## WHAT DOES GENUINE SAVING FAITH LOOK LIKE? Learn from the healing of the centurions slave boy Matthew 8:5-13

- I. *REVIEW:* Remember the miracles of chapters 8 and 9 accompanied and affirmed the Word proclaimed in chapters 5 to 7 and thus affirmed the identity of Jesus as the Christ
- II. THE OBJECT OF FAITH INTRODUCED: The centurion entreats the Lord Jesus to heal His slave boy (5-7)
  - A. The Lord entreated by the centurion (5-6)
  - B. The Lord's response: He will come and heal (7)

## III. TRUE FAITH MANIFEST: The centurion humbly responds revealing he believes the Lord has the authority as God to heal with a word (8-9)

- A. The centurion believes what the Lord says will be done (8)
- B. The centurion reveals he understands Jesus has the authority God has (9)

## IV. THE ETERNAL RESULTS OF TRUE FAITH INTERJECTED: Jesus marvels at this Gentiles' faith in the midst of unbelieving Israel, which foreshadows the rejection of Christ by the Jews and the future salvation of many Gentiles (10-12)

- A. Jesus marvels at this Gentiles' faith in the midst of unbelieving Israel (10)
- B. The destiny of many future Gentile believers in contrast with the destiny of Jews who rejected Christ, which is eternal hell (11-12)
- V. THE TEMPORAL RESULTS OF THE CENTURIONS FAITH, His slave healed: Again foreshadowing our ultimate healing in Christ (13)