

Are You Worthy To Have God Enter Your House?

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“That is why I did not even consider myself WORTHY - ἡξιῶσα - to come to you. But say the Word, and my servant will be healed. For I myself am a man under authority, with soldiers under me. I tell this one, ‘Go’ and he goes; and that one, ‘Come’ and he comes. I say to my servant, Do this, and he does it.’ When Jesus heard this, He was amazed at him, and turning to the crowd following Him, He said, ‘I tell you, I have not found such great faith even in Israel.’ Then the men who had been sent returned to the house and found the servant well.”

Is anyone really WORTHY to be the President of the United States or to be the Ruler of any nation?

God tells us in **Romans 13:1** – **“Everyone must submit himself to the governing authorities for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God.”** God is the one Who Establishes leaders, even when leaders think it was by their own great ability.

Is someone really WORTHY to be a Pastor or Teacher Preaching and teaching the Word of God?

God tells us through the Apostle Paul - **Ephesians 4:7; 10-11** - **But to each one of us grace has been given as Christ apportioned it. He Who descended in the very One Who Ascended higher than all the heavens in order to fill the Whole universe. It was HE Who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be Pastors and teachers.”** God is the one Who Establishes Pastors, even when Pastors think it was by their own great ability.

Is someone really WORTHY to be a Mother or Father with Children to care for? God tells us through the Psalmist: **Psalm 127:1 & 3** – **“Unless the Lord builds the house its builders labor in vain. Unless the Lord watches over the city, the watchmen stand guard in vain. Sons are a heritage FROM the LORD, children a reward from HIM.”**

God is the one Who grants men and women children to be parents, even when men and women think it was by their own ability and strength to be parents.

In this section from Luke chapter 7:1-10 we see the Faith of a Centurion and the humility that he shows and has for God and the love for his servant / slave - δουλός -

We first off see the caring attitude of the Centurion as he sends a delegation to get help for his servant, his slave. He is a Roman Centurion. He could simply get a new servant when the present one dies, yet he sends a delegation to JESUS for Help for the Servant, The slave.

The fact that the Centurion sent a delegation of Jewish Elders also demonstrates his regard for and respect for the Jewish faith. The Centurion is a Gentile. As a Gentile he would not have been allowed into the Jewish Temple.

Then as Jesus comes to The Home of the Centurion, the Centurion sends some friends who are to say to Jesus: **Vs. 6b** – **Lord do not trouble yourself, for I do not deserve to have YOU come under my roof.**

Vs. 7 – **That is why I did not even consider myself WORTHY to come to you. But say the Word, and my servant will be healed.**

It is interesting in this text that the Delegation who went to Jesus on behalf of the Centurion, when they get to Jesus they tell Jesus how *Worthy* they think the Centurion is to have Jesus come and help.

They list the fact that the Centurion DESERVES to have Jesus heal the servant because the Centurion Loves the Jewish nation and even built their Synagogue in Capernaum. The Word for DESERVES is from the GREEK Word for WORTHY - Αξιῶσ -

This is the same root that is used in Greek when the Centurion says that He is NOT Worthy. A little play on Words in the Greek.

Even though the Centurion is unworthy to have Jesus / God enter his house. Jesus does grant the request and heals the servant.

By doing this miracle, Jesus shows that He is God. It is a miracle, and a miracle is a - σημιον - a sign.

When we see a stop sign we know we need to stop. When we see Jesus do a miracle we know He is God!

As God, Jesus is not only able to help us in our earthly troubles, He is the One Who has saved us from hell and won heaven for us by His innocent suffering and death on the cross and His glorious resurrection from the dead.

This Centurion realized that he did not deserve God's love, yet Jesus gave it anyway.

No one deserves God's goodness or love as we learn from Scripture.

Psalm 51:5 – Surely I was sinful at birth sinful from the time my Mother conceived me.

Isaiah 64:6 – All of us have become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous acts are like filthy rags. We all shrivel up like a leaf and like the wind our sins sweep us away.

Genesis 6:5 – The Lord saw how great man's wickedness on the earth had become and that every inclination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil all the time.

Matthew 15:19 – For out of the heart come evil thoughts, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false testimony, slander. These are what make a man unclean.

Despite our sinfulness Jesus, Who is God our Savior, still won heaven for us.

He still came into the world and took on flesh and blood and took our sin upon Himself and defeated Satan, and death and paid the price for all our sin. His victory is complete because on the third day Jesus rose from the dead Victorious. Jesus still won heaven for us, so we can look forward to heaven.

We are not worthy to enter God's Heaven on the Last Day, Yet because of Jesus our Risen Savior, Heaven is your Home! AMEN