A Centurion's Faith

Matthew 8:5–13

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Matthew 8:5–6 *And when Jesus was entered into Capernaum, there came unto him a centurion, beseeching him, And saying, Lord, my servant lieth at home sick of the palsy, grievously tormented.*

I. The Centurion's _____ (vv. 5–6, 8)

A. With _____

Matthew 8:8 *...Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldest come under my roof: but speak the word only, and my servant shall be healed.*

Humility is a Recognition of God's Supremacy (1 Corinthians 3:5–7)

1 Corinthians 3:7 *So then neither is he that planteth any thing, neither he that watereth; but God that giveth the increase.*

Humility is a Road to God's Blessing (1 Peter 5:5–6)

James 4:10 *Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up.*

Humility is a Rule for Answered Prayer (2 Chronicles 7:14)

B. With _____

He called him "Lord". His humility allowed this Roman Centurion, one who commanded others, to honour a Jew that other Romans would call a dog! There was a recognition in this title that Jesus wasn't just a man but He was so much more than that! That he had authority over disease and death!

II. Christ's _____ (v. 7)

Matthew 8:7 *And Jesus saith unto him, I will come and heal him.*

A. His _____ – "I will come" (Matthew 8:16)

Most came to Jesus... but Jesus also would come to them in their hour of need.

B. His _____ – "and heal him"

- No questions asked, no discrimination
- Faith is all that mattered

III. The Centurion's _____ (vv. 8–9)

A. His Faith _____ in Christ

- This was not a denial, but rather assurance of who he believed Christ was and is!
- His faith was unwavering

- His faith was resting in the Word of Jesus Christ… no need for any display… he simply trusted.

B. His Faith _____ With Clarity (v. 9)

Matthew 8:9 *For I am a man under authority, having soldiers under me: and I say to this man, Go, and he goeth; and to another, Come, and he cometh…*

He recognized true authority. He understood that Jesus could command this disease to leave and the servant to be healed, and it was the very command of God!

IV. Christ's _____ (vv. 10–12)

A. He _____ the Soldier's Faith (v. 10)

Matthew 8:10 *…Verily I say unto you, I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel.*

Mark 6:6 records that Jesus marvelled at people's unbelief, but the centurion is the only time that Jesus is said to have marvelled at someone's faith! (Hebrews 11:6)

B. He _____ About Saving Faith (vv. 11–12)

It wasn't about their heritage, their pedigree, their education or where they worshipped, it was about genuine faith in Jesus Christ!

Conclusion

Matthew 8:13 *And Jesus said unto the centurion, Go thy way; and as thou hast believed, so be it done unto thee. And his servant was healed in the selfsame hour.*

MY NOTES