

## “JESUS CHRIST - A MAN APPROVED OF GOD ([Acts 2:22](#))”

### Miracle #23 – “DOGS AND CRUMBS”

The Syrophenian woman has a daughter with a devil

[Matthew 15:22-25,26-28](#); [Mark 7:25-28,29-30](#)

Among many others, this miracle raises **four** points as follows:

1. Calvinism
2. Jealousy
3. Racism
4. Gordian Knots

#### 1. Calvinism aka Doctrines of Grace

Welcome to another of Christ’s anti-Calvinistic miracles!

Although Israel and Christ are God’s elect ([Isaiah 42:1](#); [45:4](#)), provision was also made for other individuals ([Leviticus 16:29](#)), indeed nations ([Jonah 4:11](#)), has always been made to join this election by **free will** choice.

Being a Gentile, this woman was **not** one of the elect as Christ came to save his people, not others, from their sins ([Matthew 1:21](#)) ... being sent to the lost sheep of the house of Israel ([Matthew 15:24](#)) .... to let the children *first be filled* ([Mark 7:27](#))

#### 2. Jealousy

In talking with this Gentile woman, Christ would stir up jealousy in Israel. Indeed, Jesus knew the outcome ([Romans 10:19](#)).

Hidden in the woman’s argument, she may have also been saying “Look Jesus, Israel are not jealous for you ... they are letting your food drop off the table” ... as follows ...

*“... Truth, Lord: yet the dogs eat of the crumbs which fall from their masters' table.”*  
([Matthew 15:27](#))

#### 3. Racism

Today, Jesus would be fined and face prison, for being racist ... for calling into question her racial characteristics ... in intimating this woman was a dog.

But why should such gender sensitive people, hiding their reincarnation proclivities, get all upset today ... to them dogs are just people in a different form aren’t they? Just one of the family aren’t they?

#### 4. Gordian Knots

A Gordian Knot is a metaphor for a problem that has no easy or obvious solution.

If you watch those courtroom scenes on TV, this woman could have made a lot of money as a lawyer in arguing cases.

She did this in three steps ...

1. She was **determined**, **fell** at his feet, **worshipped** him and **called** him **Lord**
2. She then **engaged** Jesus with a line of argument unlike the Pharisees who tried to **entangle** Jesus ([Matthew 22:15](#))
3. With the argument that a righteous man should regard the life of his beast ([Proverbs 12:10](#)), she wins her case, with Christ commending her for her faith ([Matthew 15:28](#)).

### Approaching God

Today, we could do well using a form of her approach when putting forward our requests to God ... realising the difference, that this woman was acting in accordance with **the kingdom of heaven rules** ... not as today under the kingdom of God dispensation ... where all may have the peace that passeth understanding ... with their requests dealt with according to God's will ([Philippians 4:7](#)) no matter what the outcome.

Being dead in Christ, we can be assured that Christ will grant what he's sees is best for his glory ... and not what we want ... no matter how cogent our argument might be to us.

The misapplication of the **three** examples of the **importunate woman with the judge** ([Luke 18:2](#)), **this Syrophenician woman**, and the **man knocking on his friend's door at midnight** ([Luke 11:8](#)), has led many a Christian into getting what he wanted ... but with disastrous consequences.

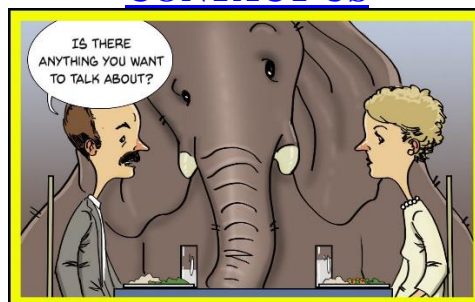
The world has a parallel saying of "Don't wish too hard for what you want, because then you might get it!"

Dear Christian, be grateful you have eternal security, presenting your requests with thanksgiving ([Philippians 4:6](#)), take the lower seat and pray "Not my will but thine dear Lord ... your will, your way, your time" ... no matter what condition your 'daughter' is in.

To keep pounding away on God's door is not godly ... they are simply prayers of unbelief that God does not know what he is doing.

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