

"Lord, I Am Not Worthy" by Saint Bishop John Chrysostom (347 - 407 AD)



**Lord I am not  
worthy that you  
should enter  
under my roof,  
but only say the  
word and my  
soul shall be  
healed.**

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"When you behold The Lord, immolated and lying on The Altar, and the Priest standing over The Sacrifice and praying, and all the people purpled by That Precious Blood, do you imagine that you are still on earth among men, and not rather rapt in Heaven?

And casting away all worldly thoughts from your mind, do you not contemplate with a clean heart and pure mind the things of Heaven? O Miracle! O Goodness of GOD! He that sits Above with The Father... gives Himself to all who desire to embrace and receive Him. At that moment all do this with the eyes of faith.

Do these things seem to you deserving of contempt, or of such a nature that anyone could despise them? Do you want to learn from another miracle the excellence of that holiness?

Picture to yourself Elijah, and the immense multitude standing around, and the victim laid on the altar, and all in stillness and deep silence, while the prophet alone prays; and the fire forthwith descends from Heaven upon the altar (I KINGS 18). All this is wonderful and awe-inspiring.

Pass from then to The Sacrifice which is now offered, and you will behold what is not only wonderful, but what exceeds all admiration. For the Priest stands bringing down not fire, but The HOLY SPIRIT, and he prays long - not that fire may descend from Heaven and consume the oblation - but that Grace may descend upon the Victim, and through it inflame the souls of all and render them brighter than fire-tried silver." \*

LUKE 7:1-10

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5VISYTFikQo...>

1 Now when He had ended all His sayings in the audience of the people, He entered into Capernaum.

2 And a certain centurion's servant, who was dear unto him, was sick, and ready to die.

3 And when he heard of JESUS, he sent unto Him the elders of the Jews, beseeching Him that He would come and heal his servant.

4 And when they came to JESUS, they besought Him instantly, saying, That he was worthy for whom He should do this:

5 For he loveth our nation, and he hath built us a synagogue.

6 Then JESUS went with them. And when He was now not far from the house, the centurion sent friends to Him, saying unto Him, Lord, trouble not Thyself: for I am not worthy that Thou shouldest enter under my roof:

7 Wherefore neither thought I myself worthy to come unto Thee: but say in A Word, and my servant shall be healed.

8 For I also am a man set under authority, having under me soldiers, and I say unto one, Go, and he goeth; and to another, Come, and he cometh; and to my servant, Do this, and he doeth it.

9 When JESUS heard these things, He marvelled at him, and turned Him about, and said unto the people that followed Him, I say unto you, I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel.

10 And they that were sent, returning to the house, found the servant whole that had been sick.

\*["Lord, I Am Not Worthy." Saint John Chrysostom. The Magnificat, 9/13/2021 AD. Meditation of the Day, p 165.]

Saint John Chrysostom was the Archbishop of Constantinople and was a famed preacher and commentator on Holy Scripture. He was thus called "The Golden Tongued Preacher."