

# Prayer

## Part 9

<sup>5</sup> *Then he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and he goes to him at midnight and says, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread, <sup>6</sup> because a friend of mine on a journey has come to me, and I have nothing to set before him.' <sup>7</sup> "Then the one inside answers, 'Don't bother me. The door is already locked, and my children are with me in bed. I can't get up and give you anything.'<sup>8</sup> I tell you, though he will not get up and give him the bread because he is his friend, yet because of the man's boldness he will get up and give him as much as he needs." (Luke 11:5-8)*

Boldness and persistence in prayer is what the Lord wants to see in our lives. We have a friendship and relationship with the Lord and the Lord expect to see in us faith and full trust in Him.

In the parable that Jesus said, the man who was knocking the door even heard his friend telling him, ***"I can't get up and give you anything."*** But the man did not get discouraged and went away but he showed persistence and continued to knock till he received what he needed.

The same for us now and this very day; the Lord wants to see in us faithfulness and commitment to stay at His door and be at His feet and not to go to others in order for us to get what we need

<sup>9</sup> ***"So I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. <sup>10</sup> For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened."*** (Luke 11:9-10) In prayer we are asking God our needs, knocking His door to open for us and relief us, and seeking His will and plan for our lives.

<sup>21</sup> *Leaving that place, Jesus withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. <sup>22</sup> A Canaanite woman from that vicinity came to him, crying out, "Lord, Son of David, have mercy on me! My daughter is demon-possessed and suffering terribly." <sup>23</sup> *Jesus did not answer a word. So his disciples came to him and urged him, "Send her away, for she keeps crying out after us." <sup>24</sup> *He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of Israel." <sup>25</sup> *The woman came and knelt before him. "Lord, help me!" she said. <sup>26</sup> He replied, "It is not right to take the children's bread and toss it to the dogs." <sup>27</sup> *"Yes it is, Lord," she said. "Even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their master's table." <sup>28</sup> *Then Jesus said to her, "Woman, you have great faith! Your request is granted." And her daughter was healed at that moment.* (Matthew 15:21-28)*****

Many also read that above Scripture about the Canaanite woman and they take the impression that the Lord did not like or accept that woman because He answered his disciples the following: ***"I was sent only to the lost sheep of Israel."*** And some also they questioned whether Jesus' love and care only toward the Jewish because they put the reason that Jesus did not accept that woman because she is non Jewish.

But the truth is not like this. Never in the heart or mind of Jesus to differentiate or to favour someone over another unless based on the principle of His word. Jesus did not intend to push that woman away, but His intention was to bring up her great faith to the surface and make it more evident.

Sometimes God answer you when you pray, but in another times God is silent and not speaking as he did with that woman. But that does not mean that the Lord had rejected you or He does not like you. At these times remember the Canaanite woman and how by faith she continued to draw near to God. Even the disciples response to her was discouraging but she continued to draw near to Jesus. Sometimes the disciples of Jesus will discourage you or hinder you from drawing near to Jesus but you don't need to be discouraged, but do as the Canaanite woman did, ***the woman came and knelt before him. "Lord, help me!" she said.*** Never allow trial to bring you away from Jesus. Remember very well your need is with Him; He is the only one who can help you and deliver you from your troubles. So when you have a problem don't allow anything to confuse you and discourage you and misdirect you away from the Lord, but draw near to Jesus and don't believe the realities but believe what God is and what His word promise to you.

Jesus said to this woman, ***"It is not right to take the children's bread and toss it to the dogs."*** Even with that she was not discouraged and she answered the Lord, <sup>27</sup> ***"Yes it is, Lord."*** Certain Scripture that you may read and understand that some blessings are far from you, but don't take the Scripture with a pessimistic impression. The woman she did not say to the Lord 'No,' but she said, ***"Yes it is, Lord,"*** and her faith enabled her to see the blessings deep in the word of Jesus, and she responded more appropriately to Him by saying, ***"Even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their master's table."***

God always is storing blessing for us, but we need to live by faith and not to look on circumstances or trials, but to look unto His promises and His word by faith. The Canaanites woman did not only have faith but she had also discernment and discerned that Jesus is the only person who can help and solve her problem. She did not move away but she move forward to draw near to Him. You also in the same way don't allow any negative comments, or insult, or injustice or persecution or hardship or trial bring you away from Jesus and lessen your commitment toward Him. If you do that then you are not acting in faith and you are moving away from deliverance and away from God's provision and blessings in your life. That woman as she was drawing nearer to Jesus she was making the right choice, Jesus approval and recommendation. Even the disciples learned from that event and I pray that all of us as we meditate on this story our faith would increase and we will make the right decision to draw near to God in serving Him and in persevering in life, living our lives unto Him, for this is the only way to be blessed as we understood and concluded.

***My Dear and Beloved:*** Set you mind and thoughts with God and pray according to God's word and ask Him to strengthen you and help you to overcome your trials, and to strengthen you to continue to do your part in serving Him and living your life for Him as you agree to pray.

***My Prayer:*** *"Father God in heaven, I come to You in the name of Jesus who died for me on the cross to give me eternal life. O lord increase my faith and help me to trust you especially in this very difficult moments of my life. This all I ask and pray, in Jesus' name, Amen."*