

Being Under Gets You Over

5 And when Jesus was entered into Capernaum, there came unto him a centurion, beseeching him,

beseeching be·sought (-sôt) or be·seeched, be·seech·ing, be·seech·es. 1. To address an earnest or urgent request to; implore: beseech them for help. 2. To request ...you must help me.

6 And saying, Lord, my servant lieth at home sick of the palsy, grievously tormented.

The gentile captain recognized that along with sickness he was being tormented.

Bennett conjectures that the centurion's palsied servant grievously tormented was suffering from progressive paralysis with respiratory spasms (see PAIN). The substantive paralysis is only once used in the Septuagint in Ezek 21:10, but here it refers to the loosing of the sword, not to the disease.

7 And Jesus saith unto him, I will come and heal him.

The beseeching apparently was enough for Jesus to direct his journey to his house to heal the servant. It's what unfolds later in the conversation that explains the must and the depth of his understanding.

8 The centurion answered and said, Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldest come under my roof: but speak the word only, and my servant shall be healed.

I am not worthy for you to come under my care and hospitality, it would not be able to honor you enough.

"but" speak - the means to transfer power. The word - all that is ever necessary

9 For I am a man under authority, having soldiers under me: and I say to this man, Go, and he goeth; and to another, Come, and he cometh; and to my servant, Do this, and he doeth it.

This is how I came to understand

For I am a man under authority - because I am under authority I was given authority

Because I am under I say to this one go and he goeth

Because I am under I say to another come and he cometh

Because I am under I say to my servant (if we know anything about the servant he was submissive)

10 When Jesus heard it, he marveled, and said to them that followed, Verily I say unto you, I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel.

Usually Jesus marveled at unbelief

The gentile captain had more faith than the Hebrew disciples - ?

He understood Jesus was under the Authority of God and had Gods Authority

He understood what was making his servant sick was not God and an enemy

He understood that what was tormenting his servant was subject to Jesus

We understand that because he did not know who he was he could not address it (peter)

11 And I say unto you, That many shall come from the east and west, and shall sit down with Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, in the kingdom of heaven.

12 But the children of the kingdom shall be cast out into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

Entitlement mentality, thinking someone owes you or should do something because of privilege due to birth or citizenship. Thus the work ethic of investment is circumvented with the promise of substance without labor.

13 And Jesus said unto the centurion, Go thy way; and as thou hast believed, so be it done unto thee. And his servant was healed in the selfsame hour.

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