

MARK
CHAPTER 7: 24-30
tape: SMX:122

THEME:
is to encourage us to seek the Lord

TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:
Lessons in prayer

INTRODUCTION:

Last week: In our study we saw the teaching of Jesus on "liberty verses legalism".

*The clean and unclean issues
of the Jew's traditions*

Now: With His doctrine and compassion;

*He puts to practice what He preached by
going into region of the Gentiles*

Let's read the text before us
MARK 7:24-30

Verse 24

This region of Tyre & Sidon **was/is** located on the eastern shores of the Mediterranean sea about 50 miles west of Damascus and just N/W of Capernaum. Known then as *Phoenicia or Syria*. Today as "*The Lebanese Territory*"

***TYRE** throughout history has been a very interesting place:
celestial navigation was first developed by the Phoenician sailors.*

A very wealth **\$eaport** much like port of Los Angeles today

- **Nebuchadnezzar;** of Babylon 13 yr. seige against and went home
- **Alexander the Great;** of Greece attacked by jettie and won
- **Spiritually;** A place of strong Pagen, Cultic, Worship influence (Ezekiel 28)

NOW

*The text before us is one that is on prayer,
If taken to heart will change our prayer life*

The Bible (Jesus) encourages us to pray;

God delights in doing great things when people pray.
scriptural examples abound

Roman 15:4

For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope.

*Certainly, when Jesus taught the disciples to pray, He said;
"In this manner, pattern or format, pray"*

- *Our Father,.....personal* ✓
 - *In heaven,.....positionally* ✓
 - *Holy is your name,.....reverential* ✓

We are exhorted;

" that men ought always to pray, and not to faint; "

We are commanded;

*1 Thessalonians 5:17
Pray without ceasing.*

WHY THEN,
*Do you and I find that prayer is so often a difficult task in ministry, in
our walk with God.*

Our Attitude Towards Prayer

- 1.) *When* we pray, are we " *Believing* "
- 2.) *When* we pray, are we " *Expectant* "
- 3.) *When* we pray, are we " *Obedient* "
- 4.) *When* we pray, are we " *Persistent* "

1.) *When* we pray we are to pray " *believing* "

Verses 25-26

Matthew 15:22a KJV

*And, behold, a woman of Canaan came out of the same coasts, and cried unto him, saying, Have mercy on me,
O Lord, thou son of David.*

- "A Greek *in religion*"
- "A Syrian *in language*"
- "A Phoenician *in race*"
- "A woman"

Verse: 25

Her belief in Him produced action!

- She *heard* about Him,
- *Came* to Him,
- *Fell* at His feet

Hebrews 11:6 KJV

*But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must
believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.*

William Proctor once said;

"Many of our prayers fail to enter heaven for the same reason a generation of Israelites failed to enter the Promised land — *because of unbelief.*"

James 1:6-8 KJV

But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed. ⁷ For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord. ⁸ A double minded man is unstable in all his ways.

Matthew 21:22

And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive.

2.) When we pray, we are to pray " *expectantly* "

Verse 27&28

Matthew 15:25

Then came she and worshipped him, saying, Lord, help me.

Expectantly;

John 16:24

Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full.

John 14:13

And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.

Dog

GRK Kynarion (koo-nar'-ee-on);

a young puppy; its the word used for the *family pet*
as the Kynarion would wait patiently for a crumb to fall
so this women awaits the blessing to flow from downward.

The oriental custom of eating,
was to have a loaf to wipe your hands off & drop

Martin Luther said of this verse that;
"she caught Jesus with His own words." I think " *He allowed Himself to be caught* "

The example of the;

- Paralytics friends (**He allowed the interruption**)
- The woman with the issue of blood (**He passed by**)
- Parable of the unjust judge (**His willingness**)

Genesis 32:24

And Jacob was left alone; and there wrestled a man with him until the breaking of the day.

