

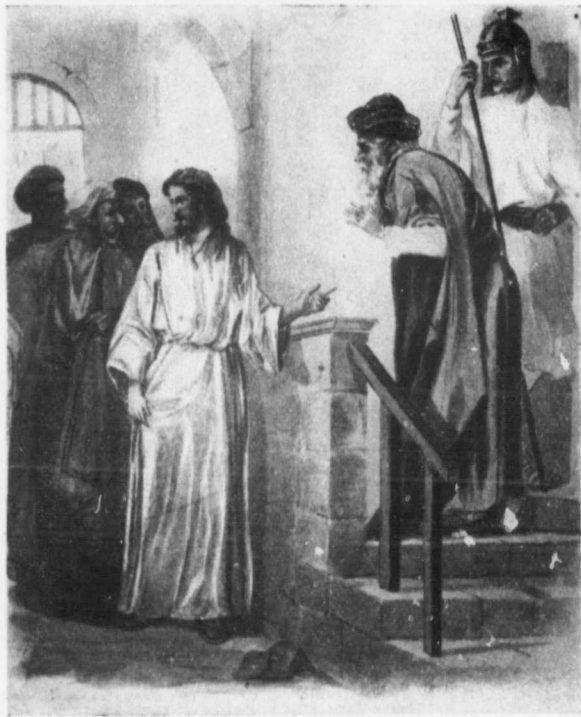
Lesson IV.

THE CENTURION'S SERVANT HEALED

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Luke 7 : 1-10—Memory Verses, 9, 10

Golden Text—Like as a father pitieth his children, so the Lord pitieth them that fear him.—Ps. 103 : 13.



1 Now when he had ended all his sayings in the audience of the people, he entered into Capernaum.

2 And a certain centurion's servant, who was dear unto him, was sick, and ready to die.

3 And when he heard of Je'sus, he sent unto him the elders of the Jews, beseeching him that he would come and heal his servant.

4 And when they came to Je'sus, they besought him instantly, saying, That he was worthy for whom he should do this :

5 For he loveth our nation, and he hath built us a synagogue.

6 Then Je'sus 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 :

7 Wherefore neither thought I myself worthy to come unto thee : but say in a word, and my servant shall be healed.

8 For I also am a man set under authority, having under me soldiers, and I say unto one, Go, and he goeth ; and to another, Come,

and he cometh ; and to my servant, Do this, and he doeth it.

9 When Je'sus heard these things, he marvelled at him, and turned him about, and said unto the people that followed him, I say unto you, I have not found so great faith, no, not in Is'rael.

10 And they that were sent, returning to the house, found the servant whole that had been sick.

THE LESSON RETOLD

There was someone besides Jairus in Capernaum who badly needed Jesus' help.

It was a strong soldier, or centurion, as he was called. He was not ill himself, but he had a faithful slave whom he loved greatly, and who was dying.

This centurion knew that Jesus had just come back from preaching and working wonderful cures in other places. He thought—There is a chance of getting Him to come, if only some one very good and great would tell Him about my sick servant.

So he got the elders of the church to go

and find Jesus. They begged hard for Him to come, and told what a kind man the centurion was, and though he was not a Jew, how he had given enough money to pay for building them a synagogue.

When Jesus heard of the sick man, He said at once, "I will go and cure him."

When the centurion saw Jesus coming, he began to feel that he was not good enough even to speak to Jesus or to have Him come into his house, so he sent some friends with a message, saying, "Lord, do not trouble coming further, for I know that you