

Great Faith – The Gentile Woman

(Matthew 15:21-28 nkjv)

²¹ 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.” ²³ 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.” 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.

- The bible says that a woman of Canaan came from that region crying out to Jesus saying “Have mercy on me o Lord son of David, my daughter is severely demon-possessed”
- The believe the scriptures lets us know what type of woman she is, so we can understand the context better.
- If she’s a woman of Canaan then that means she’s a Canaanite. Who are a descendants of Canaan the grandson of Noah
- But Noah cursed Canaan because Canaan father Ham sinned against Noah

(Genesis 9:18-27 nlt)

¹⁸The sons of Noah who came out of the boat with their father were Shem, Ham, and Japheth. (Ham is the father of Canaan.) ¹⁹From these three sons of Noah came all the people who now populate the earth. ²⁰After the flood, Noah began to cultivate the ground, and he planted a vineyard. ²¹One day he drank some wine he had made, and he became drunk and lay naked inside his tent. ²²Ham, the father of Canaan, saw that his father was naked and went outside and told his brothers. ²³Then Shem and Japheth took a robe, held it over their shoulders, and backed into the tent to cover their father. As they did this, they looked the other way so they would not see him naked. ²⁴When Noah woke up from his stupor, he learned what Ham, his youngest son, had done. ²⁵Then he cursed Canaan, the son of Ham: **“May Canaan be cursed! May he be the lowest of servants to his relatives.”** ²⁶Then Noah said, **“May the Lord, the God of Shem, be blessed, and may Canaan be his servant! ²⁷May God expand the territory of Japheth! May Japheth share the prosperity of Shem,^[b] and may Canaan be his servant.”**

- The bible clearly wants us to know that Ham is the father of canaan
- The curse of Canaan was that he will be a servant to brethren. Shem and Japheth
- That’s significant because the decedents of Shem include, Abraham, Issac, Jacob , David and Jesus
- The promised land that flows with milk and honey. The land that God promised Abraham, was the land that was occupied by the Canaanites

- So when the Israelites entered the promised land, they conquered the Canaanites
- So when the woman approaches Jesus, she asks for mercy first, calls him Lord then she identifies who he was a decedent from, son of David.
- Jesus doesn't even respond to her. Doesn't even pay her attention. The disciple even told Jesus to send her away because she's being annoying
- How would you feel, if Jesus was silent when you needed him the most?
- Not only was he silent at first but when he answered her he rejected her. Saying he was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.
- Instead of giving up when she was rejected, her cry turn into worship.
- When Jesus responds to her request to deliver her daughter. He refers to her as a dog. **“it is not good to take the children's bread and throw it to the little dogs”**
- How would you feel? if Jesus the one you were worshipping calls you a dog
- Jesus calling her a dog was not by accident. Dogs in the bible are the majority of the time are referred to in a negative way. Here are some examples

(Proverbs 26:11 nlt)

As a dog returns to its vomit, so a fool repeats his foolishness

(Matthew 7:6 nkjv)

“Do not give what is holy to the dogs; nor cast your pearls before swine, lest they trample them under their feet, and turn and tear you in pieces”

(Philippians 3:1-3 nlt)

3 Whatever happens, my dear brothers and sisters,^[a] rejoice in the Lord. I never get tired of telling you these things, and I do it to safeguard your faith.

²Watch out for those dogs, those people who do evil, those mutilators who say you must be circumcised to be saved. ³For we who worship by the Spirit of God^[b] are the ones who are truly circumcised. We rely on what Christ Jesus has done for us. We put no confidence in human effort

(Revelation 22:14-15 nlt)

¹⁴Blessed are those who wash their robes. They will be permitted to enter through the gates of the city and eat the fruit from the tree of life. ¹⁵Outside the city are the dogs—the sorcerers, the sexually immoral, the murderers, the idol worshipers, and all who love to live a lie.

- Jesus is also referring deliverance to children's bread
- Which means only a Child of God is made free
- To make bread you need 3 substances flour, water & yeast then you bake it in the fire
- **Flour** doesn't grow naturally. Its wheat that has been crushed and grinded into powder. Gods people are referred to as wheat.
- The bible stay many are the affliction of the righteous, knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience.. it's the crushing that keeps the believer humbled. Turning wheat into flour

- **Water** – is the Holy Spirit flowing from your heart (**John 7:38-39 nlt**)

³⁸ Anyone who believes in me may come and drink! For the Scriptures declare, ‘Rivers of living water will flow from his heart.’^[e] ³⁹ (When he said “living water,” he was speaking of the Spirit, who would be given to everyone believing in him. But the Spirit had not yet been given,^[f] because Jesus had not yet entered into his glory.)

- **Yeast** – Sound doctrine. (**Matthew 16:5-12 nlt**)

Later, after they crossed to the other side of the lake, the disciples discovered they had forgotten to bring any bread. ⁶ “**Watch out!**” Jesus warned them. “**Beware of the yeast of the Pharisees and Sadducees.**” ⁷ At this they began to argue with each other because they hadn’t brought any bread. ⁸ Jesus knew what they were saying, so he said, “**You have so little faith! Why are you arguing with each other about having no bread? ⁹ Don’t you understand even yet? Don’t you remember the 5,000 I fed with five loaves, and the baskets of leftovers you picked up? ¹⁰ Or the 4,000 I fed with seven loaves, and the large baskets of leftovers you picked up? ¹¹ Why can’t you understand that I’m not talking about bread? So again I say, ‘Beware of the yeast of the Pharisees and Sadducees.’” ¹² Then at last they understood that he wasn’t speaking about the yeast in bread, but about the deceptive teaching of the Pharisees and Sadducees.**

- The word of God, the scriptures are our yeast – (**2 Timothy 3:16-17 nkjv**)

¹⁶ All Scripture *is* given by inspiration of God, and *is* profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for ^[c]instruction in righteousness, ¹⁷ that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

- This woman of Canaan is a gentile. so giving her the childrens bread meant giving what was went to the believer to an ungodly person
- Her responds to Jesus calling her a dog was not of offence but understanding her position
- She didn't deny she wasn't s dog instead she implemented that the owner of the dog was the master
- If the dog is allowed in the house especially around the table. Then its common sense that the master knows about the dog being there.
- I believe The woman understanding the food is for the masters table. Is a canaan being a servant to shem
- When Jesus saw her faith he realize she understood her position.
- The bible says in all your getting get understanding.

(Proverbs 4:7 nkjv)

Wisdom *is* the principal thing; *Therefore*, get wisdom. And in all your getting, get understanding.