

## MORE THAN CRUMBS AND BETTER THAN DOGS

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Matt 15:21-27 Jesus then left Galilee and went north to the region of Tyre and Sidon. A Gentile woman who lived there came to him, pleading, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David! For my daughter has a demon in her, and it is severely tormenting her." But Jesus gave her no reply — not even a word. Then his disciples urged him to send her away. "Tell her to leave," they said. "She is bothering us with all her begging." Then he said to the woman, "I was sent only to help the people of Israel — God's lost sheep — not the Gentiles." But she came and worshiped him and pleaded again, "Lord, help me!" "It isn't right to take food from the children and throw it to the dogs," he said. "Yes, Lord," she replied, "but even dogs are permitted to eat crumbs that fall beneath their master's table." NLT

This woman comes to Jesus begging for healing for her daughter. She was a Gentile. She was an outcast. She was considered a pagan. She didn't have any grounds for coming to Jesus, but she came anyway. When she made her need known to Jesus, he ignored her at first. When He did speak, He referred to her as a dog. But notice, calling her a dog didn't stop her. Telling her to go away didn't stop her. Ignoring her didn't shut her up. She had a need and she was determined not to leave until her need was met.

All she asked for was a crumb!

If there was enough power in one crumb to heal her daughter; if there was enough power in one crumb to make the devil flee; if there was enough power in one crumb just to speak the word and her daughter would be set free, how much more power must there be in the whole loaf that belongs to those of us gathered here today? I'm not preaching to a bunch of outcast here this morning, I am preaching to sons and daughters of the king!

Matt 7:7-11 "Keep on asking, and you will be given what you ask for. Keep on looking, and you will find. Keep on knocking, and the door will be opened. For everyone who asks, receives. Everyone who seeks, finds. And the door is opened to everyone who knocks. You parents — if your children ask for a loaf of bread, do you give them a stone instead? Or if they ask for a fish, do you give them a snake? Of course not! If you sinful people know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give good gifts to those who ask him. NLT

We have a heavenly Father who is ready to give to those who ask of Him.

His offer to us is more than crumbs because we are better than dogs. We are His children!