

## GOLDEN TEXT

Like as a father pitieth his children, so the Lord pitieth them that fear Him. Ps. 103: 13.

## DAILY READINGS

M.—Luke 7: 1-10. The centurion's servant healed.  
T.—Luke 4: 33-44. The Willing Helper.  
W.—John 4: 46-51. Nobleman's son healed.  
Th.—Mark 9: 17-27. Possibilities of faith.  
F.—Matt. 9: 27-31. According to faith.  
S.—John 20: 24-31. Life through believing.  
S.—Matt. 8: 6-13. Matthew's narrative.

## TIME

About middle of second year of Christ's ministry. A.D. 28.

## PLACE

Capernaum, a few miles from where the Sermon on the Mount was preached.

## CATECHISM

Q. 18 Wherein consists the sinfulness of that estate whereinto man fell?

A. The sinfulness of that estate whereinto man fell, consists in the guilt of Adam's first sin, the want of original righteousness, and the corruption of his whole nature, which is commonly called Original Sin; together with all actual transgressions which proceed from it.

## LESSON PLAN

## I. A Loving Master, 1-3.

A soldier, but with a tender heart even for his slave.

## II. A Good Neighbor, 4, 5.

Although not a Jew, he had built the Jews a synagogue.

## III. A Man of Faith, 6-10.

He counted that sickness would obey Jesus' word, even as his own soldiers obeyed his.

## LESSON HYMNS

38; 705 (Ps. Sel.); 544; 404; 207.

## FOR FURTHER STUDY

Juniors—1-3 Where had Jesus been preaching? Where does He now come? What other miracles there? (John 4: 46; John 6: 17; Matt. 17: 24.) On what occasions had He taught there? (Matt. 4: 13; Mark 1: 21.) Who was in distress? For whom? What was a centurion? Whom did the centurion send? With what request?

4, 5 How did they regard the centurion? What does "instantly" mean? What had the centurion done? What is a synagogue?

6-8 Did Jesus do as requested? What next? What the message? Why did he feel himself unworthy? Why was he confident? (Eph. 3: 12.) Who were over the centurion? Who under him? Over what has Christ power? (John 17: 2; Matt. 23: 18.)

9, 10 What did Christ think of the centurion's faith? What does He say? How was this faith rewarded? What encouragement have we to go to pray for ourselves and others? (Matt. 7: 7, 8.)

Seniors—1-3 When did the incident occur? How far was Capernaum from the Mount of Beatitudes? Of what army was the centurion an officer? How many soldiers did he command? What modern term corresponds to it? Name other centurions mentioned in Scripture? What led him to send to Jesus? What mark of his humility? What disease had his servant? (Matt. 8: 6.) Of what is it a type? What cleaves from sin? (1 John 1: 7.)

4, 5 For what do the elders praise the centurion? What discourse likely given in that synagogue? (John 6: 59.)

6-8 What further proof of the centurion's humility? Of his faith? Why does he think Jesus can heal by a word? What inspires confidence? (Prov. 3: 26; 1 John 2: 28; 1 John 5: 14.) What the difference between Christ's power and the centurion's power?

9, 10 Who mean by Israel? Why should they have had faith? Why had they not? Did the centurion see Jesus at all? Did Jesus speak the word of healing? How came it then that the servant was healed?

Bible Side Lights—THE ELDERS—Deut. 19: 11, 12; 21: 18-21; 31: 8; 2 Sam. 5: 11.  
THE CENTURION—Acts 10: 1, 22; 22: 25, 26; 23: 17, 23; 24: 23; 27: 1, 11, 43.

NOT WORTHY—Gen. 32: 10; Matt. 3: 11; 10: 37, 38; Luke 15: 19.

JESUS MARVELLED—Mark 6: 6; Matt. 8: 10; 9: 8, 33.

GREAT FAITH—Luke 17: 5; Acts 6: 5; 11: 24; Heb. 11: 4, 5, 7, 23-27, 30.

Practical Points—1. Jesus not only speaks wonderful words, but He does wonderful works. He both says and does.

2. The centurion is a fine example of how the high should treat the humble. His slave was dear to him, and doubtless loved him in return. With such a spirit the jealousies and strifes between rich and poor, capital and labor, would soon disappear.

3. He must have been a good man when those of another race praised him. It is grand living that brings praise from one's enemies.

4. It is good to have friends in our times of need.

5. Humility is a soil out of which many virtues grow.

6. Here is a proof that the saying is true: "He that humbleth himself shall be exalted." (Matt. 23: 12.)

7. Faith is the gift of God. (Eph. 2: 8.)

8. And yet faith grows through our use of means. "I learn to trust you, my brother, as I come to know you," says Professor Drummond. "I watch you, I live with you, I find out that you are trustworthy, and I come to trust myself to you, and lean upon you." It is not otherwise with faith in our Lord and Master. The better we know Him the more we trust Him.

## FOR WRITTEN ANSWERS

1. What other miracles wrought in Capernaum? .....
2. How did the centurion show his humility? .....
3. Why did Jesus marvel at his faith? .....