

A Mother's Love

TEXT: Matthew 15:21-28

SUPPLEMENTAL SCRIPTURES: Joshua 24:14,15; Proverbs 22:6; 2 Timothy 1:1-5

KEY VERSE: Thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up.
— Deuteronomy 6:7

The love of a godly mother for her children is one of the greatest loves a human can experience. A young child looks to his mother for care, comfort, security, and love. As that child grows older, he honors her integrity, example, and resourcefulness. A godly mother is prayerful, self-sacrificing, and dedicated to her family. The Bible speaks of her as a virtuous woman.

1. What was the nationality of the woman who came to Jesus (Mark 7:26)? What was His statement (in our text) concerning this?

2. What spiritual virtues did the woman exhibit in coming to Jesus for physical healing for her daughter?

3. Why do you feel Jesus acted as He did toward the woman? How might you have reacted if Jesus had shown such a seemingly unconcerned attitude toward your need?

4. We have many beautiful accounts in the Bible which depict a mother's love. How do you think these mothers felt in a time of emotional stress?

Moses' mother, as she put her son into the basket in the river — Exodus 2:3

Hannah, as she left her son with Eli — 1 Samuel 1:24-28

Mary, as she watched Jesus hang on the cross — John 19:25

5. Christ is our example. What kind of concern and care did He show toward His mother? See Luke 2:51 and John 19:26,27.

6. Tell of some ways our mothers show their love for us without words. How can we reciprocate?

7. What is the highest spiritual responsibility a mother and father have toward their children? See Deuteronomy 6:5-7.

8. Read 2 Kings 4:1-7. In what manner does this account show us how a mother's love for her sons brought physical help through spiritual means?