

Matthew 8:28 - 9:8

Rescue the Perishing

Loving Through Prayer

- *Jude 1*
- v12: "caring for themselves"
- v20-21:
 - build yourself up in the faith
 - praying
 - keep yourself in God's love & mercy
- v22-23: not just for yourself, but also for others!

- *1 Peter 4:8*: keep fervent in love which covers
- *James 5:13-20*: by prayer

Who is My Brother's Keeper?

- the ministry of accusation (curiosity)
- the ministry of intercession (covering)

- *Proverbs 24:11-12*
- *Isaiah 56:1-6*

- *Genesis 4:6-9* – you have only one enemy

- “rescue the perishing... tell them of Jesus the mighty to save”

The Oppressed

- *Matthew 8:28-34*
- the disciple goes boldly into Satan's territory to rescue the oppressed, not away from it!
- Satan and his hosts are already doomed & have a limited time to torment people (Revelation 12:12)
- demons recognize Christ, even if He is in flesh, and beg *Him* for mercy

The Discouraged

- *Matthew 9:1-8*
- the disciple is willing to be inconvenienced and persistent in seeking help for others in their care
- your faith can make the difference!
- God primarily wants to set people free from sin
- this angers the Devil and the religious hypocrites