

Luke Chapter 7 (RcV) (Note: Read prayerfully, asking the Lord for His speaking)

7:1 After He completed all His words in the hearing of the people, He entered into Capernaum.

7:2 And a certain centurion's slave, who was highly valued by him, was ill and about to die.

7:3 And when he heard about Jesus, he sent to Him some elders of the Jews, requesting that He would come and completely heal his slave.

7:4 And when they came to Jesus, they entreated Him earnestly, saying, He is worthy of Your granting this *to him*,

7:5 For he loves our nation, and he himself built the synagogue for us.

7:6 And Jesus went with them. But already, when He was not far from the house, the centurion sent friends, saying to Him, Lord, do not trouble Yourself, for I am not fit for You to enter under my roof;

7:7 Therefore, I did not count even myself worthy to come to You. But speak a word, and let my servant be healed.

7:8 For I also am a man set under authority, having soldiers under me. And I say to this one, Go, and he goes; and to another, Come, and he comes; and to my slave, Do this, and he does *it*.

7:9 And when Jesus heard these things, He marveled at him, and turning to the crowd following Him, He said, I say to you, Not even in Israel have I found such great faith.

7:10 And when those who had been sent returned to the house, they found the slave in good health.

7:11 And soon afterward He went into a city called Nain, and His disciples went with Him, as well as a large crowd.

7:12 And as He came near the gate of the city, behold, one who had died was being carried out, an only son of his mother, and she was a widow; and a considerable crowd from the city was with her.

7:13 And when the Lord saw her, He was moved with compassion for her and said to her, Do not weep.

7:14 And He came near and touched the bier, and those carrying *it* stood still. And He said, Young man, to you I say, Arise.

7:15 And the dead man sat up and began to speak. And He gave him to his mother.

7:16 And fear took hold of all, and they glorified God, saying, A great prophet has been raised up among us, and, God has visited His people!

7:17 And this report concerning Him went out in the whole of Judea and in all the surrounding region.

7:18 And John's disciples reported to him concerning all these things.

7:19 And John called a certain two of his disciples to *him* and sent *them* to the Lord, saying, Are You the Coming One, or should we expect another?

7:20 And the men came to Him and said, John the Baptist sent us to You, saying, Are You the Coming One, or should we expect another?

7:21 In that hour He healed many from diseases and afflictions and evil spirits, and to many who were blind He graciously gave sight.

7:22 And He answered and said to them, Go and report to John what you have seen and heard: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, the dead are raised, the poor have the gospel announced to them.

7:23 And blessed is he who is not stumbled because of Me.

7:24 And when the messengers of John went away, He began to say to the crowds concerning John, What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind?

7:25 But what did you go out to see? A man arrayed in soft garments? Behold, those who live in splendid apparel and luxury are in royal palaces.

7:26 But what did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I say to you, and much more than a prophet.

7:27 This is he concerning whom it is written, "Behold, I send My messenger before Your face, who will prepare Your way before You."

7:28 I say to you, Among those born of women there is no one greater than John, yet he who is least in the kingdom of God is greater than he.

7:29 And when all the people and the tax collectors heard *this*, they acknowledged that God was righteous, since they had been baptized with the baptism of John.

7:30 But the Pharisees and the lawyers rejected the counsel of God for themselves since they had not been baptized by him.

7:31 *And Jesus said*, To what then shall I liken the men of this generation, and what are they like?

7:32 They are like little children sitting in the marketplace and calling to one another, who say, We have played the flute to you, and you did not dance; we have sung a dirge, and you did not weep.

7:33 For John the Baptist has come neither eating bread nor drinking wine, and you say, He has a demon.

7:34 The Son of Man has come eating and drinking, and you say, Behold, a gluttonous man and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners.

7:35 Yet wisdom is justified by all her children.

7:36 Now a certain one of the Pharisees asked Him to eat with him. And He entered into the Pharisee's house and reclined *at table*.

7:37 And behold, there was a woman in the city who was a sinner, and when she learned that He was reclining *at table* in the Pharisee's house, she brought an alabaster flask of ointment.

