


**A Divine Visitation by
a Great Prophet Like
Elisha and Elijah**

Luke 7:1-17


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**The healing of the
centurion's slave**

- **Luke 7:1, 2**


When He had completed all His discourse in the hearing of the people, He went to Capernaum. And a certain centurion's slave, who was highly regarded by him, was sick and about to die.



**As a gentile, the centurion does not
presume to contact Jesus directly**


- **Luke 7:3**

And when he heard about Jesus, he sent some Jewish elders asking Him to come and save the life of his slave.

 The Jewish leaders consider the centurion a benefactor


■ **Luke 7:4, 5**

And when they had come to Jesus, they earnestly entreated Him, saying, "He is worthy for You to grant this to him; for he loves our nation, and it was he who built us our synagogue."

 He knows he has no claim on Jesus

■ **Luke 7:6**

Now Jesus started on His way with them; and when He was already not far from the house, the centurion sent friends, saying to Him, "Lord, do not trouble Yourself further, for I am not worthy for You to come under my roof;"

 Faith in Jesus as One with authority

■ **Luke 7:7, 8**

for this reason I did not even consider myself worthy to come to You, but just say the word, and my servant will be healed. For I, too, am a man under authority, with soldiers under me; and I say to this one, "Go!" and he goes; and to another, "Come!" and he comes; and to my slave, "Do this!" and he does it."

Great faith and the power of God

■ **Luke 7:9, 10**

Now when Jesus heard this, He marveled at him, and turned and said to the multitude that was following Him, "I say to you, not even in Israel have I found such great faith." And when those who had been sent returned to the house, they found the slave in good health.


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A powerless woman meets Jesus


■ **Luke 7:11, 12**

And it came about soon afterwards, that He went to a city called Nain; and His disciples were going along with Him, accompanied by a large multitude. Now as He approached the gate of the city, behold, a dead man was being carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow; and a sizeable crowd from the city was with her.


 **Jesus raises the dead**

■ **Luke 7:13- 15**

And when the Lord saw her, He felt compassion for her, and said to her, “Do not weep.” And He came up and touched the coffin; and the bearers came to a halt. And He said, “Young man, I say to you, arise!” And the dead man sat up, and began to speak. And Jesus gave him back to his mother.


 **Allusions to Elijah and the widow**

Luke 7:11-15	1Kings 17:8-24
■ A widow with an only son (12)	■ A widow with an only son (12)
■ They meet at the city gate (12)	■ They meet at the city gate (10)
■ “Do not weep” (13)	■ “Do not fear” (13)
■ “gave him back to his mother” (15)	■ “gave him back to his mother” (23)

 **A divine visitation through a great prophet**


■ **Luke 7:16, 17**

And fear gripped them all, and they began glorifying God, saying, “A great prophet has arisen among us!” and, “God has visited His people!” And this report concerning Him went out all over Judea, and in all the surrounding district.



Applications


- 1) Approach the Lord with a sense of unworthiness.
- 2) Great faith has Christ as its object.
- 3) Avoid the Word of Faith misinterpretation of the power of spoken words.



- 1) Approach the Lord with a sense of unworthiness.

■ **Luke 15:18, 19**

“I will get up and go to my father, and will say to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven, and in your sight; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me as one of your hired men.’”



- 1) Approach the Lord with a sense of unworthiness.

■ **Luke 18:13**

“But the tax-gatherer, standing some distance away, was even unwilling to lift up his eyes to heaven, but was beating his breast, saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, the sinner!’”

1) Approach the Lord with a sense of unworthiness.

■ **Luke 23:40-42**

But the other answered, and rebuking him said, "Do you not even fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed justly, for we are receiving what we deserve for our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong."

2) Great faith has Christ as its object.

■ **Matthew 15:27, 28**

But she said, "Yes, Lord; but even the dogs feed on the crumbs which fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered and said to her, "O woman, your faith is great; be it done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed at once.

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■ **Luke 17:15, 16**

Now one of them, when he saw that he had been healed, turned back, glorifying God with a loud voice, and he fell on his face at His feet, giving thanks to Him. And he was a Samaritan.

2) Great faith has Christ as its object.

- **Luke 17:17- 19**
 And Jesus answered and said, "Were there not ten cleansed? But the nine-- where are they? Was no one found who turned back to give glory to God, except this foreigner?" And He said to him, "Rise, and go your way; your faith has made you well."

3) Avoid the Word of Faith misinterpretation of the power of spoken words.

- **Hebrews 11:3**
 By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things which are visible.
- **Mark 11:22**
 And Jesus answered saying to them, "Have faith in God."
