

HELEN SANDERS

3-22-2021

HEALING – THE CHILDREN’S BREAD

In Matthew chapter 15 there is a story about a woman of Canaan that came to Jesus with a problem. Her daughter was being troubled by a demon. She asked Jesus for help, but he remained silent. His disciples wanted him to send her away and that is when he spoke, ***“I am not sent but unto the lost sheep of the house of Israel.”***

Jesus’ answer may seem strange to those of us that are part of the “New Covenant”, because we know under the New Covenant that there is no respect of persons for the promises of God. They are all received by faith. Yet, in this verse he clearly shows that he was sent to the house of Israel under the Old Covenant (until his resurrection the Old Covenant was still in force), who rejected him as their Messiah. This woman would not let go of her faith in him. She worshipped him (which he allowed, and only God is to be worshipped!) and said, ***“Lord, help me.”*** She acknowledged her faith by declaring him as Lord. She saw Jesus as her only hope for her daughter.

He responds again, ***“It is not meet (right) to take the children’s bread, and to cast it to dogs.”*** The bread he was speaking of was “healing.” Now what would she do? He called her a dog, which were considered to be of little or no value. Her response was astounding. She said, ***“Truth, Lord: yet the dogs eat of the crumbs which fall from their masters’ table.”***

She acknowledged him as “her master” with that statement. She had determined faith to receive. She didn’t quit asking for help even when he had called her of no value not being Jewish. He then responds in verse 28, ***“O woman, great is thy faith: be it unto thee even as thou wilt. And her daughter was made whole from that very hour.”***

Jesus came to his own and his own received him not. We as the non-Jewish part of the body of Christ have been grafted in to the “true vine” and receive everything that the Jews rejected. Like that woman, when we have determined faith, we can also receive. Healing is the children’s bread my friends. In I John 2:13 it says, ***“... I write unto you, little children because you have known the Father.”*** We are those children.

We know the Father only through Jesus Christ, our brother. This makes us children of God through salvation, and all of God’s promises, including healing are ours. Jesus calls himself the “bread of life” in John 6:35. I believe that taking the bread in communion (figuratively or literally) is symbolic of the “children’s bread. Every time that you take it should be a reminder that it is the “children’s bread” that brings healing to you by faith, just like it did for that woman of Canaan did.