

The Woman of Canaan

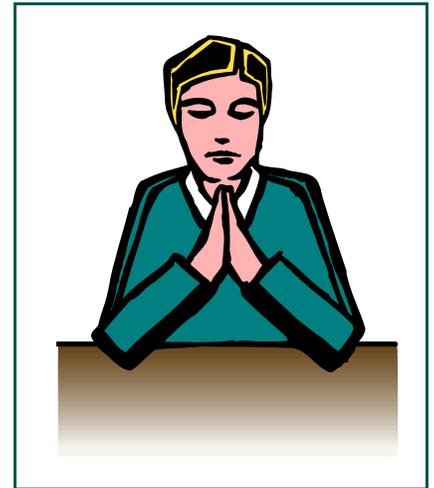
Matthew 15:21-28; Mark 7:24-30

What are some reasons people pray?

When are some times we pray?

Prayer

Dear Father in Heaven. We pray You will send the Holy Spirit to us, so we will gladly hear and study Your Word. Help us as we learn to come to You in prayer and trust in You for everything. In Jesus name. Amen.



The Story

(Matthew 15:21-28) Then Jesus went out from there and departed to the region of Tyre and Sidon. {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."

(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.

{23} But He answered her not a word. And His disciples came and urged Him, saying, "Send her away, for she cries out after us."

{24} But He answered and said, "I was not sent except to the lost sheep of the house of Israel."

{25} Then she came and worshiped Him, saying, "Lord, help me!"

{26} But He answered and said, "It is not good to take the children's bread and throw it to the little dogs."

{27} And she said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the little dogs eat the crumbs which fall from their masters' table."

{28} Then Jesus answered and said to her, "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be to you as you desire." And her daughter was healed from that very hour.

Recalling Details

1. Near what cities did this story take place?
2. Who came to help?
3. What words show she believed in Jesus as her Savior?
4. What two things did she pray for?

5. At first what did Jesus do?
6. What did Jesus tell her?
7. How did the Greek woman show her faith?
8. What did Jesus say about the Gentile woman?
9. How did Jesus help the woman?
10. What power did Jesus show by healing the demon-possessed girl?

Outer Aim

A Gentile woman persevered in seeking help from Jesus.

Discussion Questions

1. What did the Gentile woman pray for?
2. When should we go to Jesus in prayer?
3. From our story, what do we learn to do if God does not answer our prayers?
4. How are we like the Gentile woman?
5. How did Jesus test the woman's faith?
6. How did the woman show her strong faith?
7. How do we show our faith?
8. In what ways does God answer prayers?

Inner Aim

Our faith looks expectantly to God for all of our needs.

Passages

Matthew 11:28-30 Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls, For My yoke is easy and My burden is light.

What is the rest Jesus promises to give us?

1 Peter 5:6-7 Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time, casting all your care upon Him for He cares for you.

What do these Bible verses tell us to pray about?

1 Corinthians 10:12-13 Therefore, let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall, no temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it.

Because God is faithful, what will He do?

Hymn and Prayer

Read Hymn 446 vs. 1, 5, and 6. Use the hymn verses to write a closing prayer for today's lesson. Include the ideas from both the **OUTER** and **INNER AIMS**.