

## PARABLE OF THE CRUMBS

MATTHEW 15:21-28

Have you ever wondered what God is like? While we cannot see Him, the Bible says, "but Jesus said that when we see Him, we see the heavenly Father". In Matthew chapter 15 in the Bible we find out something that Jesus did that helps us know what God is like.

Two cities, Tyre and Sidon, were known throughout the whole world. But the people of this land knew very little about the God the Jews worshipped. Some of those who had visited Jerusalem had come home saying that a prophet named Jesus had begun to travel through the land of the Jews. He was teaching people about God and healing people making the blind see and the lame walk. Jesus wanted to have some time alone with his disciples. There were many things He wanted to teach them about God before he went back to His Father in Heaven.

So Jesus led His disciples away to the land of Tyre and Sidon. Before He had been there long, a woman came and fell down at his feet. She was not a Jew, but lived in the land. She had heard of Jesus and believed that He was able to help her. She said "An evil spirit torments and bothers my little daughter." Jesus did not answer a word. She cried out again "Lord help me". He said to her "I was sent to the lost children of Israel. It is not right to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." The Jews called people of other nations dogs at that time because they were certain that God did not care what happened to these foreigners. But the woman was so sure that Jesus was able to help her that she kept on asking. She said "Yes Lord, but even the dogs get the crumbs that fall from their master's table." All she wanted was a little crumb that her daughter should be made well. Jesus said "O woman you have great faith in me. You shall have what you ask. The evil spirit has left your daughter." The woman believed Jesus. Joyfully she ran home. The little girl was lying on her bed perfectly well, totally healed.

Did Jesus refuse to help the woman because she was not a Jew? Of course not. God loves everyone. No matter what country we live in, what colour our skin is, how old or young we are, God loves everyone equally. God says that whoever wants to, may come to Him. In fact He wants you to come to Him and ask Him to forgive your sins. Jesus died for you on the cross because He loves you and wants to forgive your sins. Invite Jesus into your heart and life right now. He wants you to do this and He promises He will never leave you and He will never forsake you. Read today's story in your Bible in Matthew chapter 15 verses 21 to 28.