

“JESUS CHRIST - A MAN APPROVED OF GOD ([Acts 2:22](#))”

Miracle #10 – “THE CENTURION’S SERVANT”

[Matthew 8:5-8,9-12,13](#); [Luke 7:1-4,5-8,9-10](#)

**“THE WHOLE WORLD MAY BELIEVE AND BE SAVED ...
and ISRAEL BE BROUGHT TO JEALOUSY!”**

The following two points sum up the Centurion’s servant miracle by Christ ... that

1. The Gentiles might have Christ’s **salvation** privilege afforded to Israel.

*“Even us, **whom he hath called**, not of the Jews only, but also of the **Gentiles**? As he saith also in Osee (Book of Hosea), I will call them my people (**the Gentiles**), which were not my people; and her beloved, which was not beloved (**the Gentiles**). And it shall come to pass, that in the place where it was said unto them, Ye (**the Gentiles**) are not my people; there shall **they be called the children of the living God.**” ([Romans 9:24-26](#))*

2. Israel will be brought to **jealousy**

*“But I say, Did not Israel know? First Moses saith, I will **provoke you to jealousy** by them that are no people (**the Gentiles**), and by **a foolish nation (the Gentiles)** I will anger you. But Esaias is very bold, and saith, I was found of them (**the Gentiles**) that sought me not; I was made manifest unto them (**the Gentiles**) that **asked not after me**. But to Israel he saith, All day long I have stretched forth my hands unto a disobedient and gainsaying people (**Israel**).” ([Romans 10:19-21](#))*

Now Dear Reader, in Israel’s history, any other nation, indeed individual, could believe in the God Almighty JEHOVAH, convert to become a Jew, and have the temporary salvation privileges that a Jew had. A classic example is evidenced by Nineveh turning to the LORD upon the visit by Jonah ([Jonah 3:5-10](#)). They were **not** seeking the LORD.

Now although the Centurion’s case is different ... as he **seeks** the Lord God ... as he *“... loveth our nation (**Israel**), and he hath built us a synagogue”* ([Luke 7:5](#)) ... **the principle is the same** ... that an individual Gentile, indeed another nation, may find grace and mercy with the Lord Jesus Christ being the LORD God Jehovah manifest in the flesh ([1 Timothy 3:16](#)).

THE POINT OF THE MIRACLE ...

The centurion being a commander of men, understood **humility, authority** and **obedience** without doubting and questioning. He knew the authority of Christ that no Jew knew ... to only speak the word would be sufficient ([Matthew 8:8](#))

"When Jesus heard it, he marvelled, and said to them that followed, Verily I say unto you, **I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel**" ([Matthew 8:10](#)).

because

"For I (**the centurion**) 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**" ([Matthew 8:9](#)).

THE RESULT ...

"And I say unto you, That many (**Gentiles**) shall come from the east and west, and shall sit down with Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, in the kingdom of heaven (**not the kingdom of God at this stage**). But the children of the kingdom (**the Christ rejecting Jews that put Jesus on the cross**) shall be cast out into outer darkness (**hell**): there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth." ([Matthew 8:11-12](#))

Unlike the centurion, Israel had **no humility** and **obedience** to Christ, as they did not recognise Christ's **authority**,

BUT ISRAEL'S COMFORT IS ...

"I say then, **Hath God cast away his people? God forbid.** For I also am an Israelite, of the seed of Abraham, of the tribe of Benjamin. **God hath not cast away his people which he foreknew.**" ([Romans 11:1-2](#))

AND TO THE GENTILES ...

"And if some of the (**natural**) branches be broken off (**Israel**), and thou, being a wild olive tree (**the Gentile**), wert grafted in among them, and with them partakest of the root and fatness of the olive tree; Boast not against the branches. But if thou (**the Gentile**) boast, thou bearest not the root, but the root thee. Thou wilt say then, The branches (**Israel**) were broken off, that I (**the Gentile**) might be grafted in. Well; because of unbelief they (**Israel**) were broken off, and thou (**the Gentile**) standest by faith. Be not highminded, but fear:" ([Romans 11:17-20](#))

INDEED ...

"And they also, if they (**Israel**) abide not still in unbelief, shall be grafted in: for God is able to graff them in again. For if thou (**the Gentile**) wert cut out of the olive tree which is wild by nature, and wert grafted contrary to nature into a good olive tree: how much more shall these, which be the natural branches (**Israel**), be grafted into their own olive tree?" ([Romans 11:23-24](#))

THE FULFILMENT OF PROPHECY ...

"But I say, Did not Israel know? First Moses saith, I (**the LORD God Jehovah the Lord Jesus Christ**) will provoke you (**Israel**) to jealousy by them that are no people (**the Gentile**), and by a foolish nation (**the Gentile**) I (**God**) will anger you (**Israel**)."
([Romans 10:19](#))

THE MORAL OF THE STORY?

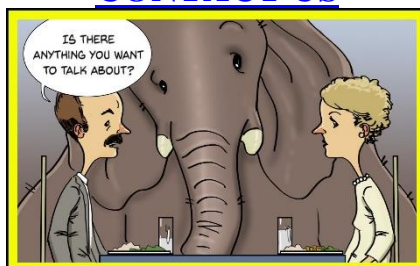
Dear Reader, be a centurion! Humble yourself and come to Jesus Christ!

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