

SERMON NOTES – 01/03, 2021

I. THE REJECTED MAN vv.2-4

II. THE RESPECTED MAN vv.5-13

Soldiers were not only oppressors but traitors in the eyes of the populace.

He was possibly even a Samaritan, a half-breed Jew who was hated even more than Gentiles.

This **centurion** was undoubtedly a God-fearing Gentile.

Jesus knew the man's heart and did not need to hear a direct request.

The centurion ...

- ❖ affirmed the divine lordship of Christ,
- ❖ believing that Jesus was indeed God &
- ❖ consequently, had the power to heal his paralyzed servant.

But the benefit of the Gospel, which is salvation, is appropriated by faith.

The Jews played an integral part in God's bringing the Messiah & His Gospel.

They are also destined to play an important role in the end times.

To the Jews God had given the unique promises & privileges of His kingdom...

Jewish tradition taught that sinners/Gentiles would spend eternity in the outer darkness of Gehenna.

Part of the supernatural quality of hell is that it will continue for all eternity in total darkness.

Because they are false **sons of the kingdom**, they

- annul the divine promise,
- forfeit the divine blessing, &
- are forever barred from the divine kingdom.

Jesus did not give the principle as a universal promise to all believers.

It is sovereignly applied as the Lord saw fit (9.29).

III. THE RELATED WOMAN vv.14-15

Physical health, race, social status, or gender ... made no difference to Him.

Being humble & aware of their need may have advantaged the disadvantaged.

That the kingdom was open to faithful Gentiles certainly did not mean it was closed to faithful Jews.

FAITH vv.5-13

1. Our sense of unworthiness should not **prevent** us from seeking God's help
2. Jesus commends faith that trusts in His absolute authority.
3. J. graciously includes outcasts in His kingdom.
4. J. will exclude many who feel entitled to His kingdom.

POWER vv.14-17

5. J. heals with His powerful touch.
6. J. casts out demons with His powerful command.
7. J. saves sinners with His powerful sacrifice.