

“I Have Not Found Such Great Faith”
Matthew 8:10

The record of the Capernaum centurion moved our Lord Jesus to “marvel”! (Matthew 8:5-13.) How did this centurion cause our Lord to marvel and how was the faith of this man classified as “great”? What can these Biblical facts contribute to our own faith?

- I. How Did The Centurion Cause Our Lord To Marvel And How Was The Faith Of The Man Classified As Great?
 - A. One reason that Jesus marveled at the faith this centurion showed is that he was a Roman, a Gentile, and not a Jew and yet he firmly believed that Jesus could heal his servant! When Jesus offered to come to his house to heal his servant he said, “Lord, I am not worthy for you to come under my roof, but just say the word, and my servant will be healed.” (Matthew 8:8.)
 - B. The Jewish leadership rejected both John the Baptist and Jesus, and yet this centurion fully believed in Jesus’ ability to heal his servant, being outside of Israel! (Matthew 21:23-27.)
 - C. Another centurion, Cornelius, also showed great faith in God and his prayers and alms ascended as a memorial before God! (Acts 10:1-4.)
 - D. In Mark 7 we even have the example of the Syro-Phoenician woman, a Gentile, who came seeking Jesus to take an unclean spirit out of her daughter and who was determined not to be put off! This is another demonstration of the great faith that was on display by those who were not Jews in the days of Jesus’ ministry! (Mark 7:25-30.)
- II. How Can These Facts Contribute To Our Own Faith?
 - A. If the information that was becoming known about Jesus could produce such results in Gentile communities, how did the Jews as a nation reject Him? (Mark 1:45; 7:24; 15:8-15.)
 - B. Our Lord Jesus called the faith of the centurion “great” and He marveled at it. Today, there is great evidence of so many who show little or no faith and who, as a result, are becoming casualties and falling away when they should be stepping up in their faith in the Lord! (Matthew 15:28; Hebrews 11:6.)
 - C. In spite of the centurion’s unworthiness, he still acted on his belief and came to Jesus and humbled himself in order to petition our Lord on behalf of his servant! (Matthew 8:8-10.)
 - D. We must re-evaluate the nature of our faith in our time! (I Thessalonians 1:3; Hebrews 10:38.) Faith must be our sure and steady stronghold! (Psalms 9:9, 10.)