

## Matthew 8:5-13 **Centurion's Servant Healed**

<sup>5</sup> Now when Jesus had entered Capernaum, a centurion came to Him, pleading with Him, <sup>6</sup> saying, "Lord, my servant is lying at home paralyzed, dreadfully tormented."

<sup>7</sup> And Jesus said to him, "I will come and heal him." <sup>8</sup> 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. <sup>9</sup> 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."

<sup>10</sup> 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! <sup>11</sup> 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. <sup>12</sup> But the sons of the kingdom will be cast out into outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

<sup>13</sup> 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. NKJV

### Facts Revealed:

- ✚ The setting was in Capernaum. [Matthew 8:5-13, Luke 7:1-10]
- ✚ The Centurion was a Roman officer over a hundred men of the Roman occupation forces.
- ✚ Having heard of the power of healing that Jesus had demonstrated, the Centurion came to Jesus requesting healing for his servant who was extremely ill. [Matthew 8:5-6]
- ✚ The Centurion sent Elders of the Jews. [Luke 7:1-5]
- ✚ Jesus agreed to go with the man and heal the servant. [Matthew 8:7, Luke 7:3]
- ✚ The Centurion, realizing the supreme power and authority of Jesus, said he was not worthy for Jesus to come into his house, but if Jesus would just say the word, the servant would be healed. [Matthew 8:8-9, Luke 7:6-8]
- ✚ Jesus used this expression of faith as an example to the people of Israel, who knew about all the miracles God had preformed in their history, and still they had trouble believing.
  - ✧ Jesus said, "**I have not found such great faith, no not even in Israel.**" [Matthew 8:10, Luke 7:9]
  - ✧ People of Israel should have been the first to demonstrate faith because of their history.
- ✚ Jesus revealed truths about the **Kingdom of Heaven**, [Matthew 8:11-12]
  - ✧ Many will come from the east and west, and sit down with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the Kingdom of Heaven.
  - ✧ Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob will be in the Kingdom of Heaven.
  - ✧ Gentiles from the east and west will be with them in the Kingdom of Heaven.
  - ✧ Children of Israel as sons, who should be first in the Kingdom of Heaven, will be cast out into outer darkness where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth (torment).
  - ✧ Entry into the Kingdom of Heaven will be based on faith.
- ✚ To the Centurion, Jesus said, "Go your way, as you have believed, so let it be done for you." [Matthew 8:13]
  - ✧ Healing is granted on the basis of faith.
- ✚ The servant was healed that very hour, demonstrating the power of God for healing is not limited by distance, or dependant on the presence of the person through whom the healing is done. [Matthew 8:13, Luke 7:10]

✧ If God wills it, time and space are irrelevant.