

Bible Study on Luke 7:1-18

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Verses included

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1 Now when he had ended all his sayings in the audience of the people, he entered into Capernaum. 2 And a certain centurion's servant, who was dear unto him, was sick, and ready to die. 3 And when he heard of Jesus, he sent unto him the elders of the Jews, beseeching him that he would come and heal his servant. 4 And when they came to Jesus, they besought him instantly, saying, That he was worthy for whom he should do this: 5 For he loveth our nation, and he hath built us a synagogue. 6 Then Jesus went with them. And when he was now not far from the house, the centurion sent friends to him, saying unto him, Lord, trouble not thyself: for I am not worthy that thou shouldest enter under my roof: 7 Wherefore neither thought I myself worthy to come unto thee: but say in a word, and my servant shall be healed. 8 For I also am a man set under authority, having under me soldiers, and I say unto one, Go, and he goeth; and to another, Come, and he cometh; and to my servant, Do this, and he doeth it. {one: Gr. this man} 9 When Jesus heard these things, he marvelled at him, and turned him about, and said unto the people that followed him, I say unto you, I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel. 10 And they that were sent, returning to the house, found the servant whole that had been sick.

11 And it came to pass the day after, that he went into a city called Nain; and many of his disciples went with him, and much people. 12 Now when he came nigh to the gate of the city, behold, there was a dead man carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow: and much people of the city was with her. 13 And when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her, and said unto her, Weep not. 14 And he came and touched the bier: and they that bare him stood still. And he said, Young man, I say unto thee, Arise. {bier: or, coffin} 15 And he that was dead sat up, and began to speak. And he delivered him to his mother. 16 And there came a fear on all: and they glorified God, saying, That a great prophet is risen up among us; and, That God hath visited his people. 17 And this rumour of him went forth throughout all Judaea, and throughout all the region round about. 18 And the disciples of John shewed him of all these things..

Luke chapter 7

Jesus continues to be busy in the work the Father had purposed. Part Jesus' work was to heal those that were physically sick, and even dead in the case of the widow's son but the greater work was to impart truth. One critical part of that was that Jesus was showing himself to be God. There are many testimonies to this fact yet many still rejected it as they do today. What convinces you that Jesus is truly God? Why do you trust that the Bible is The Word of God? These are all important questions that we must answer for ourselves and for the answer we give others. Yes, "faith is the substance of things hoped for" but it is also "the evidence of things not seen." (Heb 11:1)

Jesus is providing plenty of evidence to those who are around him. Jesus has already performed many miracles in and around Capernaum which was in the province of Galilee situated on the northwest side of Lake Gennesaret (Sea of Galilee). Here in Luke 7 Jesus ended His teaching and a centurion sent Jewish friends to ask Him to heal his servant. It is remarkable that a Roman officer would ① call on Jesus and equally remarkable that ② he would care so much about his servant. This man had status, power, and most likely wealth. To most Romans, the Jews were inferior; which was similar to how most Jews viewed the Samaritans. Also note that the Jews must have held him in high regard as it was the Jewish elders that went on his behalf. What characteristics do you see in the centurion man that we ourselves should exhibit? This shows the remarkable power of Jesus to even heal a person separated by distance. The doctor's today with all the modern medicines and machines still can't match the power and wisdom of God.

Next Jesus goes to Nain which is about 22 miles from Capernaum and involved around 8-10 hours of walking. Jesus performs an even greater miracle here as he witnesses the people carrying the widows' dead son it says he had compassion. God indeed has a deep concern for the poor and afflicted and we would do well to remember it. For people that are truly needy we should do what we can to help and may God help us to do it. Jesus said in Matthew 25:40 *And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.*

What happened next is again a reminder of what we should be doing. In verse 16 the people feared God and glorified Him. It was noised abroad what great things the Lord had done.

Hopefully, as a Christian, you are telling others about our Lord and Saviour. His praise should ever be on our lips. He is gracious, merciful, loving, compassionate, all powerful, and wise. People need to know the truth and you may be the only one willing to share that truth with them. **Romans 10:14** How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?

I hope you enjoyed the lesson, may God bless you and your families. Please feel free to share it with others.