



“JESUS CHRIST - A MAN APPROVED OF GOD ([Acts 2:22](#))”
**Miracle #4 – Peter’s mother in law ([Matt 8:14-15](#) [Mark 1:29-31](#)
[Luke 4:38-39](#))**

There is only **one** mention in the Old Testament of the word “fever”, and that is in the 28th chapter of Deuteronomy dealing with blessing and cursing.

*“The LORD shall smite thee with a **consumption**, and with a **fever**, and with an **inflammation**, and with an **extreme burning**, and with the **sword**, and with **blasting**, and with **mildew**; and they shall pursue thee until thou perish.”* ([Deuteronomy 28:22](#)) Israel knew their God could, and did, smite them with fever from time to time.

Almighty God JEHOVAH was the creator, indeed, the controller and the eliminator, of fever.

And so Dear Reader, we have in Christ, God manifest in the flesh, healing Peter’s mother-in-law of a fever.

Surely Israel must put two and two together to realise that this man Christ was the manifestation of God the Father ([1Timothy 3:16](#)) ... that is ... God the Son doing the same thing as God the Father.

There are **THREE POINTS** to be made:

1. Peter had a house, a **wife** and a **mother-in-law**. Hello?

Question: If Peter is claimed by the Roman Catholic church as their first Pope, why are they disregarding him by forcing their priests to be celibate and not take a wife.

Answer: By confusing the two terms of ‘marrying’ and ‘taking a wife’, Rome allows its priests to fornicate aka marry aka join physically together, like rabbits ... when they like, where they like and how they like ... and they can say “We have not married anyone” when what they really mean is that “We haven’t taken a wife.”

2. There are **four marks of a fever** are

(a) Restlessness ... fever is like sin. *“But the **wicked** are like the troubled sea, when it **cannot rest**, ... There is no peace, saith my God, to the wicked.”* ([Isaiah 57:20-21](#))

Dr Watts has a poem that describes Shakespeare’s “Life’s Fitful Fever” as follows: “So when a raging fever burns,

We shift from side to side by turns.
And 'tis a poor relief we gain,
To change the place but keep the pain."

(b) Thirst ... like sin, there is this burning desire that can never be quenched. But as Christ says "*But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life.*" ([John 4:14](#))

(c) Burning heat ... Like sin where passions rule the heart and life, the sinner cannot cease from sin. "*For wickedness burneth as the fire:*" ([Isaiah 9:18](#))

(d) Consumption (tuberculosis) ... the body is consumed with a lung disease. Unless the fever is stopped, it will destroy the sufferer. So will sin. The wicked will not live out his full life. "*The fear of the LORD prolongeth days: but the years of the wicked shall be shortened.*" ([Proverbs 10:27](#)).

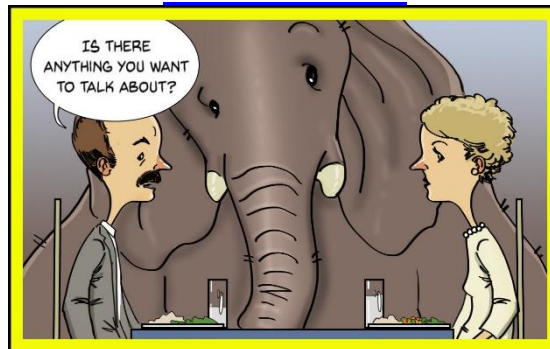
And so Dear Reader, we have Christ, in healing the fever of Peter's mother-in-law saying to Israel ... "I can do this in the physical, but **more importantly I can do this for you in the spiritual! Rest! No thirst! No passions! Everlasting life!**"

3. In being healed, the woman rose up and **served others.**

Here is the parallel: Until the fever of sin has been stopped and healed, we cannot serve others. When we are at rest in the Lord, we can minister to others ([Matthew 11:28](#)).

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