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“Woman of Canaan” Matthew 15:21-39 1/09/22

Today, we’d like to see the title of “Woman of Canaan” in the book of Matthew 15:21-39.

To Online Word’s people, *through MP3 or YouTube Channel*, on the earth, we’d like to suggest the 3 Questions. ([_____](#) *Maranatha Worship Songs*: Videos are seeable upon the click on the website). *YouTube Channel is not Available in China, Iran, Germany, etc. where only MP3 is available.*

Q1. In verse 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,’” what does this verse mean? And how can we apply it to our lives?

Q2. In verse 27, “And she said, ‘Yes, Lord, yet even the little dogs eat the crumbs which fall from their masters’ table,’” what does it mean? And what can we learn from here?

Q3. In verse 33, “Then His disciples said to Him, ‘Where could we get enough bread in the wilderness to fill such a great multitude?’” what do we observe in His disciples? And what can we learn from here?

(Background for Daily Bible Reading and Studying Weekly Book Basis)

In the last time in Mat 15:2, 9, and 20, “²Why do Your disciples transgress the tradition of the elders? For they do not wash their hands when they eat bread,⁹ And in vain they worship Me, Teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.²⁰ These are *the things* which defile a man, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile a man,” a tradition is a custom passed on from generation to generation; a custom is a widely accepted way in a society; a culture is a life style in a society; many traditions, customs, or cultures are not wrong in themselves because they often are made to understand some words of God in the Scriptures – Here to eat clean things/not to eat unclean things in Leviticus 22:6, “the person who has touched any such thing shall be unclean until evening, and shall not eat the holy *offerings* unless he washes his body with water,” But through long practices to do/not to do over time they become necessarily scriptural, are promoted to the equal/above authority to the Scriptures, or are added to/taken from the Scriptures, *Deut 4:2* “You shall not add to the word which I command you, nor take from it, that you may keep the commandments of the LORD your God which I command you.” Here to wash their hands before eating bread, regardless of the heart to love God, became necessarily scriptural, although it is helpful for Leviticus 22:6 in the Scriptures.

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Explanation

<p>²¹ Then Jesus went out from there and departed to <u>the region of Tyre and Sidon</u>.</p>	<p>21= ..the region of Tyre and Sidon (Tyre and Sidon are on the Mediterranean sea cost in Phoenicia Region the northwest of Galilee region. Today it is located the south of Lebanon)</p>
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<p>22 And behold, <u>a woman of Canaan</u> came from that region and cried out to Him, saying, “<u>Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David! My daughter is severely demon-possessed.</u>”</p> <p>23 But He answered her <u>not a word.</u></p> <p>And <u>His disciples</u> came and <u>urged Him</u>, saying, “<u>Send her away, for she cries out after us.</u>”</p> <p>24 <u>But He</u> answered and said, “I was <u>not sent except to the lost sheep</u> of the house of <u>Israel.</u>”</p> <p>25 Then she came and <u>worshiped Him</u>, saying, “<u>Lord, help me!</u>”</p> <p>26 But He answered and said, “It is <u>not good to take the children’s bread</u> and throw <u>it to the little dogs.</u>”</p>	<p>22=Q1 ...a woman of Canaan (Mark states her as a Syro-Phoenician, a Greek. She is a Gentile, not Jews <i>Mark 7:26</i>¹); Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David! (Son of David is the Messianic title because Messiah came from David; she called Jesus “O Lord, Son of David,” showing that she believed Jesus as the Lord and Messiah or Christ. Also, she believed that He is merciful <i>Psalm 118:1-2</i>²); My daughter is severely demon-possessed (she asked Him to heal her daughter; Jesus’ healing was one of the 3 main ministries on the earth – teaching, preaching, and healing; we the ministers can ask the Lord for a person to be healed spiritually or physically in Jesus’ name <i>Mat 9:35</i>³)</p> <p>23=,,,not a word (When it’s silent upon our prayer, we’d feel difficult. She felt so.); His disciples...urged Him...Send her away, for she cried out after us (His disciples asked the Lord to get rid of her because her consistent crying out made them inconvenience or bothered them. They showed no compassion upon severely demon-possessed daughter, not to love a needy neighbor as themselves)</p> <p>24= But He (Jesus knew all things – her great faith in verse 28, the hearts of all His Jewish disciples, and the hearts of most Jews audiences – in order to teach them that the faith in God or His word prevails over their cultures or traditions)...not sent except to the lost sheep...of Israel (In light of audiences’ life style or accepted way in their society, Jesus stated so. Jesus stated the priority of Jews to Gentiles for salvation, not excluding Gentiles or not Semitism – first Jews and then Gentiles for all <i>Mat 28:19; Acts 1:8; Rom 10:12; Gen 12:3; Isaiah 56:7</i>⁴)</p> <p>25=...worshiped Him, saying, “Lord, help me!” (persistent prayer or prayer without ceasing & fainting is recommended, with joy and patience <i>Luke 18:1-5</i>⁵)</p> <p>26= ...not good to take the children’s bread...to the little dogs (Again, most Jews considered Gentiles as dogs. To teach them, Jesus stated so in light of Jews’ culture or tradition, but Jesus used the word of “the little dogs” or puppy without disrespecting or looking down sense like vicious dogs)</p>
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¹ *Mark 7:26*The woman was a Greek, a Syro-Phoenician by birth, and she kept asking Him to cast the demon out of her daughter

