

You Have Great Faith!

(Matthew 15:1-39)

- I. Clean and Unclean(1-20)
- II. The Faith of a Canaanite Woman (21-28)
- III. Feeding 4,000 (29-39)

“Then Jesus answered, ‘Woman, you have great faith! Your request is granted.’ And her daughter was healed from that very hour.”
(Mat 15:28)

Introduction

- 4th Narrative (14-17)-Discourse (18)
 - 14:1-16:20 The Identity of Messiah Revealed
 1. 14:1-36 Into the Heart of Jesus
 2. **15:1-39 Hypocrisy and Great Faith**
 3. 16:1-20 Peter's Confession of Christ
 4. 16:21-28 Jesus Predicts His Death
 - 16:21-17:27 The Suffering of Messiah Revealed
- Little Faith (14:31) vs. Great Faith (15:28)
 - Disciples vs. Outsiders
 - Men vs. Women
 - Israelites vs. Canaanites

Clean and Unclean (1-20)

- Traditions and Commandments (1-9)
- What Defiles a Person (10-20)
- “Coram Deo” (Sermon on the Mount – ch. 6)
- “Heart” Problem (Heart of Worship)
- Christ and Culture
- Reformation: Tradition vs. Truth

The Great Faith of a Canaanite Woman(21-28)

- Historical Background (21)
- Conversations (22-28)
 1. The Canaanite Woman's Cry (22)
 - **Jesus' Silence (23a)**
 2. The Disciples' Request (23b)
 - **Jesus' Answer (24)**
 3. The Woman's Worshipful Cry (25)
 - **Jesus' Shocking Reply (26)** [Elisha-Naaman, 2Ki 5:11]
 4. The Woman's Conquering Response (27) [A.S.K]
 - ❖ **Jesus' Compliment and Blessing (28)** [8:10]

Jesus Feeds the 4,000(29-39)

- Jesus Heals Many (29-31): Messianic Prophecy
- Feeding of 4,000 (32-39): Gentile Territory
- Relationship with Feeding 5,000 (14:13-21)
 - **5** loaves vs. **7** loaves of Bread
 - 2 fish vs. a few small Fish
 - **5,000** men vs. **4,000** men Fed (1 vs. 3 days)
 - **12** basketfuls vs. **7** (big) basketfuls Leftover
 - Blessing Prayer vs. Thanksgiving Prayer
- ❖ 16:9-10 Do you still not understand? Remember

Applications: Where is Your Faith?

- Stott's
 - Heart > Lip, Scripture > Tradition, Inner > Outer
 - God's Purpose: Jews first->Gentiles->Jews->World
- Power of Tongue/Word/Pen ← Heart
- Culture of Hypocrisy, Human Praise, Appearance/Success vs. Sincerity of Heart, God's Rewards, True Service
- ❖ "Great Faith" – True Humility and Persistence
- International "One Faith" Community (Heart of World Mission over Judaism)