

# Matthew 8:7

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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

## Analysis

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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

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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

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**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

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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

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καὶ λέγει αὐτόν ὁ Ἰησοῦς, Ἐγὼ ἐλθὼν θεραπεύσω  
**And** **saith** **him** <sup>G3588</sup> **Jesus** **I** **will come** **and heal**  
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## Additional Cross-References

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**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: