

Understanding Authority

Matthew 8:5-13 (Luke 7:1-10)

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Centurion’s servant near death. Luke 7:2ff

- **Matthew 8:6, “Lord, my servant is lying paralyzed at home, suffering great pain.” NASB**
- **Matthew 8:6, “Lord, my servant is lying at home paralyzed, dreadfully tormented.” NKJV**

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Elders of the Jews sent.

“He is worthy that thou shouldest do this for him; For he loveth our nation, and himself built us our synagogue.” Luke 7:4-6

Friends sent.

*“Lord trouble not thyself; for **I am not worthy** that thou shouldest come under my roof; wherefore neither thought I myself worthy to come unto thee: but **say the word, and my servant shall be healed.**” Luke 7:6-7*

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<p>Matthew 8:7-10</p> <p>“And he saith unto him, I will come and heal him. 8 And the centurion answered and said, Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldest come under my roof; but <u>only say the word,</u> and my servant shall be healed. 9 For I also am a man <u>under authority,</u> having under myself soldiers: and I say to this one, Go, and he goeth; and to another, Come, and he cometh; and to my servant, Do this, and he doeth it. 10 And when Jesus heard it, he marvelled, and said to them that followed, Verily I say unto you, I have not found so <u>great faith,</u> no, not in Israel.”</p>	<p>Luke 7:7-10</p> <p>“Wherefore neither thought I myself worthy to come unto thee: <u>but say the word,</u> and my servant shall be healed. 8 For I also am a man <u>set under authority,</u> having under myself soldiers: and I say to this one, Go, and he goeth; and to another Come, and he cometh; and to my servant, Do this, and he doeth it. 9 And when Jesus heard these things, he marvelled at him, and turned and said unto the multitude that followed him, I say unto you, I have not found so <u>great faith,</u> no, not in Israel. 10 And they that were sent, returning to the house, found the servant whole.”</p>
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He Understood Authority

Matthew 8:9; Luke 7:8

Chief Captain

(Acts 21:31)

↑ Under Authority

Centurion

↓ Authority Over

100 Soldiers

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Matthew 8:9; Luke 7:8

Go, Come, Do This Or Do That

Matthew 8:8, "Lord, ... **only say the word,** and my servant shall be healed."

Great faith

Luke 7:7, "Wherefore **neither thought I myself worthy to come unto thee: but say the word,** and my servant shall be healed."

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Contrasts in Faith

Matthew 8:10-12

Centurion

Israel

- Great faith. **8:10**
- Gentiles included in the kingdom due to faith. **8:11**
- Eternal life. **8:12**
- Servant healed. **8:13**
- Little faith. **8:10**
- Excluded from the kingdom due to lack of faith. **8:12**
- Eternal death. **8:12**

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Authority

"From the meaning of leave or **permission**, or liberty of doing as one pleases, it passed to that of the ability or **strength** with which one is endued, then to that of the **power of authority, the right to exercise power ... or the power of rule** or government, the **power of one whose will and commands must be obeyed by others.**" (Vine)

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The RIGHTS Of Authority: Jesus

Matthew 8:8-9 (Luke 7:7-8); 28:18

- Power to **Rule.** *Matthew 8:8-9 Christ (Psalms 110:1-2; Eph. 1:20-23)*
- Power to **Bless.** *Matthew 8:8, 13; cf. Romans 13:3-4 Christ (John 17:2; cf. Acts 3:26)*
- Power to **Judge.** *Matthew 8:9 Christ (John 19:10; 5:26-29; Acts 17:30-31; 2 Corinthians 5:10)*

Lesson: Our faith acknowledges that CHRIST possesses the right (power) to **rule**, to **bless** and to **judge** our submission to Him.

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SUBMISSION To Authority

Matthew 8:8-9; Luke 7:7-8

- **Some are unwilling to yield to authority ...**
 - Naaman. *2 Kings 5:1, 9-14*
 - King Saul. *1 Samuel 15:13-14, 19*
 - Israel. *Isaiah 30:8-11*
- **Some willingly yield ...** *John 9:6-7; Acts 26:19*

Lesson: Receive the blessings of faith from the authoritative one (CHRIST) only by submitting to His authority. *Matthew 8:13 (28:18-20; 7:21)*

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Faith And Authority

Matthew 8:8-9; Luke 7:7-8

- **Living by faith is respecting and obeying God's authority:**
 - Authority CONVEYED through word. *John 12:48-50*
 - Faith comes ONLY through His word. *Romans 10:17*
 - Saving faith is OBEDIENT to authority. *James 2:14-26*

Lesson: Difficulty over the subject of Bible authority shows a lack of faith in CHRIST who has ALL authority! (*Matthew 28:18; Colossians 3:17*)

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Faithless Or Believing?

Matthew 8:12-13

- God's plan of salvation.
 - True worship. *John 4:24*
 - Church organization and work.
 - Doctrinal purity. *Galatians 1:6-9 (2 John 9)*
 - Moral purity. *Philippians 4:8*
- Lesson: Living by faith **CHOOSES** to submit to the authority of Christ in all things.
(*Colossians 3:17; Matthew 7:21-23*)

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Great Faith

Matthew 8:12-13

- Trust and submit to Christ's authority.
– *How great is your faith?*
- Will you submit to the authority of Christ? *Colossians 3:17; Matthew 7:21*
– *"... Say the word.*

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