

## Maturing Prayer of Seeing More of God, p18

Growing in God means you become increasingly aware of how much you do not know God & how much more you want to know.

### Seeing God Apart from Social Status – Matt 8:5-13

Jesus is early in his ministry where many have begun following Him. However, this does not mean those followers have embraced Him as Messiah. Interestingly, a Gentile displays wondrous faith.

1. When Jesus responded to the centurion's plea for help, why did

he not want Jesus to come to his house? **He realized he was unworthy because Jesus' authority far outranked his as he illustrated this with his own position.**

2. What made Jesus marvel at the centurion's faith?

**The centurion was a Gentile with a lot of authority that could see (his faith) Jesus' authority far surpassed him.**

3. What do you think Jesus meant by using the *table of Abraham*?

**This table refers to the Messianic banquet (Isa 25:6-9) where all nations who believe will come together to worship God.**

4. Who and why will the *sons of the kingdom* to be thrown in outer

darkness? **The sons of the kingdom are the Jews. Because of lack of faith and hardness of heart to embrace God's Messiah, they will miss the banquet and suffer everlasting punishment.**

5. How could you apply this Scripture to your prayer life?

**One's relationship with God is not based on his/her religious heritage or past religious acts. Rather, it is solely based on faith in Christ's authority to do His will, "thy will be done..."**