

## **Healing of the Centurion's servant**

### **Scripture Reading: Matthew 8:5-13, Luke 7:1-10**

The servant of a centurion who lived in Capernaum was very sick. He believed that Jesus is able to heal his servant. Jesus came to that village. But since the centurion was a Roman; he was hesitant to come to Jesus.

At first he sent some elders of the Jews to Jesus to ask of him if He will come and heal his servant. In Luke 7:3-5 we see that the Jewish elders came to Jesus and said that the centurion was deserved to be helped. They said that he loved the nation and has also built a synagogue for them. They therefore pleaded Jesus to go and heal his servant. Jesus decided to go to the centurions' house and heal his servant.

When they were on the way, the centurion had sent word through his friends to Jesus. He said, "Lord, do not trouble Yourself, for I am not worthy that You should enter under my roof. I did not even think myself worthy to come to You. But just say the word, and my servant will be healed. For I am also a man placed under authority. My orders are obeyed. You have authority over all things. You just say a word and my servant will be healed"

When Jesus heard these things, He marveled at the centurion's attitude and turned around and said to the crowd that followed Him that He has not found such a great faith in Israel. Jesus looked at them and said that the servant is made well of his sickness. When the friends of the centurion returned home, the servant was completely fine and healthy.

When we realize that distance does not limit the power of God and call out to him in times of trouble, He is willing and able to help us.

### **Questions:**

1. What did the Centurion believe concerning his servant's healing?
2. What did the centurion want Jesus to do?
3. What did Jesus say about the centurion?