



## *The Vintage Newsletter- Mother's Day Edition*

### LORD HELP ME!

I want to share this really good Mother's Day message that Pastor, Elder Eddie Walker shared with the mothers of TPMP Church this past Sunday and perhaps there is something in this sermon that challenges you to ask the "Lord Help Me."

This is a story of the Syrophenician Woman or commonly known as the Canaanite Woman as recorded in the following gospel accounts:

#### Matthew 15:21-28

"Then Jesus went thence, and departed into the coasts of Tyre and Sidon. And, behold, a woman of Canaan came out of the same coasts, and cried unto him, saying, Have mercy on me, O Lord, thou son of David; my daughter is grievously vexed with a devil. But he answered her not a word. And his disciples came and besought him saying send her away; for she cries after us. But he answered and said, I am not sent but unto the lost sheep of the house of Israel. Then came she and worshipped him, saying, Lord, help me. But he answered and said it is not meet to take the children's bread, and to cast it to dogs. And she said, truth, Lord: yet the dogs eat of the crumbs which fall from their masters' table. Then Jesus answered and said unto her, O woman, great is thy faith: be it unto thee even as thou wilt. And her daughter was made whole from that very hour."

#### Mark 7:24-30

"And from thence he arose, and went into the borders of Tyre and Sidon, and entered into a house, and would have no man know it: but he could not be hid. For a certain woman, whose young daughter had an unclean spirit, heard of him, and came and fell at his feet: The woman was a Greek, a Syrophenician by nation; and she besought him that he would cast forth the devil out of her daughter. But Jesus said unto her, let the children first be filled: for it is not meet to take the children's bread, and to cast it unto the dogs. And she answered and said unto him, Yes, Lord: yet the dogs under the table eat of the children's crumbs. And he said unto her, for this saying go thy way; the devil is gone out of thy daughter. And when she was come to her house, she found the devil gone out, and her daughter laid upon the bed."

We know very little about her life other than she was a gentile woman or heathen woman and was not a part of the Abraham or Mosaic genealogy and Covenant, simply put she was not a Jew and had no privileges for offering sacrifices and seeking God's help in the Holy Temple. What we do know about her is she had a daughter who was grievously vexed with a devil, in today's vernacular her daughter would be considered suicidal, homicidal, paranoid schizophrenia, under an evil demonic influence for the scripture says she was

grievously vexed with a devil. We know that she knew that Jesus was Lord, the root and offspring the Son of David and by calling him Lord she acknowledges honor and declares His deity, dominion, power and that He was the long awaited deliverer, healer, savior-the Messiah the fulfillment of the Old Testament Prophets.

The Syrophenician woman ask Jesus to be merciful to her daughter tells us she had witnessed Jesus preaching the gospel to the poor and showing mercy to those in need of healing. “And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people. And his fame went throughout all Syria: and they brought unto him all sick people that were taken with divers diseases and torments, and those which were possessed with devils, and those which were lunatic, and those that had the palsy; and he healed them.” Matthew 4:23

Perhaps this woman is asking Jesus for His mercy because she realized her spiritual inactions had contributed to the devil having more influence on her daughter’s condition than she did; and/or because she realized she had been negligent in providing a spiritual environment of nurturing, teaching and studying the word of God with Prayer and Intercession to her only daughter.

In chapter 15:23 the scripture says ... “but Jesus answered not a word and his disciples came and besought or begged him saying, send her away for she cries after us. But Jesus answered and said I am not sent but unto the lost sheep of the house of Israel then she came and worshipped him, saying Lord Help Me! But he answered and said, it is not right to take the children’s bread and cast it to dogs and she responded saying truth Lord but even the dogs eat the crumbs which fall from their master’s table. Then Jesus answered and said unto her, O woman great is thy faith be it unto thee even as thou wilt and her daughter was made whole that very hour.

This is a wonderful story of a Mother’s love the Syrophenician Woman was willing to do whatever it took to save her suffering baby. She became desperate in her pursuit for Jesus mercy for her child, and as a Mother you must become desperate and plead for mercy, salvation and the healing and deliverance of your children. Never give up on your children because their eternal life is dependent upon your persistence.

The anguish, burden and distress of this mother brought her to Christ and healed her daughter of her spiritual condition. This story is a shining example to all mothers, everywhere to persevere in prayer, continue to believe by faith and put your trust in the power and deliverance of Jesus Christ.

Our daughters too are in need of prevailing prayer they are often victims of demonic influences as domestic abuse, drug abuse, bipolar depression, suicide and other mental and emotional problems. Only God knows what could be accomplished for our children if we pray like the Syrophenician Women prayed for hers.