



# DAILY READINGS

THREE CHAPTERS. THREE SECTIONS.  
ONE FRAMEWORK. EVERY DAY.

## DAY 8

MATTHEW 8 - ROMANS 8 - ACTS 8



# ABOUT THIS BRIEF

## WHY WE PUT THIS TOGETHER

Every day of the 88-Day New Testament Bible Study covers three chapters across three different sections of the New Testament simultaneously. The reading plan was designed so that each day you experience the Kingdom gospel, the grace gospel, and the transition between them side by side. But without context, those three chapters can feel disconnected or even contradictory. The daily summaries exist to bridge that gap showing you why it matters and how it connects to the bigger picture.

We put these together because rightly dividing the word of truth is not just a concept to understand once and move on. It is a lens to apply every single day. Each summary identifies which section of the framework you are reading in, what the primary audience is, and how that day's three chapters speak to each other across different administrations of God's plan.

## A NOTE ON USE

This document is free to use for personal reading, small group study, and sharing with others. It is not a statement of church doctrine. It is a teaching tool designed to help people read their Bible with greater understanding. Scripture quotations are taken from King James Version (KJV) unless indicated otherwise.

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# INTRODUCTION

Matthew 8 demonstrates the power of Israel's King as Jesus performs miracles that authenticate the gospel of the Kingdom. His authority over sickness, demons, and nature confirms that the promised Messiah has come.

Romans 8 summarizes the gospel of the grace of God, assuring believers that they are free from condemnation, empowered by the Holy Spirit, adopted into God's family, and secure in Christ. Together, these chapters trace the movement from the King's miraculous ministry, through the transitional witness, to the assurance and victory found in God's grace.

Acts 8 continues the transition as persecution scatters believers, the message reaches Samaria and the Ethiopian eunuch, and Saul persecutes the church, setting the stage for his conversion in the chapter ahead.

| Matthew 8                                             | Romans 8                                                | Acts 8                                                          |
|-------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|
| Jesus demonstrates Kingdom power through miracles     | Believers enjoy complete security in Christ under grace | The gospel expands beyond Jerusalem as the transition continues |
| Healings, deliverance, and authority confirm the King | No condemnation for those in Christ                     | Philip ministers in Samaria and to the Ethiopian eunuch         |
| Kingdom signs authenticate Jesus' ministry to Israel  | The Holy Spirit dwells in every believer                | Miracles still accompany the apostolic ministry                 |
| The King displays His authority over creation         | Nothing can separate believers from God's love          | God prepares the way for Paul's future ministry                 |



# MATTHEW 8 -THE KING DEMONSTRATES KINGDOM POWER

## Theme

Jesus authenticates His Kingdom message by demonstrating His authority over disease, nature, demons, and every realm of creation.

## Outline

### 1. Jesus' Authority to Heal

- Jesus cleanses a leper and directs him to follow the Law of Moses as a testimony to Israel.
- He heals the centurion's servant and commends the centurion's faith.
- He heals Peter's mother-in-law and many others, fulfilling prophecy.

### 2. The Cost and Challenge of Discipleship

- Jesus warns would-be followers to count the cost of following Him.
- Discipleship requires commitment above personal comfort and competing priorities.

### 3. Jesus' Authority Over Nature and Demons

- Jesus calms the storm, demonstrating His power over nature.
- He delivers two demon-possessed men and permits the demons to enter a herd of swine.
- The local people respond by asking Jesus to leave their region.

## Kingdom Emphasis

- Jesus confirms that He is Israel's promised King through miraculous signs.
- His healings, authority over creation, and power over demons are Kingdom credentials foretold by the prophets.
- These miracles authenticate the gospel of the Kingdom.



# ROMANS 8 - LIFE IN THE SPIRIT

## Theme

Paul describes the believer's victory, security, and hope through life in Christ and the indwelling Holy Spirit.

## Outline

1. No Condemnation in Christ (vv. 1–11)
  - There is no condemnation for those in Christ Jesus.
  - The law of the Spirit of life has made believers free from the law of sin and death.
  - The Holy Spirit indwells every believer.
2. Children and Heirs of God (vv. 12–17)
  - Believers are adopted into God's family.
  - We are heirs with Christ.
3. Future Glory (vv. 18–30)
  - Present sufferings cannot compare with future glory.
  - Creation awaits its redemption.
  - God works all things together for good to those who love Him.
  - God's eternal purpose is secure.
4. The Believer's Eternal Security (vv. 31–39)
  - If God is for us, who can be against us?
  - Nothing can separate believers from the love of God in Christ Jesus.

## Grace Emphasis

- Believers are free from condemnation and indwelt by the Holy Spirit.
- They are adopted as God's children and secure in His eternal purpose.
- They are forever inseparable from Christ's love and live by the Spirit, not by the works of the Law.



# ACTS 8 - THE GOSPEL SPREADS

## Theme

Persecution scatters the believers, and the gospel begins moving beyond Jerusalem while God prepares the way for the calling of Paul.

## Outline

1. Persecution Scatters the Believers (vv. 1–4)
  - Following Stephen's death, great persecution arises.
  - Saul is introduced as one persecuting the church.
  - Those scattered continue preaching the Word.
2. Philip in Samaria (vv. 5–25)
  - Philip preaches Christ in Samaria.
  - Miracles, healings, and the casting out of unclean spirits accompany his ministry with many
  - Peter and John come from Jerusalem, and the Samaritans receive the Holy Spirit.
3. Simon the Sorcerer (vv. 9–24)
  - Simon believes but later attempts to purchase the power of the Holy Spirit.
  - Peter rebukes him for his sinful motive.
4. Philip and the Ethiopian Eunuch (vv. 26–40)
  - Philip explains Isaiah 53 to the Ethiopian official.
  - Philip is miraculously transported to continue preaching elsewhere.

## Transition Emphasis

- Following Israel's rejection in Acts 7, Acts 8 marks a further transition as the message spreads beyond Jerusalem into Samaria, while Peter, miraculous signs, and Israel's prophetic program remain prominent.
- Saul's persecution prepares the way for his conversion in Acts 9 and the later revelation of his distinctive apostleship and message.



## 2 Timothy 2:15

Study and be eager and do your utmost to present yourself to God approved (tested by trial), a workman who has no cause to be ashamed, correctly analyzing and accurately dividing [rightly handling and skillfully teaching] the Word of Truth. (AMPC)



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