



THE APOSTOLIC FAITH CHURCH
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A MOTHER'S FAITH

SCRIPTURAL LESSON: *Matthew 15:21-28*

GOSPEL TRUTH:

Although we cannot physically see Jesus Christ, our faith in Him is what will help us stay on the right track toward heaven (*Hebrews 11:1*).

GOLDEN SCRIPTURE:

That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation (Romans 10:9-10).

THE APOSTOLIC FAITH CHURCH DOCTRINES:

1. Faith is one component of the fruit of the Spirit and is also the seventh mentioned in Galatians 5:22.
2. God said that He would destroy this Earth with a flood. Noah was instructed by God to build an ark. He obeyed and with Lord's guidance, Noah succeeded. Would we have the same faith if God asked us to build an ark? (*Genesis 6:14-16*).
3. As believers in Christ, one should help build up each other's faith, praying for one another (*Mark 2:1-2; James 5:16*).
4. Obtaining and exercising the Holy Spirit will build one's faith in Christ Jesus. Jesus dwells in those who are baptized and saved by His Spirit (*Galatians 2:20*).
5. Jesus' disciples were part of the 120 who tarried in the Upper Room. They were told to wait for the promise of the Holy Ghost and they did. Because of their faith and obedience, the Lord loosened their tongues and filled them with the Holy Ghost (*Acts 1:4; 2:1-4*).

BACKGROUND SETTING:

The parable of the demon leaving the Canaan woman's daughter was just one of the miracles the Lord performed. This miracle was one example of a mother's faith in God for her afflicted child. The woman cried out to Jesus saying, "*Have mercy on me.*" This was the mother's way of repenting to the Lord in an effort to help her daughter. Let us not forget that this woman was a Gentile and during this time Gentiles were often thought of as "dogs." As the scripture states, the woman was willing to "eat of the crumbs" which fell to the floor (*Matthew 15:26-27*). After the third attempt, Jesus granted the woman's request saying, "great is thy faith," and He made her daughter whole.

LESSON SUMMARY:

Faith is very important. The Gentile woman believed and was very persistent in seeking the attention of Jesus to help her. All must believe and be persistent in seeking Jesus. When one wakes up every day, one should have the belief in one's heart that it will be a better day. In order to make it a better day, one needs to take action. If one does not take action, nothing will improve. Faith without works is dead (*James 2:20*).

Faith is to believe in things unseen (*Hebrews 11:1*). We should believe and be ready for the Lord's coming because: 1) Jesus was baptized; 2) Jesus set an example for us when dealing with temptation; 3) Jesus called for His disciples to take up the cross; 4) Jesus healed and gave His disciples power to heal; 5) Jesus died and rose from the grave; 6) Jesus spent time with His disciples and even though Thomas doubted, he later received his answer; and 7) we believe we are going to be with Jesus when He returns in clouds of glory. The Bible gives us many examples of faith. Like the Gentile mother, one needs to have faith in God.

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