

A Mother with Great Faith!

Introduction

- Jesus has begun His ministry & become well-known through His preaching, teaching & mighty miracles
- Some had been truly converted & became followers of Christ – John the Baptist, the 12 Apostles, etc.
- Many had begun to reject & oppose Jesus – religious leaders, crowds, family members, etc.
- Jesus had been rejected in Jerusalem, other cities & even Nazareth His home town (Mt. 13:53-58)

I. God's Love for A Mother (v. 21-22)

A. Jesus draws near (v. 21)

Unbelief & rejection often caused Jesus to withdraw to other places for safety, rest & ministry. Jesus withdrew from Galilee (Jewish) to Tyre & Sidon (Gentile). Jesus made Himself available to a mother in desperate need.

B. A mother seeks Jesus (v. 22)

*This Gentile mother **knows** Jesus, **seeks** Him & **pleads** for mercy for her daughter – “Lord”, “Son of David”. She knows that Jesus is her only source of help – “severely... demon”.*

Jesus makes Himself available so that we will earnestly seek Him.

II. A Mother's Love for Her Child (v. 23-28)

A. Persistence & humility (v. 23-27)

This mother was not discouraged by Jesus' lack of response or the disciples' impatience (v. 23). She was not discouraged by Jesus' Jewish priority in ministry (v. 24, 26). Her response is filled with grace & humility (v. 25, 27) – “Lord, help me”.

B. Great faith (v. 28)

*This mother's **love** for her daughter & **faith** in Christ gave her **hope** to endure any apparent obstacle to her request. Her faith was placed firmly in Christ. Jesus commended the greatness of her faith & rewarded it immediately.*

A mother's great faith is revealed when she endures all for her child without giving up!