

THE ANSWER TO A MOTHER'S PRAYER

Mark 7:24-37.

LESSON 75 -- Primary Course

MEMORY VERSE: "The just shall live by faith" (Hebrews 10:38).

Jesus' Loving-Kindness

When He was on earth Jesus was always helping someone. He gave them good advice, healed their sicknesses, and even raised people from the dead. People heard about the wonderful things He was doing and they followed Him wherever he went. Sometimes He went to the mountains to be alone and pray to His Father in Heaven. Jesus spent much time talking to God. He has told everybody to do that.

Wherever Jesus went people seemed to find Him. He could not be hid. How thankful all people should be that Jesus can always be found today, and that He still is helping people who ask Him for help.

Help Needed

We read that there was a certain woman whose young daughter was sick. The mother had heard that Jesus would heal the sick and she came and fell at His feet. She begged Jesus to heal her daughter. Perhaps to see how much she really trusted Him, Jesus said that He must first take care of the Jewish people, not the people of her country. He said it was not right to give the children's food to dogs. But the woman did not feel hurt that Jesus seemed to call her people dogs, if that is what he meant by what He said. She said that the dogs ate the crumbs that fell from the children's table. Jesus was pleased with her faith in Him, and He told her that her daughter was healed.

The Thankful Mother

The mother must have gone away very happy and thankful. When she came home she found that Jesus had done just what He said He would do – had made the girl well.

Jesus had made many mothers thankful to Him by healing their children when they were sick. Little children, too, have prayed, and Jesus has healed them just as He healed that woman's daughter many years ago. He is just the same Jesus today, and will heal all who trust Him.

God's Great Power

Jesus healed people in many countries, in many ways, and of many kinds of diseases. After he had made the woman happy by healing her daughter, He went to another country where there were people who needed Him. Jesus knows just where the people are who want Him and who need Him. When He came to that other country, people soon heard that He was there and they came with their sick to be healed.

They brought Him a man who was deaf and who could not speak plainly. All Jesus would need to do was speak the word and the people would be healed. Sometimes he would touch them and heal them. He touched this sick man's ears and tongue, and looked up to Heaven and said, "Be opened"; and the man could hear and could speak.

Thankfulness

Jesus has spoken to the hearts of deaf people, and He has saved them. Sometimes they tell of God's great kindness to them by pointing to Heaven, pointing to their heart, and holding up the Bible. It is not hard to tell what they mean, for their faces also show how happy they are to be saved. Some have also been sanctified and received the baptism of the Holy Ghost. Although not all deaf people receive their healing, we know that some day "the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped. . . . and the tongue of the dumb sing" (Isaiah 35:5, 6). Several of the dear ones who worshiped the Lord with us and served Him faithfully for many years, have gone Home to be with Jesus. We believe they are singing around the Throne.

QUESTIONS

1. Do you think the woman who came to Jesus had faith? Mark 7:26-28.
2. Did Jesus heal the woman's daughter? Mark 7:29, 30.
3. Was the deaf man healed? Mark 7:34, 35.
4. What must we do when we are sick? James 5:13-15.
5. Do we receive anything from God without faith? Hebrews 11:6.