

THE QUALITY OF GREAT FAITH  
(Matthew 15:21-28)

- I. The PLACE (Matt. 15:21)
  - A. The Lord “WENT AWAY from there” (see 14:34ff)
    - 1. Withdrew from the JURISDICTION of HEROD
    - 2. Withdrew from the DEMANDS of the CROWDS
    - 3. Withdrew from the OPPOSITION of the RELIGIOUS leaders
  - B. The Lord entered the region of TYRE and SIDON
  
- II. The PETITION (Matt. 15:22-27)
  - A. The woman demonstrated REPENTANCE (15:22a; cf. 13:37-38a)
    - 1. Implied by her IDENTITY as a CANAANITE
    - 2. Indicated by her PLEA for MERCY
  - B. The woman demonstrated REVERENCE (15:22b)
    - 1. Indicated FAITH in One who is TRUSTWORTHY
    - 2. Indicated CONFICENCE in One who is OMNIPOTENT
  - C. The woman demonstrated PERSISTENCE (15:23-24; cf. 13:20-23)

1. CONTINUED to plead while apparently IGNORED
  2. CONTINUED to plead while apparently DENIED
- D. The woman demonstrated DEPENDENCE (15:25-27)
1. Seen in her WORSHIP
  2. Seen in her CRY for HELP
  3. Seen in her HUMBLE admission that help was UNDESERVED
    - a. “The CHILDREN should eat FIRST”
    - b. “Can’t the PUPPIES eat what the children CAST AWAY?” (cf. 12:23-24)

III. The PROVISION (Matt. 15:28)

- A. The Lord ACKNOWLEDGED the QUALITY of her faith
- B. The Lord GRANTED the REQUEST of her faith
  1. He HEALED “all who CAME” among the Jews (12:15; 14:36)
  2. He SAVED all who BELIEVED, even among the Gentiles