

Rewarded Faith

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The faith of a Canaanite woman

Matthew 15:21-28,

Leaving that place, Jesus withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. A Canaanite woman from that vicinity came to him, crying out, 'Lord, Son of David, have mercy on me! My daughter is demon-possessed and suffering terribly.'

Jesus did not answer a word. So his disciples came to him and urged him, 'Send her away, for she keeps crying out after us.'

He answered, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of Israel.'

The woman came and knelt before him. 'Lord, help me!' she said.

He replied, 'It is not right to take the children's bread and toss it to the dogs.'

'Yes it is, Lord,' she said. 'Even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their master's table.'

Then Jesus said to her, 'Woman, you have great faith! Your request is granted.' And her daughter was healed at that moment.

Understanding the Comment of Jesus

1. Is this only for Israel?
2. Is Jesus testing?
3. Is Jesus seeing how bad she wants the answer?
4. Is Jesus too tired and doesn't want to be bothered?

I believe this about Jesus!

I believe he admires that she is asking him to do what he came to earth to do - what she couldn't do for herself.

1. It's Jesus's sense of humor!
2. What we do know is she impressed God so much that he declared she had Great Faith.
3. God granted her request.

Daniel 9:18,

"O my God, incline Your ear and hear; open Your eyes and see our desolations, and the city which is called by Your name; for we do not present our supplications before You because of our righteous deeds, but because of Your great mercies."

HOW IS GREAT FAITH REWARDED?