3.) *When we pray we are to pray " obediently "*

Verses: 27 & 30

Jesus, seeing her *belief, obedient* to call to Him

John 15:7 KJV

If ye abide **in me**, and my **words** abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will,
and it shall be done unto you.

1 John 5:14 KJV

And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing **according to his will**, he
heareth us:

Hebrews 1:1-2 KJV

God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the
prophets, hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all
things, by whom also he made the worlds;

Obedience produces Confidence

Psalms 91:15

He shall call upon me, and I will answer him: I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him.

HIS TONE TOOK THE POISON out of the word, that would mean everything!

4.) When we pray, we are to pray " *persistently* "

The little boy, the statue of Jesus and his bicycle

Verse: 26

Kept asking, GRK; (er-o-tah'-o);
to interrogate; to request; to make a strong plea.

James 5:16 KJV

The *effectual fervent* prayer of a righteous man availeth much.

Effectual fervent GRK= energeo (en-erg-eh'-o)
to be *active, efficient*: to be *mighty at work, Energetic*

Him being a Jew and her a Gentile, His response was expected.
Jews had no dealings with the gentile world

Psalm 63:1 KJV

*my soul thirsteth for thee, my flesh longeth for
thee in a dry and thirsty land, where no water is;*

Psalm 42:1 KJV

*As the hart panteth after the water brooks,
so panteth my soul after thee, O God.*

Verses: 26

Matthew 5:23 KJV

*But he answered her not a word. And his disciples came and besought him, saying, Send
her away; for she crieth after us.*

Jesus was not trying to destroy her, **but to develop her.**

Prayer stays at the Job. Dwight L. Moody on a trip across the Atlantic helped the crew and other volunteers put out a fire in the hold of the ship. A friend said to Moody as they stood in the bucket line, "Let's go up to the other end of the ship and pray." Moody, the common-sense evangelist, said, "No, sir, we will stand right here and pass buckets and pray hard all the time we are doing so."

Charles Spurgeon;

"Prayer is the lungs of the church.... How long can you go without a breath?"

911.....Is he breathing! Is he breathing!!

Matthew 15:28 KJV

Then Jesus answered and said unto her, O woman, great is thy faith: be it unto you as desired

Our encouragement to pray

Luke 11:9-12 KJV

And I say unto you, Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you. ¹⁰ For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened. ¹¹ If a son shall ask bread of any of you that is a father, will he give him a stone? Or if he ask a fish, will he for a fish give him a serpent? ¹² Or if he shall ask an egg, will he offer him a scorpion?

His apparent silence is to draw us out;

- Do you really want me to touch you?
- Do you really want an answer from me?
- If it's important to you, you will pursue me

Where do we run to get the answers for....

- My children
- My job
- My life

Jeremiah 29:13 KJV

And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart.

What Keeps People from Prayer?

- No time for fellowship with God,
- Not in His Word,
- Not seeking His will in prayer to get the answers to it.

**We are like the child who, when asked why he never did his homework, replied,
"I've adjusted myself to inferior grades."**

Verses 29 & 30

He is the bread from heaven which they rejected, and the gentiles have eaten of.

Concluding remarks;_____

(I would rather die trying to obey the word, seeking him out, then
doing nothing at all)

John 17:18 KJV

As thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world.

Mark 16:15 KJV

And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.

Application Time; *(Every teachers nightmare = will they do their homework?)*

We as Christians parents, stand at over the bed of my children
and pray for their health, but more earnestly for their souls.

J.C. Ryle put it this way;

" Hopeless and desperate as her case appeared, she had a praying mother, and where
there is a praying mother there is always hope."

LET'S STAND.....

COVENANT.....

LET'S BE SEATED.....

- *Let's covenant to pray this week*

(I will.....

- *pray believing Him*
- *pray obediently*
- *pray expectantly*
- *pray persistently*

John 6:37 "...and he that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out."

Go your way; the demon has gone out of her

He said, she believed it and that settled it