

Second Visit to Capernaum: Overview of the Lord's Service (Four P's)

Mark 2

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Power: to Forgive Sins (2:1-12)

Healing of the Paralyzed Man (Let Down Through Roof) (vv.1-5)

CHAPTER 2

1 And he entered again into Capernaum after *several* days, and it was reported that he was at *the* house; **2** and straightway many were gathered together, so that there was no longer any room, not even at the door; and he spoke the word to them. **3** And there come to him *men* bringing a paralytic, borne by four; **4** and, not being able to get near to him on

account of the crowd, they uncovered the roof where he was, and having dug *it* up they let down the couch on which the paralytic lay. **5** But Jesus, seeing their faith, says to the paralytic, Child, thy sins are forgiven *thee*.

Dispute with the Scribes Over Authority to Forgive Sins (vv.6-12)

6 But certain of the scribes were there sitting, and reasoning in their hearts, **7** Why does this *man* thus speak? he blasphemeth. Who is able to forgive sins except God alone? **8** And straightway Jesus, knowing in his spirit that they are reasoning thus within themselves, said to them, Why reason ye these things in your hearts? **9** Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, *Thy* sins are forgiven *thee*; or to say, Arise, and take up thy couch and walk? **10** But that ye may know that the Son of man has power on earth to forgive sins, he says to the paralytic, **11** To thee I say, Arise, take up thy couch and go to thine house. **12** And he rose up straightway, and, having taken up his couch, went out before *them* all, so that all were amazed, and glorified God, saying, We never saw it thus.

Purpose: to Call Sinners to Repentance (2:13-17)

Teaching the Crowds by the Sea (v.13)

13 And he went out again by the sea, and all the crowd came to him, and he taught them.

Calling of Levi, A Meal at Levi's House (vv.14-15)

14 And passing by, he saw Levi the *son* of Alphaeus sitting at the tax-office, and says to him, Follow me. And he rose up and followed him. **15** And it came to pass as he lay at table in his house, that many tax-gatherers and sinners lay at table with Jesus and his disciples; for they were many, and they followed him.

Scribes and Pharisees Dispute Over Eating with Sinners (vv.16-17)

16 And the scribes and the Pharisees, seeing him eating with sinners and tax-gatherers, said to his disciples, *Why is it that he eats and drinks with tax-gatherers and sinners?* **17** And Jesus having heard *it* says to them, They that are strong have not need of a physician, but those who are ill. I have not come to call righteous *men*, but sinners.

Promise: of a Change in Dispensations (2:18-22)

Disciples of John and of the Pharisees Ask About Fasting (v.18)

18 And the disciples of John and the Pharisees were fasting; and they come and say to him, *Why do the disciples of John and the disciples of the Pharisees fast, but thy disciples fast not?*

The Presence of the Bridegroom Prevents Fasting (vv.19-20)

19 And Jesus said to them, *Can the sons of the bride-chamber fast while the bridegroom is with them? As long as they have the bridegroom with them they cannot fast.* **20** But days will come when the bridegroom shall have been taken away from them, and then shall they fast in that day.

Not a New Patch on Old Garment, Not New Wine in Old Bottles (vv.21-22)

21 No one sews a patch of new cloth on an old garment: otherwise its new filling-up takes from the old *stuff*, and there is a worse rent. **22** And no one puts new wine into old skins; otherwise the wine bursts the skins, and the wine is poured out, and the skins will be

destroyed; but new wine is to be put into new skins.

Privilege: Liberty from Law with Understanding of God's Purposes (2:23-28)

Plucking Ears in the Cornfield - The Pharisees Accuse (vv.23-24)

23 And it came to pass that he went on the sabbath through the cornfields; and his disciples began to walk on, plucking the ears. **24** And the Pharisees said to him, Behold, why do they on the sabbath what is not lawful?

The Lord Gives the Example of David and the Show-bread (vv.25-26)

25 And "he" said to them, Have ye never read what David did when he had need and hungered, "he" and those with him, **26** how he entered into the house of God, in *the section of Abiathar the high priest*, and ate the shew-bread, which it is not lawful unless for the priests to eat, and gave even to those that were with him?

The True Purpose of the Sabbath and the Lord of the Sabbath (vv.27-28)

27 And he said to them, The sabbath was made on account of man, not man on account of the sabbath; **28** so that the Son of man is lord of the sabbath also.