² *Psalm 118:1-2* Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for *He is* good! For His mercy *endures* forever.² Let Israel now say, “His mercy *endures* forever.”

³ *Mat 9:35* Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people.

⁴ *Mat 28:19* Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit; *Acts 1:8* But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”; *Rom 10:12* For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek, for the same Lord over all is rich to all who call upon Him; *Gen 12:3* I will bless those who bless you, And I will curse him who curses you; And in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed; *Isaiah 56:7* Even them I will bring to My holy mountain, And make them joyful in My house of prayer. Their burnt offerings and their sacrifices *Will be* accepted on My altar; For My house shall be called a house of prayer for all nations.”

⁵ *Luke 18:1-5* Then He spoke a parable to them, that men always ought to pray and not lose heart, ² saying: “There was in a certain city a judge who did not fear God nor regard man. ³ Now there was a widow in that city; and she came to him, saying, ‘Get justice for me from my adversary.’ ⁴ And he would not for a while; but afterward he said within himself, ‘Though I do not fear God nor regard man, ⁵ yet because this widow troubles me I will avenge her, lest by her continual coming she weary me.’ ”

<p>27 And she said, <u>“Yes, Lord, yet even the little dogs eat the crumbs which fall from their masters’ table.”</u></p> <p>28 Then Jesus answered and said to her, <u>“O woman, great is your faith! Let it be to you as you desire.” And her daughter was healed from that very hour.</u></p> <p>29 Jesus departed from there, <u>skirted the Sea of Galilee, and went up on the mountain and sat down there.</u> 30 Then <u>great multitudes came to Him, having with them the lame, blind, mute, maimed, and many others; and they laid them down at Jesus’ feet, and He healed them.</u></p> <p>31 So <u>the multitude marveled when they saw the mute speaking, the maimed made whole, the lame walking, and the blind seeing; and they glorified the God of Israel.</u></p> <p>32 Now Jesus called His disciples to <u>Himself</u> and said, <u>“I have compassion on the multitude, because they have now continued with Me three days and have nothing to eat.</u> And I do not want to send them away hungry, lest they faint on the way.”</p>	<p>27=Q2....Yes, Lord, yet even the little dogs eat the crumbs...from their masters’ table (she did not argue or contend against Jesus’ statement but fully accepted it as the Lord or master’s statement --- her heart not to peddle God’s word but to accept it fully <i>2 Cor 2:17</i>⁶)</p> <p>28=...great is your faith! (Jesus declared before most Jews audience that She had great faith, teaching faith in the Lord or His word is the substance over the culture, custom or tradition which might be a tool for God or God’s word the substance. Jesus never told His disciples as “great faith” e.g. Peter’s case <i>Mat 8:26</i>⁷);....her daughter was healed from that very hour (she was fully healed)</p> <p>29-31 (Jesus healed many people, showing Jesus who is Messiah or Christ as the Old Testament prophesied)</p> <p>29=...skirted the Sea of Galilee...went up on the mountain and sat down there (Jesus came from Sidon and Tyrus – the North West of the Sea of Galilee, and Decapolis – the South East of the Sea, and to the east shore of the Sea of Galilee <i>Mark 7:31</i>⁸)</p> <p>30=great multitudes came to Him...the lame, blind, mute, maimed and many others...healed them (It proves Jesus is Messiah or Christ as Isaiah prophesied in the OT <i>Isaiah 35:5-6</i>⁹)</p> <p>31= ..the multitude marveled....the mute speaking, the maimed walking...the blind seeing....glorified the God of Israel (Jesus’ healing ministry proved Jesus is Messiah or Christ; whatever we as the children of God do is always for the glory of God Soli Deo Gloria! <i>1 Cor 10:31</i>¹⁰)</p> <p>32=....compassion on the multitude.... 3 days and have nothing to eat...(Jesus’ Agape love for the hungry multitude for 3 days is shown)</p>
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⁶ *2 Cor 2:17* For we are not, as so many, peddling the word of God; but as of sincerity, but as from God, we speak in the sight of God in Christ.

