon.

The best a pastor can do is lay hands on someone and pray with them and the family members in a very intimate setting where the focus is on TLJC and then step away and allow God to do His work in HIS timing!

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But you need to grow up and have SM which has great value concerning this type of demonic activity….because Satan may want to pull in Bels by using fake healings and magic tricks and he does have the ability to cause the illness and then remove it.

If you ask why would Satan do this it’s an easy answer to build up trust and show legitimacy to the majority of the world.

One such denomination that has a leader basically sitting on a throne in Rome is widely respected and is looked upon by the whole of the world as the end all be all authority on everything to do with Christianity. Yet there doctrines are radically different than what the original Apostles wrote about.

So if you think Satan is not having victories in the church your fooling yourself.

The historic context of what we looked at in Matthew chapter 9 and Mark chapter 3 last lesson was TLJC saying -*I am God therefore I heal with a word or a touch*…no drawn out rituals and therefore because I am proving myself to be God…this is not Satan casting out Satan which is impossible.

Satan or any demon can only be at one place at one time.

/Since the completed canon of scripture (Bible) there is no longer a need for men to mediate as prophets & healers or miracle workers for the plan of God. Everything the Bel priest needs is in the word and within their New Nature.\

I hope this is enough information to guide you in your personal journey inside the plan of God.

Because many people who claim to be Bels follow ministries who perform miracles…tongues and healings all the time and yet they do not fully understand their Bibles.

They know nothing about mystery doctrine of the CA.

I have covered some of these principles before in my teaching on tongues and healings and miracles so please go back and study them.

Mat 9:35 Jesus was going through all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every kind of disease and every kind of sickness.

/Mat 9:36 Seeing the people, He felt compassion for them, because they were distressed and dispirited **like sheep without a shepherd**.

Mat 10:6, Mat 15:24, Jhn10:27, 1Kin 22:17, Jer 50:6, Ezk 34:5,Zec 11, Zec 13… etc. \

Mat 9:37 Then He said to His disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few.

Mat 9:38 “Therefore beseech the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into His harvest.”

Here we see our Lord start to mention the sheep and Shepard principle which would carry throughout His ministry and into the Apostles teaching.

Sheep are mentioned about 500 times in the Bible just to give you an idea how important that principle is.

/Sheep are known for making poor decisions when left on their own; they wander off and become easy prey for predators. They will graze in bushes and shrubs that may be hazardous & they lack defensive skills.\

To put it simply sheep are followers, they are dumb…if they get food and water that is all they care about…they need help to survive.

/Shepherds had a rod/staff (5-6 ft.) which had a hook on one end and a thick wrapping or metal coating on the other. The hook was designed to push, prod and pull sheep back into the fold.\

Turn to John chapter 10 with me.

Now some scholars believe the hook of some Shepherds was made of a copper or metal and others claim the end or bottom was made or wrapped in metallic material. Either way this was the tool designed for several reasons.

/The staff was a tool for guiding the sheep but it also served as a weapon against wild animals that would attack along the trails and rivers.\

Another principle was the closeness a Shepherd developed with his flock.

He knew His flock and they knew Him.

Jhn 10:24 The Jews then gathered around Him, and were saying to Him, “How long will You keep us in suspense? If You are the Christ, tell us plainly.”

Jhn 10:25 Jesus answered them, “I told you, and you do not believe; the works that I do in My Father’s name, these testify of Me.

/Jhn 10:26 “But you do not believe because you are not of My sheep. 27“**My sheep hear My voice**, and **I know them**, and **they follow Me**;\

Jhn 10:28 and I give eternal life to them, and they will never perish; and no one will snatch them out of My hand.

Jhn 10:29 “My Father, who has given *them* to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch *them* out of the Father’s hand. 30 “I and the Father are one.”

Then in verse 31 after hearing the truth what do they do???

Try and stone Him to death.

/The call to the lost sheep of Israel was in view concerning the early ministry of Jesus. But as all scripture displays there is a greater depth & meaning because the sheep would extend to all mankind which our Lord insisted the Apostles pursue everyone! Mat 24:14, Mar 16:15, Luk 4:18\

Go into the world and preach the gospel to all of creation! Poor…lame…. sick… Jew or Gentile …TLJC wanted His teachers to reach everywhere with the written word and also their gospel messages.

