



Crumbs from the Lord's Table

Matt. 15:21-28

The Woman's Petition - Vs. 21-22

- Matt. 15:21-22 - “Then Jesus went out from there and departed to the region of Tyre and Sidon. 22 And behold, a woman of Canaan came from that region and cried out to Him, saying, Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David! My daughter is severely demon-possessed.”

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- The reason she came: she was concerned for the wellbeing of another
- The reason she cried out: she was heartbroken over the condition of her child and was determined to get her the help she needed.
- The reason she called out to the Lord persistently: Because of faith and hope in her.

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- She needed something society had not been able to provide.
- She was looking for something her dead religion was powerless to give her.
- She needed a solution she had not been able to provide by her own efforts.
- She saw Jesus as her only hope

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- Don't hesitate to call on the Lord for help; He invites you to do so
 - Matt. 11:28 - "Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."
 - Isa. 55:1-3 - "Ho! Everyone who thirsts, Come to the waters; And you who have no money, Come, buy and eat. Yes, come, buy wine and milk Without money and without price. 2 Why do you spend money for what is not bread, And your wages for what does not satisfy? Listen carefully to Me, and eat what is good, And let your soul delight itself in abundance. 3 Incline your ear, and come to Me. Hear, and your soul shall live; And I will make an everlasting covenant with you"

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- Don't hesitate to call on the Lord for help; He invites you to do so
 - 1Peter 5:7 - "Casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you."
 - Heb. 4:15-16 - "For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin. 16 Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need."

The Woman's Persistence - Vs. 23-27

- Matt. 15:23-27 - “But He answered her not a word. And His disciples came and urged Him, saying, Send her away, for she cries out after us. 24 But He answered and said, I was not sent except to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. 25 Then she came and worshiped Him, saying, Lord, help me! 26 But He answered and said, It is not good to take the children's bread and throw it to the little dogs. 27 And she said, Yes, Lord, yet even the little dogs eat the crumbs which fall from their masters' table.”

The Woman's Persistence - Vs. 23-27

- Obstacles to faith
 - She had to overcome Race
 - She had to overcome Religion
 - She had to overcome Racism
 - She had to overcome Rejection

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- Obstacles to faith
 - She had to overcome Reality
 - Her daughter was possessed by a devil.
 - She was a member of a doomed race.
 - These religious men did not seem to care about her or her situation at all.
 - John 6:37 - “All that the Father gives Me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will by no means cast out.”

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- The Opportunities of Faith
 - Mark 7:27 - “But Jesus said to her, Let the children be filled first, for it is not good to take the children's bread and throw it to the little dogs.”
 - She took that to mean that “seconds” were available.
 - The obstacles thrown up by the Lord Jesus were not to discourage and defeat her. They were there to mature her faith.

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- The Obligations of Faith
 - Faith is obligated to persevere
 - Matt. 7:7-8 - “Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. 8 For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened.”

The Woman's Prize - Vs. 28

- Matt. 15:28 - "Then Jesus answered and said to her, "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be to you as you desire." And her daughter was healed from that very hour."
- Jesus responded to her faith
- Jesus rewarded her faith

The Woman's Prize - Vs. 28

- You say, "Preacher, you don't understand how big my problem is. It's too big to be fixed by prayer."
- You're right. I don't know how big your problem is, but the Lord knows.

The Woman's Prize - Vs. 28

- Name something He cannot fix.
 - Jesus raised Jarius' daughter from the dead.
 - Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead
 - Jesus fed a multitude with a boy's lunch
 - Jesus saved the disciples from a storm
 - A leper is healed.
 - A man born blind can see.
 - A deaf man can hear.
 - A crippled man can walk.
 - A man possessed with a demon is freed.