

A Woman Of Canaan

Matthew 15:21-28

Intro:

- A. **Jesus had an encounter with His enemies.**
 - 1. They sought to destroy His influence.
 - 2. He taught his disciples to reject tradition.
 - 3. He did not yield to their pressure.

- B. **He now comes to Tyre and Sidon.**
 - 1. Here He will encounter a woman. **V.21**
 - 2. She is a woman of Canaan.

I. The Need Of The Woman.

- A. **She needed mercy.**
 - 1. "...have mercy on me, O Lord" **v.22**
 - 2. "...thou son of David."

- B. **She needed help.**
 - 1. "...my daughter is grievously vexed with a devil." **V.22b**
 - 2. "seriously afflicted with insanity" - Lam.

II. Barrier To Her Faith.

- A. **The impatient disciples. V.23**
 - 1. "...he answered her not a word."
 - 2. The disciples assumed His displeasure.
 - 3. "Send her away, for she crieth after us."

- B. **The dispensational dilemma. V.24**
 - 1. "I am not sent but unto the lost sheep of the house of Israel."
 - 2. This was to accomplish the acceptance of Him as King.

- C. **She pressed her claim to Him.**
 - 1. "then she came and worshipped him..." **v.25**
 - 2. "...saying, Lord, help me."

- D. **Jesus explains His status.**
 - 1. It is not meet to take the children's bread, **v.26**
 - 2. and cast it to dogs."

E. **The woman's reply.**

1. "Truth, Lord;" v.27
2. "...yet the dogs eat of the crumbs which fall from their master's table."

III. The Reward Of Faith.

A. **The admiration of Jesus.**

1. "O, woman, great is thy faith..." v.28
2. His admiration was for her faith, not her looks, her personality, her speech, etc.

B. **The blessing.**

1. "be it unto thee even as thou wilt."
2. "And her daughter was made whole from that very hour."

IV. The Eternal Principle.

A. **Without faith:**

1. It is impossible to know God.
2. It is impossible to please God.

B. **With faith:**

1. God can be found.
2. God can be served.