/The Shepherd is the Lord Jesus Christ and His staff is the WORD of God. Those who drift off path will be pushed and pulled by His staff in order to guide them back. It is also the weapon we have to protect us against the attacks in the world.\

There was another use for the staff or rod of the Shepherd and many do not like to hear this but it is historical fact.

It was a very old tradition only done during the time of our Lord.

/The sheep who kept running away would eventually get his/her leg broken, the Shepherd would then set the broken leg and carry the lamb on his shoulders until the leg healed, after which time the lamb would remain by the Shepherd's side for the rest of its life.\

The best analogy I can give for such a drastic measure may be a look at the wrestling match that Jacob had with TLJC.

Jacob was constantly running and lying and manipulating situations to his advantage. Until TLJC final body slammed him to the ground.

/Gen 32:24 Then Jacob was left alone, and a man **wrestled** (*‘abaq*)with him until daybreak. 25 When he saw that he had not prevailed against him, **he touched** (*naga`*)the socket of his thigh; so the socket of Jacob’s thigh was dislocated while he wrestled with him.\

That word for wrestle is AH-BACH! Usually means to throw or toss or even slam someone down.

The other word A-GAIR is- for- *to touch his socket*. It is in the Hebrew PEIL intensive stem…. meaning a strike or hit with a plague or disease.

This was basically breaking Jacob’s hip…causing him to slow down a great deal after this point in fact many scholars believed it is here that Jacob began to use a staff or cane to walk with.

/Sometimes the mistakes and journeys we continually make outside the plan of God leave us wounded and carrying physical and emotional scars. But God will always bring us back into the fold and many times we are closer to Him than when we first became born again!\

So as we get ready to close please understand the deep principles connected to not only the lost nation of Israel and the analogy of the sheep & the Shepherd but for all Bels this title of sheep certainly applies.

Our Shepherd TLJC loves us and wants us to stay within the plan and the fold of His sheep.

It is His word which we can note is the staff or rod we have today to guide us in our spiritual walk.

/Psa 23:1 **The LORD *is* my shepherd**;
I shall not want. 2 He makes me to lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside the still waters.\

We need to accept that we are sheep and need our spiritual Shepard the Lord Jesus Christ. What many people seem to lose sight of is that part of that staff analogy is the pastor-teacher.

/The gift of Pastor-teacher is a tool much like the Shepherd’s staff. If it is operating in full capacity it will guide and admonish, edify and warn. This is analogous of the staff that pushes and prods the sheep to stay in the fold.\

The Apostles used this same terminology when teaching the word of God to their early churches.

/1Pet 2:25 For **you were like sheep** going astray, but have now **returned to the Shepherd and Overseer** of your souls.

Luk 12:32 “Do not fear, **little flock**, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom.\

Let’s finish this today…look at Mat 9 verse 37…I’ll put it on the board.

/Mat 9:37 Then He said to His disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but **the workers are few.**

Jesus is telling His new Apostles that there is a great work-load ahead of them.\

TLJC will then focus on prayer as these men will have to understand prayer in all its divine power.

These men will need prayer as a form of guidance.

Prayer as a form of speaking with God.

Prayer as a form of fellowship and certainly prayer as a form of cleansing sin and rebounding back into the plan of God when they fail.

/Mat 9:38 “Therefore **beseech the Lord of the harvest** to send out workers into His harvest.”

This is a reference to the power of the Holy Spirit. It is the filling power of the Holy Spirit that works within us in the Church –Age.\

It is God the Holy Spirit who does the lion’s share of the work within the life of the Bel.

The filling power of the HS puts us into the new nature where we can grow and learn BD.

It is God the HS who knocks upon that soul of a spiritual dead person to wake them up to salvation in Christ.

/Jhn 16:7 But I tell you the truth, it is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, **the Helper** will not come to you; but if I go, **I will send Him to you**. 8 “And He, when He comes, will **convict the world** concerning **sin** and **righteousness** and **judgment**;\