

Practice What You Preach; Applied Theology

Luke 7:1-23

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Lessons in Applied Theology:

1. Jesus loved the **enemies** of his people (v.1-10).
 - a. The centurion asked for help thus **showing his faith** (v.3).
 - b. The centurion **announced** his belief that Jesus was Lord (v.6)
 - c. The centurion admitted his **unworthy** condition. (v.6-7)
 - i. So the Jews said help him; **he deserves it.**
 - ii. The centurion said help me; **I don't deserve it.**
 - d. The centurion affirmed his **confidence** in the power of Jesus' word (v.7-8).
 - e. Jesus responded to the Centurion's **faith** (v.9-10).
 - i. He **marveled** at his faith
 - ii. He **answered** the petition with healing.
 - iii. He **chided** the Jews (Mt 8:10-12)
2. Jesus loved the **helpless** Widow (v.11-16).
 - a. Jesus' love was first demonstrated by his **heart** of compassion.
 - b. Jesus' love was further demonstrated by his **words** of compassion.
 - c. Jesus' love was further shown by **touching** the dead man.
 - d. Jesus' **loving power** was shown by raising the boy from the dead.
3. Jesus loved **discouraged** doubters (18-23).
 - a. He did not judge or rebuke John for his doubts.
 - b. He did provide **reasons to believe.**

If we are disciples, followers of Jesus then:

- Love should overcome hate. We will not withhold our love because of **prejudice** of any kind.
- Love should be **unconditional**. We will not only help those that can reciprocate it.

Love should refrain from condemnation – especially of a brother who doubts **because of pain.**