

MATTHEW 15; August 4; A Canaanite Woman's Faith

ANALYSIS:

1. How were the scribes and Pharisees making the 5th commandment (Ex 20:12) of none effect by their tradition?

2. How are hypocrites identified in this chapter? _____

3. Jesus taught that a man was not defiled by eating with unwashed hands, but by what? _____

4. What types of healings did Jesus do, and what was the response of the multitude? _____

5. Compare the feeding of the multitude in chapter 14 with this chapter's miracle. Chapter 14: Number of people _____ Food available _____ Food left over _____ Chapter 15: Number of people _____ Food available _____ Food left over _____

THINGS TO THINK ABOUT:

In how many ways did the woman of Canaan demonstrate her faith that Jesus would heal her daughter? She came crying to Jesus, she asked Him for mercy, she gave Jesus the title "O Lord," she acknowledged Him as the son of David, she continued to ask when Jesus did not respond to her, she continued to ask when Jesus said He was sent only to the lost sheep of Israel, she worshipped Him, she said "Lord, help me," she accepted the fact she could be compared to a dog as a Gentile, she said dogs get to eat crumbs from their master's table. When was her request answered?!

Are you tempted to give up asking and trusting in prayer when an answer is delayed? May the woman of Canaan encourage us all. Let's review Mathew 7:7-11 "Ask, Seek, Knock ... how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask Him?"

HELP:

1. They would say all their possessions had been given to God, and therefore they had nothing they could give to their needy parents (vs 5-6).

2. People who speak words that honor the LORD, but their heart is far from Him. They teach the commandments of men which contradict the truth of God (vs 8-9).

3. By the words and deeds which come out of the heart: evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies (vs 11, 18-20).

4. Lame, blind, dumb, maimed, many others were healed. The multitude wondered, and glorified the God of Israel (vs 30-31).

5. Chapter 14: 5,000 men plus women & children; 5 loaves & 2 fish; 12 baskets full. (14:15-21).

Chapter 15: 4,000 men plus women & children; 7 loaves & few fish; 7 baskets full. (15:32-38).