

Sermon Notes

Great Faith

Matthew 15:21-38

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Text sermon questions, during the sermon, to (602) 824-8030

Setting: Gentile territory of Tyre and Sidon

Gentile = anyone who is not ethnically Jewish

A Gentile woman, a Canaanite, comes shouting for Jesus' help

Interpretation A - Jesus says He was sent only to Israel,
but makes an exception because of this woman's great faith

Several problems

Interpretation B - Jesus asks questions, verses 24 & 26,
trying to teach His disciples a lesson about faith

She believes Jesus is the Messiah prophesied in the Old Testament

“Son of David”

The disciples ask Jesus to “send her away” (with no healing)

Failed the test

Should have realized Jesus wants faith in Him, not Jewishness

Jesus asks questions, first to the disciples, then to the woman

“I was not sent, except to the sheep who are lost of the house of Israel, was I?”

“It is not good to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs, is it?”

The woman demonstrates humility and great faith in the Lord Jesus

Jesus praises her for it, and heals her daughter

Jesus heals a bunch more Gentiles (cross ref.: Mark 7:31),
and feeds them

**Do I live with a heart-posture that is bowed down in
dependence and submission to the Lord?**

Read: Romans chapter 12

**Application questions for 3/30/14 sermon
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What does this idea mean to you: living with a heart-posture that is bowed-down in dependence and submission to the Lord?

Do you think you live with that heart-posture?

What did you get out of reading Romans chapter 12?

What does it seem to you like the significance is of Jesus opening Himself and His ministry to Gentiles?

Bonus:

Was there anything new or interesting you learned in this sermon?