

Luke 7:1-17; 36-50 – (v. 16b) - “GOD HAS COME TO HELP HIS PEOPLE”

I. V. 1-10 HE RESPONDS TO _____

A Roman Centurion was a leader of 100 soldiers, who basically did his bidding. As far as the Jews were concerned, he was the _____.

But there’s something different about this centurion.

v. 2 – he valued his servant

v. 5 – He loved the _____, and even built the Jews a synagogue.

v. 6 – The centurion considered himself unworthy and undeserving.

v. 7-8 - He understood _____.

v. 9 – Jesus was amazed/astounded.

v. 10 – and the servant is healed.

Stop focusing on what you’re not, and focus on Who _____ is!! He has ALL power and authority!! His Name is above every name – even the name of your predicament or challenge!!

II. V. 11-16 HE DEFEATS _____ It is appointed unto man once to die (Heb. 9:27).

Christ’s Resurrection defeated death!! I Cor. 15:51-58 (Living Bible) ⁵¹ But I am telling you this strange and wonderful secret: we shall not all die, but we shall all be given new bodies! ⁵² It will all happen in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, when the last trumpet is blown. For there will be a trumpet blast from the sky, and all the Christians who have died will suddenly become alive, with new bodies that will never, never die; and then we who are still alive shall suddenly have new bodies too. ⁵³ For our earthly bodies, the ones we have now that can die, must be transformed into heavenly bodies that cannot perish but will live forever. ⁵⁴ When this happens, then at last this Scripture will come true—“Death is swallowed up in victory.” ⁵⁵⁻⁵⁶ O death, where then your victory? Where then your sting? For sin—the sting that causes death—will all be gone; and the law, which reveals our sins, will no longer be our judge. ⁵⁷ How we thank God for all of this! It is he who makes us victorious through Jesus Christ our Lord! ⁵⁸ So, my dear brothers, since future victory is sure, be strong and steady, always abounding in the Lord’s work, for you know that nothing you do for the Lord is ever wasted as it would be if there were no resurrection.

I Thess. 4: ¹³ But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. ¹⁴ For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him. ¹⁵ For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not precede them which are asleep. ¹⁶ For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: ¹⁷ Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. ¹⁸ Wherefore comfort one another with these words.

III. V. 11-16 HE DRIES OUR _____ (v.13)

Ps. 6:6 - I am worn out from my groaning. All night long I flood my bed with weeping and drench my couch with tears.” 39:12 - “Hear my prayer, Lord, listen to my cry for help; do not be deaf to my weeping.” 42:3 – My tears have been my food day and night, while people say to me all day long, “Where is your God?” 56:8 (NKJV)– You number my wanderings; Put my tears into Your bottle; *Are they* not in Your book? Isa. 25:8 - The Sovereign Lord will wipe away the tears from all faces; Isa. 38:5 - God told Isaiah to tell Hezekiah – “I have heard your prayer and seen your tears.” Rev. 7:17 – For the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd; He will lead them to springs of living water.’ ‘And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.’” Rev. 21:4 - He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death’ or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.”

IV. V. 36FF – HE IS WORTHY OF OUR PRAISE AND WORSHIP

It was custom in that day that when a guest came to your house, you did 3 things for them:

1. You greeted them with a _____
2. You washed their _____
3. You put oil on their head – it was like being “freshened up”.

V. 38 - Kneeling was a sign of honor and respect.

V. 47 - She was forgiven much, so she _____ much.

What do you have to bring Jesus?

Isa. 53:12 - Jesus poured out His life for us

Phil. 2:17 Paul says he was being poured out like an offering

II Tim. 4:6 he says he is ready to be poured out like an offering.

WHAT ARE THESE VERSES SAYING? They are saying that LIVING OUR LIVES IN SERVICE TO GOD AND _____ is what TRUE WORSHIP IS!!!

Jesus said, “when you do it to the least of these, you do it to Me.” Matt. 25:40

GOD HAS COME TO HELP HIS PEOPLE.

1. He responds to faith
2. He defeats death
3. He dries our tears
4. He is worthy of our praise and worship

