

#2 Encountering Jesus through Satanic Attack
Matthew 15:21-31 (3/8/09)

It is the Year of Opposition; He is making His way to the cross.

He Begins to Speak Less of the Kingdom and More of the _____

1. The Woman Who Came to Jesus (22)

A Three-fold Identification

- **Part of a _____ race**

The Canaanites were condemned by God, Deuteronomy 7:2.

The _____ Is under God's Condemnation

- **Practiced a _____ religion**

She would have worshiped Ashtoreth or Astarte.

Her Religion was Characterized by Idolatry and _____

- **Separated from the _____ promises**

Mark also says "the woman was a Greek". She was a Gentile.

Her Religion Failed Her in Her _____

2. The Need that Brought Her to Jesus (22)

Her Daughter Was Oppressed

- **Demons are _____**

Demons are fallen angels who sided with Lucifer in his rebellion against God, Matthew 25:41, 2 Peter 2:4, Jude 6,

There was an explosion of demon activity during Jesus' ministry.

Her Religion _____ Her to Satanic Oppression

Satanic activity thrives in spiritual darkness. A believer does not need to fear Satan or his demons, 1 John 4:4, James 4:7.

3. Her Encounter with Jesus (22-28)

A Surprising Interchange

- **Her _____ for mercy**

She had heard that Jesus of Nazareth was the Messiah of Israel.

His response seems unworthy of the Son of God. When I don't understand what God is doing I need to begin with what I know.

God's Perceived Unconcern Always Has a _____

- **Her _____ spirit**

Luke 7:26, "And she kept asking Him to cast the demon out of her daughter"

The disciples misunderstood Jesus' silence. His silence was not to push her away but to draw her in.

Psalm 44:23-24, "Awake! Why do You sleep, O Lord? Arise!"

God's Silences Are For the Purpose of Drawing

Us _____ to Him

- **Her _____ response**

The priority of Jesus' mission before the cross was to God's

chosen people. His ministry was local that it might become universal. He did not answer this Canaanite woman when she addressed Him as the Jewish Messiah. She now addressed Jesus as Lord only.

Her Worship Revealed Her Faith in His _____

• **Her _____ answer**

Jesus softened the illustration by using a word that meant household dogs. She expressed her own unworthiness. She came pleading not for her self or for her own merit but for mercy from Jesus.

True Faith Comes From a Deep and Abiding Sense of True _____

• **Her personal _____**

“O woman, great is your faith! Let it be to you as you desire.”

Jesus most likely was delighted by this woman and enjoyed this interchange with her. He was in this Gentile area because of

His rejection by His own people. Here was a pagan woman whose faith would not be denied. Most in Israel who had witnessed His miracles did not have the faith of this Canaanite who had only heard of them.

“And her daughter was healed from that very hour”.

Spurgeon, “The Lord of Glory surrendered to the faith of the woman.”

This was also a lesson for the disciples and all of Christ’s disciples. Her faith made a connection between God and her oppressed daughter. Her need had brought her to Jesus but her faith caused Him to work on her behalf.

There Is Great Power in Persevering Prayer When Accompanied by _____