

centurion faith

"and i say to this one, 'go,' and he goes; and to another, 'come,' and he comes..." matt 8:9

and now, a little story...

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there was a poor woman who had a firm believe in God. once, the poor woman and her family didn't get any food for several days. so, she prayed to God asking him to help her.

in the same city, an atheist rich man heard about her and thought of doing something which will shake her faith in God.

so, he called his servant and asked him to buy a lot of food and get it deliver to that poor woman's house and tell her that, "it was not sent by your God but was sent by the devil."

his servant did as asked. he bought food enough for a month and reached that poor woman's house. when poor woman opened door, the servant gave her the food.

the poor woman started storing that food inside her house.

the servant was seeing all this and kept waiting for her to ask about what person sent all this food, but to his surprise even after a while, she didn't asked.

flustered, the servant couldn't stop himself and asked, "are you not going to ask who sent you this food?"

the poor woman replied, "i know, it is sent by God."

the servant replied, "no, it was not sent by God but was sent by the devil himself."

the poor woman didn't respond and kept on doing what she was doing.

becoming agitated at her composure he asked, "are you not surprised after knowing, that it was sent by devil?"

the poor woman simply smiled and replied, "what is surprising about that? when God gives order, even the devil has to follow that order."

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oh that we all had faith like the centurion and that poor woman had. we need to be assured that, "every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning." james 1:17 it doesn't matter who tries to steal the credit, we give all the praise and glory to God. for yes, when God gives an order, all of creation has to obey, and even the devil is a created being.

even when it may seem the enemy is winning, the eyes of faith know that, "all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called

according to His purpose." rom 8:28 the Father is working all things out, and often it includes many others besides one's self. rest patient in His presence.