

The Centurion's Servant

Matthew 8:5-13; Luke 7:1-10

What religion are these children?

Are you a member of the Jewish religion?

If you are not a Jew, what are you?

Today we will hear about a faithful Gentile soldier.



Prayer

Dear Father in Heaven,

Help us to learn from Your Holy Bible the lesson today.

Make our faith grow stronger through the study of that Word. Thank You for giving us faith to trust in Your Son, Jesus, for the forgiveness of sins. Amen.

The Story - Matthew 8:5-13; Luke 7:1-10

Matthew 8: 5 - Now when Jesus had entered Capernaum, a centurion came to Him, pleading with Him, {6} saying, "Lord, my servant is lying at home paralyzed, dreadfully tormented."

{7} And Jesus said to him, "I will come and heal him."

{8} The centurion answered and said, "Lord, I am not worthy that You should come under my roof. But only speak a word, and my servant will be healed. {9} "For I also am a man under authority, having soldiers under me. And I say to this one, 'Go,' and he goes; and to another, 'Come,' and he comes; and to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does it."

{10} When Jesus heard it, He marveled, and said to those who followed, "Assuredly, I say to you, I have not found such great faith, not even in Israel! {11} "And I say to you that many will come from east and west, and sit down with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven. {12} "But the sons of the kingdom will be cast out into outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." {13} Then Jesus said to the centurion, "Go your way; and as you have believed, so let it be done for you." And his servant was healed that same hour.

Luke 7:1 - Now when He concluded



all His sayings in the hearing of the people, He entered Capernaum. {2} And a certain centurion's servant, who was dear to him, was sick and ready to die. {3} So when he heard about Jesus, he sent elders of the Jews to Him, pleading with Him to come and heal his servant. {4} And when they came to Jesus, they begged Him earnestly, saying that the one for whom He should do this was deserving, {5} "for he loves our nation, and has built us a synagogue."

{6} Then Jesus went with them. And when He was already not far from the house, the centurion sent friends to Him, saying to Him, "Lord, do not trouble Yourself, for I am not

worthy that You should enter under my roof. {7} "Therefore I did not even think myself worthy to come to You. But say the word, and my servant will be healed. {8} "For I also am a man placed under authority, having soldiers under me. And I say to one, 'Go,' and he goes; and to another, 'Come,' and he comes; and to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does it."

{9} When Jesus heard these things, He marveled at him, and turned around and said to the crowd that followed Him, "I say to you, I have not found such great faith, not even in Israel!" {10} And those who were sent, returning to the house, found the servant well who had been sick.

Outer Aim Jesus heals a Centurion's servant.

Review - Use the story to answer the following questions.

1. What city did Jesus enter?
2. What was the centurion's request?
3. Why was this Gentile liked by the Jews of the city?
4. Why did the centurion not want Jesus to come into his home?
5. How did Jesus describe the faith of this centurion?
6. What happened to the servant?

Word Search - Find the words from the Word Box in the puzzle below.

GENTILE SYNAGOGUE	CAPERNAUM WORTHY	HEALED SERVANT	FAITH CENTURION	JEWS PARALYZED
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C A P E R N A U M P
E D A K S W G H Y E
N V R H E A L E D S
T Y A P R V O Y L K
U P L E V X P P K N
R S Y N A G O G U E
I Q Z O N E B L S W
O W E P T N F M E O
N E D R X T E E C R
P I P F A I T H G T
O L M O T L E R L H
B C O S J E W S Q Y

Bible Passages - Use the Bible passages to do the activity below.

*Psalm 50:15 "Call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you,
and you shall glorify Me."*

Circle the words that tell what God promises to do for us when we need help.
Underline the words that tell how will we show our thanks.

*Psalms 130:3-5 "If You, LORD, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand?
But there is forgiveness with You, that You may be feared.
I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in His word I do hope."*

Underline the word that means sins. Circle the word for what Christ has done for us. Put a box around what helps us wait for the LORD.

What God's Word Tells Us - Use the words in the box twice. Use them once to fill in the blanks about the centurion and then use the words to fill in the blanks about Christians.

confident	love	humble
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How the centurion showed his faith...

... _____ for his servant.
... _____ before Jesus.
... _____ of Jesus' power
to heal.

How a Christian shows his/her faith...

... _____ for our neighbor.
... _____ before Jesus.
... _____ of Jesus' power
to save us.

Hymn TLH #518 v. 1, 7

If thou but suffer God to guide thee
And hope in Him thro' all thy ways,
He'll give thee strength, whate'er betide thee,
And bear thee thro' the evil days.
Who trusts in God's unchanging love
Builds on the Rock that naught can move.

Sing, pray, and keep His ways unswerving,
Perform thy duties faithfully,
And trust His Word' though undeserving,
Thou yet shalt find it true for thee.
God never yet forsook in need
The soul that trusted Him indeed.

Prayer

Jesus Christ my Savior,

Thank You for bringing Your Word to us and to people of every nation. Help us to trust Your Word with humble and courageous hearts that we may lay hold of all Your precious promises. We know that You have the power and the love to do all that You have promised. When we call upon You, we know that You will answer in a way that is best for all. Because of what Jesus has done for us, we know we will be saved. We come to You, Jesus, in Whom we trust!
Amen!