

BE REAL WITH GOD

Mathew 15: 21-28



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This chapter shows us the story of a woman who was desperate enough to want to receive something from God which she knew she didn't deserve due to her position and background, the fact that she wasn't a Jew.

As we see it here she referred to Jesus as "Son of David", which is a messianic title revealing the fulfillment of the Old Testament prophecies for Israel (see 2 Samuel 7: 12-13). The term expresses a certain relation or affinity and it also expresses the faith in acknowledging Jesus as the Messiah that the Jews have always been waiting for. It qualifies you to receive mercy and healing, which she was seeking and so by calling Him "Son of David" she was hoping to be familiar to Jesus and be considered as a Jew.

My Question for you today is what qualifies you to receive from God? What is your boldness based on when approaching God?

Some people think that they receive from God because of all the things they do which are all good, but are they really the reason why we receive from God?



It's sad that even today many of us still think and behave like that Pharisee.

If God had to bless you based on your pretense or the image you give then you will never feel His love for you, reason why Jesus first had to remind the woman of who she was in order to break her pretense.

In verse 25, we notice that she doesn't address Jesus as "Son of David" anymore but that she simply says "Lord Help me". Jesus was trying to show her that He could not bless her based on pretense and that neither could He send her away without a blessing.

You will never know how much you are loved by God until you realize that He knows everything about you yet He still loves you. You cannot feel loved if you know that the person loving you is simply loving an image of you, as the love of God is the ONE thing that can cast out any fear and transform you.

Your relationship with God is not based on who you show that you are but it's based on the position that you have in Jesus Christ. That's why praying in the name of Jesus is not a slogan but a position. It's what qualifies you to receive from God and not the works we've done.

So if you have never received Him, you can do it TODAY, do not wait and if you have already received Him then let it not be about your own merits anymore but look at what Jesus did, His perfect finished work, instead of what you know how to do good.

PRAYER:

Jesus Christ, I believe in my heart that you came and died for me on the cross and resurrected after three 3 days for my sake and I confess today that you're my LORD and SAVIOR.
From today, Holy Spirit You dwell in me and I am a new creature and the Righteousness of God in Christ Jesus.

Let my confidence and boldness in approaching you no longer be based on my own performance or merits, but on focusing on your throne of Grace that I may receive mercy and find Grace to help in time of need.

In Jesus name

AMEN

Many times we don't receive answers from God, not because He doesn't want to answer us but simply because deep inside ourselves we think that we qualify for what we're asking for and so when we don't receive it, we get angry.

Often times than most, we come to God with pretense, attitudes and hypocrisy. In Luke 18: 11-12, the boldness of the Pharisee as we can see, was based on his self merits whereas the tax collector on the other side, shows what Jesus spoke about when He said in Matthew 5:3: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven".

Being poor in spirit means admitting we have nothing to offer to God to impress Him.

