

The Gospel of Luke

Lesson 09

In the previous lesson, we saw that Jesus began to establish the kingdom of God here on earth by teaching, healing with authority and exercising His authority over the demonic kingdom of Satan. One of the purposes of Jesus' coming to earth was to destroy the works of the devil. Another purpose for His coming was for him to lead us to the truth. Jesus said that those who continue to hold to his teaching are truly His disciples; they will come to know the truth which will set them free.

As we by His grace continue to hold to His teaching, may we not only prove to be His disciples but may we come to know the truth better and truly be set free by it.

As you begin your study, please take a moment to thank Jesus that He is the way, the truth and the life. Ask Him to give you not only insight and understanding of His Word but also grace to grow in the knowledge and favor of the Lord God.

Exercising Kingdom Authority Through the Calling of the First Disciples

1. Read Luke 5:1-11, Matthew 4:18-22 and Mark 1:14-20.
 - A. Consult a footnote or map to identify other names for the Lake of Gennesaret.

- B. From Luke 5:1-3, why does Jesus ask to be put out a little from the shore in Peter's boat?
- C. After Jesus finished teaching the Word of God to the people, what instructions does he give to Simon?
- D. Referring back to Luke 4:38-39, why do you think Simon follows Jesus' instructions, even though it is not a good time for fishing and he has fished all night without catching anything? What does Simon's response to Jesus suggest about the nature of their relationship at this point?
- E. From Luke 5: 6 and 7, what are the results of Simon's doing what Jesus asked of him? How are we to respond to Jesus' instructions? Why?

F. Luke 5: 8-10 record that Simon Peter and all his companions were astonished at the catch of fish. Why does Simon Peter fall at Jesus' knees (an act of worship and submission) and say, "Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man?"

2. Read Exodus 3:1-6, 20:18-20; Isaiah 6:1-7; Revelation 1:9-18 and Luke 5:8.

A. What are some of the attributes of God evident in these passages?

B. What are the people's responses to God's attributes?

C. From Exodus 20:20, Isaiah 6:6-7, Revelation 1:17-18 and Luke 5:10-11, how does God reassure His people?

- D. How can you apply the concepts in these passages to your relationship with God?

Exercising Kingdom Authority Through Healing

3. Read Leviticus 13:1-8 and 29-46. In general, how were infectious diseases to be dealt with?
4. Read Luke 5:12-14, Matthew 8:1-4 and Mark 1:40-45.
- A. What does the man with leprosy do when he encounters Jesus?
What does his action reveal about his view of Jesus?

- B. How does Jesus respond to the man's request? What does Jesus do and say?
- C. What is the result? How does it demonstrate Jesus' authority over disease and uncleanness?
- D. According to Mark 1:43-54, what warning and command does Jesus give the man healed from leprosy? What does the man do instead? Why do you think he does this? What is the result?
5. From Mark 1:45 and Luke 5:16, what is the impact of the man's action upon Jesus? How does Jesus react to this pressure? What wise principles does Jesus apply that we can follow when the pressures of life increase?