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WEEKLY SERMONETTE

"Crumbs of Mercy"

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During His ministry, Jesus once took a trip to the Phoenician coast of the Mediterranean Sea to withdraw from increasing attacks and opposition as He preached about the Kingdom of Heaven and of salvation. The people of His hometown had rejected Him; Herod had killed John the Baptist; and Israel's teachers were arguing with Him about traditions and commandments.

Tired of the hypocrites, He withdrew to the Mediterranean coast. There, He was confronted by a woman whose daughter was oppressed by a demon. She begged Jesus to help. Initially, Jesus ignored her. Then, He told her that He had come only to the "lost sheep of the house of Israel." This woman was a Gentile, not an Israelite. Still, she pleaded with Jesus, that her daughter would be healed.

At this point, we might ask, "For whom has Jesus come?" This woman, clearly not of

the "lost sheep of Israel" saw Jesus as her only hope. Yet Jesus is the promised Messiah of Israel. He came for Israel, to be sure. Had He come for others as well? The prophet Isaiah answers this when he says, regarding God's Servant, "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to

raise up the tribes of Jacob and to bring back the preserved of Israel; I will make you as a light for the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth." Jesus was about to prove the prophet correct.

As the woman knelt before Jesus asking for help, Jesus said, "It is not right

to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." To this, the woman replied, "Yes, Lord, for even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." It's as if she says that she understands why Jesus came; namely, for Israel, but she also has faith that even a few leftover crumbs of mercy will be sufficient to heal her daughter. And, in fact, they were. Jesus healed her daughter that very hour (Matthew 15:28).

For whom has Jesus come? All people. Yes, Jesus came first to the lost sheep of Israel, but His mercy extends to all who would put their faith in Him, just as this woman, a Gentile, received the mercy she sought. Jesus came as a sacrifice for sin that He might draw all people to Himself. No one is beyond salvation, and just a few crumbs of mercy from Jesus can accomplish great things, even everlasting life.



Refresh Your Soul

Wherever you are, whatever you thirst for, when your spirit is parched, God can refresh you with His mercy and love. Our Heavenly Father promises, "The poor and needy search for water... their tongues are parched with thirst. But I the Lord will answer them...I will make rivers flow on barren heights, and springs within the valleys." (Isaiah 41:17-18) Visit His House this week and revive your thirst for God who is good.

Weekly Scripture Reading

1 Thes. 1 Thes. 1 Thes. 2 Thes. 2 Thes. 1 Timothy
2.17-3.13 4.1-18 5.1-28 1.1-12 2.1-17 3.1-18 1.1-20

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Yoder Heritage Day
August 27, Yoder
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yoderkans.com

115th Annual Labor Day Celebration
September 2-5, Hoisington
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Autumn & Art at Bradley Fair
September 16-18, Wichita
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McPherson Scottish Festival
September 23-25, McPherson
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Wagonmasters Chili Cook-Off
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