

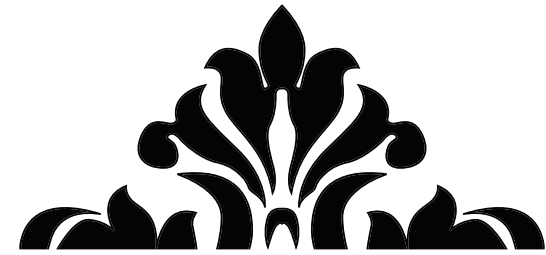
But He answered her not a word.

MATTHEW 15:23

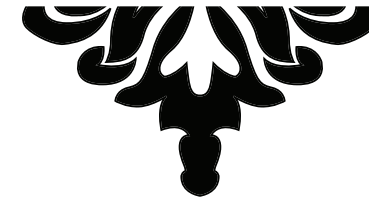


GENUINE seekers who as yet have not obtained the blessing, may take comfort from the story before us. The Saviour did not at once bestow the blessing, even though the woman had great faith in Him. He intended to give it, but He waited awhile. "He answered her not a word." Were not her prayers good? Never better in the world. Was not her case needy? Sorrowfully needy. Did she not feel her need sufficiently? She felt it overwhelmingly. Was she not earnest enough? She was intensely so. Had she no faith? She had such a high degree of it that even Jesus wondered, and said, "O woman, great is thy faith." See then, although it is true that faith brings peace, yet it does not always bring it instantaneously. There may be certain reasons calling for the trial of faith, rather than the reward of faith. Genuine faith may be in the soul like a hidden seed, but as yet it may not have budded and blossomed into joy and peace. A painful silence from the Saviour is the grievous trial of many a seeking soul, but heavier still is the affliction of a harsh cutting reply such as this, "It is not meet to take the children's bread, and to cast it to dogs." Many in waiting upon the Lord find immediate delight, but this is not the case with all. Some, like the jailer, are in a moment turned from darkness to light, but others are plants of slower growth. A deeper sense of sin may be given to you instead of a sense of pardon, and in such a case you will have need of patience to bear the heavy blow. Ah! poor heart, though Christ beat and bruise thee, or even slay thee, trust Him; though He should give thee an angry word, believe in the love of His heart. Do not, I beseech thee, give up seeking or trusting my Master, because thou hast not yet obtained the conscious joy which thou longest for. Cast thyself on Him, and perseveringly depend even where thou canst not rejoicingly hope.

Taken from C.H. Spurgeon's *Morning and Evening*



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PRAYER MEETING & BIBLE STUDY
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11, 2017

"Even them will I bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer: their burnt offerings and their sacrifices shall be accepted upon mine altar; for mine house shall be called a house of prayer for all people."

ISAIAH 56:7

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"But as for me, my prayer is unto thee, O Lord, in an acceptable time: O God, in the multitude of thy mercy hear me, in the truth of thy salvation."

Psalm 69:13

CHURCH MINISTRIES

Missionaries Worldwide	Bus Ministry
Glen Iris Baptist School	Children's Church
WGIB Radio (91.9 FM)	Youth Ministry
WQEM Radio (101.5 FM)	Senior Saints Ministry
WAY Television (Channel 47)	Ministry to Our Special People
Website (www.gleniris.net)	Benevolence Ministry
Visitation & Gospel Outreach	AWANA Youth Program
Jail Ministry	Ladies' Ministry
Music Ministry	Highland Manor Ministry
Nursing Home Ministry	Princeton Towers Ministry
Gospel of John Distribution	Monroe Home Ministry

TEACHERS AND WORKERS

Leah Dickey–Nursery	Randy Raiford–Young Adults Class
Kathi Lamb–Nursery	Pastor Lamb–Sunday School of the Air
Josh & Ashley Wilson–K4, K5	Buddy York–Faithful Followers Class
Mabel Otamias–1st, 2nd	Gayle Waits–Just for Moms Class
Charlotte Thornton–1st, 2nd	Joy Garrison–Special Adults Class
Valerie Rueckert–3rd, 4th	Ron & Sandy Haas–Children's Church
Jackie Young–3rd, 4th	Cathy Davis–Primary Church
Sharon Geraughty–5th, 6th	Donna Hancock–Primary Church
Pam Lollar–5th, 6th	Loraine Marcus–Primary Church
Gary & Doris Robertson–7th, 8th	Josh Hayenga–Special Church
John Robertson–7th, 8th	David Hollis–Special Church
Anthony & Anna Johnson–9th-12th	Jim Lollar–Superintendent

MISSIONARY FAMILY OF THE WEEK

Matt & Becky Hancock, Jonathan, Jedediah, & Hope
Missionaries to Cambodia

Please pray for these requests:

- Pray for God to open the hearts of those to whom we are ministering.
- Pray for God's blessings on the distribution of the Gospel DVD.

COLLEGE STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Shayna Lightfoot – Birmingham School of Law

CHURCH FAMILY NEEDS

HEALTH NEEDS

Janet Brock	Robert Duke	Terry Reymond
Wendell Coleman	Jackie Lightfoot	Paul Rutherford
Jerry Dickey	Jani Pickett	John Talley
	Cindy (Duke) Reed	

HOME/NURSING HOME-BOUND

Sue Allen	Gwendolyn Higgins	Juanita Ogle
Constance Gray	Marlene Jackson	Helen Root
Montez Haley		Jureda Sullivan

SPECIAL REQUESTS

Lou Rutherford & Barbara Hutton
both recovering at home from surgery

MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

Saturday, January 14 – 8:00 A.M.

All the men of our church are invited to attend our bimonthly prayer breakfast this Saturday. Please join us for a wonderful time of food, fellowship, hearing from God's Word, and prayer for our homes and the Lord's work.