⁷ *Mat 8:26* But He said to them, “Why are you fearful, O you of little faith?” Then He arose and rebuked the winds and the sea, and there was a great calm.

⁸ *Mark 7:31* Again, departing from the region of Tyre and Sidon, He came through the midst of the region of Decapolis to the Sea of Galilee.

⁹ *Isaiah 35:5-6* Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, And the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped. ⁶ Then the lame shall leap like a deer, And the tongue of the dumb sing. For waters shall burst forth in the wilderness, And streams in the desert.

¹⁰ *1 Cor 10:31* Therefore, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.

<p><u>33 Then His disciples said to Him, “Where could we get enough bread in the wilderness to fill such a great multitude?”</u></p> <p><u>34 Jesus said to them, “How many loaves do you have?”</u></p> <p>And they said, <u>“Seven, and a few little fish.”</u></p> <p><u>35 So He commanded the multitude to sit down on the ground.</u></p> <p><u>36 And He took the seven loaves and the fish and gave thanks, broke them and gave them to His disciples; and the disciples gave to the multitude.</u></p> <p><u>37 So they all ate and were filled, and they took up seven large baskets full of the fragments that were left.</u></p> <p><u>38 Now those who ate were four thousand men, besides women and children.</u> ³⁹ <u>And He sent away the multitude, got into the boat, and came to the region of Magdala.</u></p>	<p>33=Q3 ...His disciples said to Him, “Where could we get enough bread in the wilderness to fill such a great multitude? (His disciples saw the issue in the physical realm and tried to solve it with their wisdom; Even they already experienced the fed 5000 by Jesus <i>Mat 14:20-21</i>¹¹; Note when we, even the children of God, face a problem, we often try to solve it with our wisdom like Philip, but it is much better to give an available thing to the Lord and ask Him to handle it like Andrew because He is omniscient, omnipotent, faithful, merciful, etc. <i>John 6:7-9</i>¹²)</p> <p>34= ...How many loaves do you have (Jesus asked how many were available to you; give whatever available things to the Lord).....7 and a few little fish (7 loaves and a few fish for 4000, compared with 5 loaves and 2 fish for 5000)</p> <p>35= ..the multitude ...sit down on the ground (they were ready to eat)</p> <p>36= ...7 loaves and the fish (now 7 loaves and a few fish for 4000, compared with 5 loaves and 2 fish for 5000)... thanks, broke them gave them to His disciples...gave to the multitude (like the peace offering in OT or communion service in NT)</p> <p>37=...they all ate and were filled (all are full)7 large baskets full of the fragments... left (now 7 full baskets left after 4000 men beside women and children had eaten, compared with 12 full baskets left after 5000 men beside women and children had eaten)</p> <p>38=....4,000 men, besides women and children (4,000 families ate bread and fish in full)</p> <p>39= He....came to the region of Magdala (Jesus turned away the multitude and went to the west shore of the Sea of Galilee and reached the home town of Mary Magdalene, called as Magdala or Dalmanutha <i>Mark 8:10</i>¹³) https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2iMLOKpEEo0</p>
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Note: Most Christians say the Bible is important, but rarely study every word in the Bible and commit it to the Lord. So, it's better to study it and live accordingly after the Spirit for the Lord (2 Tim 2:15). This online word for global crusade in effect develops from the expositional sermon (KJV), into spiritual transformation in daily love fellowship with the Lord throughout the Bible Study (NKJV) -- *All Scripture Expository Study from verse by verse Inductive Studies* -- of which application is the Discipleship and Spiritual Formation, closer to the image of Christ. We think that “Any human opinion is not really important

¹¹ *Mat 14:20-21* So they all ate and were filled, and they took up twelve baskets full of the fragments that remained. ²¹ Now those who had eaten were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

¹² *John 6:7-9* Philip answered Him, “Two hundred denarii worth of bread is not sufficient for them, that every one of them may have a little.”⁸ One of His disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, said to Him, ⁹ “There is a lad here who has five barley loaves and two small fish, but what are they among so many?”

¹³ *Mark 8:10* immediately got into the boat with His disciples, and came to the region of Dalmanutha

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rather than what God says. So, the best commentary on the Bible is the Bible per se. But the opinion to make us understand God’s Word is acceptable (2 Corinthians 10:5).” Further, for the application, a life or spiritual experience might be helpful to understand how to apply an understood word in the text column, but it is temperately used like Paul, because nobody should think above that actual experience (2 Cor 12:6, Jeremiah 23:28).

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