

Matthew 8:7

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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

Analysis

Jesus' immediate willingness 'I will come and heal him' demonstrates His compassionate readiness to help and His freedom from ethnic exclusivism. Despite Jewish-Gentile barriers, Jesus doesn't hesitate to enter a Gentile home (which would incur ceremonial defilement). This prefigures the gospel's expansion to Gentiles and shows that Christ came to destroy the dividing wall between Jew and Gentile (Ephesians 2:14). His mission was always for 'all nations.'

Historical Context

Entering Gentile homes was controversial for Jews concerned with ceremonial purity. Yet Jesus consistently violated these barriers to demonstrate the gospel's universal scope. This anticipates Peter's vision in Acts 10 where God declares all foods (and peoples) clean.

Related Passages

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

Study Questions

1. How does Jesus' willingness to enter the centurion's home demonstrate the gospel destroying ethnic and social barriers?
2. What prejudices or social boundaries might you need to cross to demonstrate Christ-like compassion?

Interlinear Text

καὶ	λέγει	αὐτόν	ο	Ἰησοῦς,	Ἐγὼ	ἐλθὼν	θεραπεύσω
And	saith	him	G3588	Jesus	I	will come	and heal
G2532	G3004	G846		G2424	G1473	G2064	G2323

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him

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Additional Cross-References

Luke 7:6 (References Jesus): 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 shouldest enter under my roof:

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