

### **Matthew 15:21-28 (NIV)**

21 Leaving that place, Jesus withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. 22 A Canaanite woman from that vicinity came to him, crying out, "Lord, Son of David, have mercy on me! My daughter is suffering terribly from demon-possession." 23 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." 24 He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of Israel." 25 The woman came and knelt before him. "Lord, help me!" she said. 26 He replied, "It is not right to take the children's bread and toss it to their dogs." 27 "Yes, Lord," she said, "but even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." 28 Then Jesus answered, "Woman, you have great faith! Your request is granted." And her daughter was healed from that very hour.

Crumbs of grace are what the woman wanted. Crumbs! Things that we sweep off the floor and throw away were all that she asked for. She knew that she didn't deserve anything more; she knew that she didn't even deserve that. But that didn't stop her from asking. Not once, not twice; again and again even when there was no reply. Annoying! Just like God wants!

Put yourselves in the shoes of that Canaanite woman. Your son or daughter is the one who is being tormented by the devil's minions. Wouldn't you do whatever was necessary to help them? This woman knew where she could find help. She knew that she could find it in the Lord. She begged for his mercy. She didn't ask for much; crumbs of grace is all she asked for, but she received a feast.

We are that woman whether we realize it or not! We need the crumbs of God's grace as desperately as her daughter did. We need God's mercy! Our sins have placed us in that condition. We don't deserve even the crumbs of God's grace. But God doesn't give us what we deserve. Instead, he gives us the seven-course meal of grace! He gives us free and full salvation. He gives us eternal life in the mansions of heaven. He gives us blessings beyond compare here on this earth.

What a great example this Canaanite woman gives us! Pray continually! Pray without ceasing! Pray that God's will be done in your life! Pray that his grace would continue to shower upon you. Pray that his kingdom will come! Be annoying in your prayers; God delights in the prayers of his children. He tells us, "*Ask for anything in my name and it will be granted to you by my Father in heaven.*" Why not ask him then? Why not ask him for spiritual help and guidance? Why not ask him for the courage to stand up against the assaults of Satan? Why not ask him for the wisdom to use all of his gifts for the betterment of his kingdom? He's already proven that he'll give us more than we deserve. Crumbs of grace are more than we deserve; God has in store for us a feast!