

## The Portrait of a Marvelous Person in God's Sight

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*[1] After he had finished all his sayings in the hearing of the people, he entered Capernaum. [2] Now a centurion had a servant who was sick and at the point of death, who was highly valued by him. [3] When the centurion heard about Jesus, he sent to him elders of the Jews, asking him to come and heal his servant. [4] And when they came to Jesus, they pleaded with him earnestly, saying, "He is worthy to have you do this for him, [5] for he loves our nation, and he is the one who built us our synagogue." [6] And Jesus went with them. When he was not far from the house, the centurion sent friends, saying to him, "Lord, do not trouble yourself, for I am not worthy to have you come under my roof. [7] Therefore I did not presume to come to you. But say the word, and let my servant be healed. [8] For I too am a man set under authority, with soldiers under me: and I say to one, 'Go,' and he goes; and to another, 'Come,' and he comes; and to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does it." [9] When Jesus heard these things, he marveled at him, and turning to the crowd that followed him, said, "I tell you, not even in Israel have I found such faith." [10] And when those who had been sent returned to the house, they found the servant well. [Luke 7:1-10]*

1. Jesus marvels at love, compassion, mercy, and generosity toward people, that flows from a heart that loves God.
2. Jesus marvels at those who love the truth of His Words.
3. Jesus marvels at true humility before God.
4. Jesus marvels at solid faith and hope in Him and His power and sovereign authority.
5. Jesus marvels at joyful, obedient, passionate submission to His Lordship.

*[28] ...when Jesus finished these sayings, the crowds were astonished at his teaching, [Matt 7:28]  
[27] ...the men marveled, saying, "What sort of man is this, that even winds and sea obey him?" [Matt 8:27]  
[33] ...when the demon had been cast out, the mute man spoke. And the crowds marveled, saying, "Never was anything like this seen in Israel." [Matt 9:33]  
[31] ...the crowd wondered, when they saw the mute speaking, the crippled healthy, the lame walking, and the blind seeing. And they glorified the God of Israel. [Matt 15:31]  
[12] ...Peter rose and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; and he went home marveling at what had happened. [Luke 24:12]*

*[3] "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. [Matt 5:3]  
[8] ...when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord." [Luke 5:8]  
[13] But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' [Luke 18:13]  
[17] The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise. [Psalm 51:17]*