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 form 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.