

## 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*



PRAYER MEETING & BIBLE STUDY  
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18, 2018

*"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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## THE BIBLICAL PATTERN FOR PRAYER



*"But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly."*

Matthew 6:6

## 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/CIA Programs
Jail Ministry	Blazers for Christ Ministry
Music Ministry	Highland Manor Ministry
Nursing Home Ministry	Princeton Towers Ministry
Gospel of John Distribution	Monroe Home Ministry

## TEACHERS AND WORKERS

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

## MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK

*Bethesda Homes for Tribal Children*  
*Mike and Becky Patterson*

Please pray for these requests:

- Pray for the souls of each of the children.
- Please pray for some pressing personal needs of Mike and Becky.

## COLLEGE STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Emily Young – Pensacola Christian College

## CHURCH FAMILY NEEDS

### HEALTH NEEDS

Abby Allen	Robert Duke	Pastor Shane Lewis
Dawn Bond	Janet Foltz	Jackie Lightfoot
Janet Brock	Evelyn Graves	Terry Reymond
Wendell Coleman	Don Hammond	Doris Robertson
Jerry Dickey	Kathi Lamb	Bette Talley

### HOME/NURSING HOME-BOUND

Sue Allen	Marlene Jackson	Juanita Ogle
Montez Haley		Helen Root

### SPECIAL REQUESTS

Keiron (cancer) and Antoinette (health concerns) – friends of Margot Oldham

## DEACONS

Johnny Brock	Jim Lollar	Randy Raiford
Anthony Johnson	Jerry Mays	Terry Reymond

## SCHEDULED PRAYER MEETINGS

Wednesday	7:00 P.M. – Auditorium
Sunday	9:30 A.M. – School Library
	5:00 P.M. – Classroom at bottom of stairs