

WESTERN WISDOM BIBLE STUDY

Healing Miracles of Christ

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Healing the Centurion's Servant

Now when he had ended all his sayings in the audience of the people, he entered into Capernaum.

And a certain centurion's servant, who was dear unto him, was sick, and ready to die.

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.

And when they came to Jesus, they besought him instantly, saying, That he was worthy for whom he should do this.

For he loveth our nation, and he hath built us a synagogue.

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 shouldst enter under my roof.—*Luke 7:1-10.*

The story of the Centurion is recorded by both Matthew and Luke. This man, vested in military authority under the Roman government, had yet learned in his worldly contacts to practice the two principles: humility or self-effacement, and active faith; truly an unusual achievement. Thus he was already qualified to become a follower of the Way, and to be made immediately the recipient of the Master's interest and benefits. "I have not found so great a faith, no, not in Israel," were the Master's words descriptive of the Centurion. The Centurion's bond slave, who was dear to him, was ill, and he had sent friends to ask the aid of the Great Healer, a request which was instantly granted. When the messengers returned home, they found the bond slave whole.

A supremely dedicated life centered in humility and service for others is the working formula for successful discipleship, and will always be productive of results, as exemplified in the response of the Master to the Centurion's request.

In this case we have another instance

of absent healing, as we saw in the story of the Syrophenician woman and her daughter. Spirit permeates all things and all places in its active or positive manifestation, and matter itself is also spirit, form being the result of crystallizations around the negative pole of spirit, which is space. Therefore the occultist declares that God is Spirit and that no man can be separated from Him in reality. Separateness of Man from God, Matter from Spirit, is but illusion. Unity is the reality, and as the concept of Unity is developed in consciousness, healing at a distance becomes possible. This is what Christ was demonstrating and teaching to the Disciples when He accomplished healings at a distance from the patient.

Verse eight is an esoteric description of a long and earnest preparatory training which leads to the conquest of self. The soldiers and servants are faculties within man himself. When the modern aspirant can affirm: "I say to this one, go, and he goes; and to another, come, and he comes, and to my servant, do this, and he does it," then he, too, is ready to receive the commendation and favor of the Master and to become aware that his life and his work have been found worthy to come into the aura of His divine and protective Presence.

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Disease is really a fire, the invisible Fire which is the Father endeavoring to break up the crystallized conditions which we have gathered in our bodies....

Christ is an embodiment of the Wisdom Principle, and in proportion as the Christ is formed in us we attain to health.—Max Heindel.