

Jesus heals the Leper, A Centurion's Servant, Peter's Mother-in-Law healed – "Jehovah Rophe", The Great Physician

Matthew 8:1-17 King James Version

I. The Leper: The Spiritual and Physical cleansing.

¹ When he was come down from the mountain, great multitudes followed him.

² And, behold, there came a leper and worshipped him, saying, Lord, if thou wilt, thou canst make me clean. * Among the Jews, leprosy was looked upon, as a particular mark of God's displeasure. *Because this disease, was supposed to come immediately and directly from the hand of God, it could only be removed immediately by his hand. The leper asked and it was done.

³ And Jesus put forth his hand, and touched him, saying, **I will; be thou clean.** And immediately his leprosy was cleansed.* Christ by his divine nature, proved, by recovering many from the leprosy, and therefore authorizing his disciples to do so in his name.(Matt. 10:8). *Jesus said I will: not grudgingly, not regrettably, but compassionately. Jesus speaks with words of power and authority. And with one command, the leper was healed. Jesus is willing to heal us, clean us and save us if we are willing to give Him a chance.

⁴ And Jesus saith unto him, **See thou tell no man; but go thy way, shew thyself to the priest, and offer the gift that Moses commanded, for a testimony unto them.** * Jesus followed the tradition of the old law when it came to state of leprosy(Leviticus 14:2).

II. The Centurion's Servant

A) The Humbleness of the gentile in authority.

⁵ And when Jesus was entered into Capernaum, there came unto him a centurion, beseeching him,* A centurion, a Gentile, a Roman officer of the army. He came to him not demanding a cure, but with cap in hand.

⁶ And saying, Lord, my servant lieth at home sick of the palsy, grievously tormented. *He did not turn him away when he was sick. He did not send him to his friends, not let him lie by neglected, but sought out the best relief he could for him. The Greatest Physician of all. The palsy is a disease in which the physician's skill commonly fails.

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

* To show that Jesus not only had compassion , but also has no respect of person. He is willing to heal the poor as well as the rich. The sinner as well as His own.

⁸ The centurion answered and said, Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldest come under my roof: but speak the word only, and my servant shall be healed. *The centurion was a great man, yet he owned his unworthiness before God.

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; and to my servant, Do this, and he doeth it.

B) The Admiration of Jesus towards the Centurion

¹⁰ When Jesus heard it, he marvelled, and said to them that followed, **Verily I say unto you, I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel.** *When Leaders refuse to seek God and believe, change will not take place.

¹¹ **And I say unto you, That many shall come from the east and west, and shall sit down with Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, in the kingdom of heaven.** The faith of the centurion was a beginning of the conversion of the Gentiles. Those who will be saved will come from all parts of the world, (Revelation 7:9, 21:24). Matthew 24:31 says, that the elect will be gathered from the four winds.

¹² **But the children of the kingdom shall be cast out into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.** *The Jews who continue live in their self-righteous ways, who have the initial right to inherit the kingdom will be cut off. Those, and this means us who have dark hearts and unwilling to repent will be cast in to outer darkness, away from the light of God.

C) Trusting and Working Faith

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. *Unwavering faith and humbleness move the Lord.

III. Peter's Mother-in law healed

¹⁴ And when Jesus was come into Peter's house, he saw his wife's mother laid, and sick of a fever.

¹⁵ And he touched her hand, and the fever left her: and she arose, and ministered unto them.

*Just as Jesus had compassion on the leper and paralytic, He also has compassion on Peter's mother-in-law. Like the leper, it was a touch for Jesus. Just as the woman with the issue of blood. Instant healing. She repays Jesus by ministering to Him. Praising Him and worshipping Him. When was the last time we ministered unto the Lord for what He has done for us?

¹⁶ When the even was come, they brought unto him many that were possessed with devils: and he cast out the spirits with **his word**, and healed all that were sick: *In other words, natural diseases and sicknesses can be brought on by demonic affliction or possession. Since Jesus' appearance on earth, there seemed to be an onslaught of possessions and vexations of people by demons and evil spirits. This was designed by God to the prophetic words that Christ came break the cycle of sin and destroy the works of the devil.

¹⁷ That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying, Himself took our infirmities, and bare our sicknesses. *Our sins make our sickness our grief. Jesus carried our infirmities, illnesses, sins and eternal death on the cross.(Isaiah 53:4 and 1Peter 2:24).