

V22 TODAY WE WILL LOOK AT A MOTHER'S FAITH A CANAANITE WOMAN WHOSE DAUGHTER IS DEMON POSSESSED SHE HAS A TROUBLED CHILD AND THE TROUBLE OF A CHILD IS A MOTHER'S TROUBLE

SHE CRIES OUT TO JESUS HAVE MERCY ON ME SON OF DAVID IDENTIFYING JESUS AS THE JEWISH MESSIAH SHE SEEKS HIS MERCY AS A GENTILE NOT A JEW

V23 JESUS SEEMS TO IGNORE HER BUT SHE PERSIST HER FAITH IS BEING TESTED SHE IS NOT GIVING UP JESUS DISCIPLES TELL HIM TO SEND HER AWAY THEY ARE ANNOYED WITH HER PERSISTENT SHOUTING

V24 JESUS FINALLY STOPS AND GIVES HER A REASON WHY HE COULD NOT ANSWER HER REQUEST HE TELLS HER HE HAS BEEN SENT ONLY TO THE LOST SHEEP OF ISRAEL

V25 SHE COMES TO JESUS AND BEGINS TO BOW DOWN BEFORE HIM HUMBLING HERSELF PERSISTING LORD PLEASE HELP ME HER FAITH IS CENTERED ON JESUS

THIS IS TRUE WORSHIP IN ITS MOST BASIC FORM SHE CAST HERSELF BEFORE THE LORD IN HELPLESSNESS ACKNOWLEDGING THE LORD'S POWER LOVE AND WISDOM AS HER ONLY SOURCE OF HOPE

V26 JESUS AGAIN TELLS HER IT IS NOT GOOD TO TAKE THE CHILDREN'S BREAD AND THROW IT TO DOGS JESUS IS REFERRING TO THE GENTILES THE PROMISES HAD BEEN MADE TO THE JEWS NOT THE GENTILES

THIS WOULD CHANGE UNDER THE NEW COVENANT IN WHICH THERE WOULD BE NO DISTINCTION BETWEEN JEW AND GENTILE 1COR 12:13 FOR BY ONE SPIRIT WE WERE ALL BAPTIZED INTO ONE BODY WHETHER JEWS OR GREEKS WHETHER SLAVE OR FREE AND WE WERE ALL MADE TO DRINK OF ONE SPIRIT

V27 SHE AGREES WITH JESUS YES LORD I AM A GENTILE DOG BUT EVEN THE DOGS FEED ON THE CRUMBS FROM THEIR MASTERS TABLE WOULD YOU DENY ME THE CRUMBS FROM YOUR TABLE LORD

THIS MOTHER HAD SUCH HUMILITY AND FAITH SHE BELIEVED JESUS WOULD GRANT HER REQUEST EVEN THOUGH SHE WAS NOT JEWISH SHE BELIEVED JESUS WOULD HAVE MERCY ON HER BY HEALING HER DAUGHTER

V28 JESUS SAYS TO HER O WOMAN YOUR FAITH IS GREAT CLEARLY JESUS WAS TOUCHED BY SUCH MATURE AND PERSISTENT FAITH IN A GENTILE WOMAN THE MOTHER OF A DEMON POSSESSED CHILD TRUSTING IN THE POWER OF JESUS TO HEAL HER DAUGHTER

IT SHALL BE DONE FOR YOU AS YOU WISH HER ANSWER FINALLY CAME HER DAUGHTER WAS HEALED THAT VERY HOUR

THIS MOTHER WOULD NOT SETTLE FOR ANYTHING LESS THAN THE BEST FOR HER CHILD SHE WAS PASSIONATE AND DRIVEN SHE BELIEVED THAT JESUS WAS THE ONLY ONE WHO COULD SET HER DAUGHTER FREE

THIS MOTHERS FAITH WAS IN THE PERSON AND POWER OF JESUS SHE WOULD NOT BE DEFINED BY WHAT SHE WAS NOT HER FAITH WENT BEYOND THE BOUNDARIES OF HUMAN WISDOM SHE BELIEVED IN MIRACLES AND JESUS GRANTED HER A MIRACLE HE HEALED HER DAUGHTER FROM A DISTANCE LIKE HE DID FOR THE CENTURIONS SERVANT MATT 8:5-13

DISTANCE AND TIME AND EVEN A DEMON POSSESSED CHILD ARE NO MATCH FOR THE POWER OF GOD DO YOU BELIEVE DOES YOUR FAITH GO BEYOND WHAT IS SEEN HEBREWS 11:1

HEBREWS 11:6 SAYS WITHOUT FAITH IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO PLEASE HIM FOR HE WHO COMES TO GOD MUST BELIEVE THAT HE IS AND THAT HE IS A REWARDER OF THOSE WHO SEEK HIM

MAY GOD RAISE UP MOTHERS OF FAITH IN OUR MIST MOTHER'S OF PRAYER WHO KEEP SEEKING AND KEEP KNOCKING MATT 7:7-11 PRAY AND KEEP ON PRAYING FOR YOUR CHILDREN YOUR CHURCH FAMILY YOUR COMMUNITY THAT GOD WOULD GRANT THEM MERCY AND GRACE IN THEIR TIME OF NEED HEBREWS 4:16