

FOOD FOR THE HUNGRY

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Matthew 15:29-39

INTRODUCTION: In Matthew 15:1-20 Jesus completely refutes the tradition of the elders – His mission is not founded upon the traditions of men but upon the Word of God – not upon outward ritual but upon inward purity – and not upon racial pride and prejudice but upon God’s redeeming love for all humanity. Concerning the hypocritical religious leaders of Israel He said to the multitude and to His disciples, “Let them alone...” – and that is exactly what He did by journeying to the Gentile regions of Tyre and Sidon where He heard and answered the plea of a Canaanite woman for her “severely demon possessed” daughter. In our passage this morning Jesus journeys from the region of Tyre and Sidon to eastern Galilee in the vicinity of the Decapolis region southeast of the Sea of Galilee. (Mark 7:31). This area had a very strong Gentile population. Jesus has healed multitudes of Jews – he will heal multitudes of Gentiles. He has fed multitudes of Jews – He will feed multitudes of Gentiles. His ministry to the one is His ministry to the other – a powerful and necessary lesson those whom He will thrust out into the world with the Gospel must learn. Once again we will see that His disciples were slow learners and the Gentiles will become their teachers.

A. THE _____ SETTING - Matthew 15:29 with Mark 7:31

B. THE _____ SAVIOR - Matthew 15:30-38

1. JESUS _____ GREAT CROWDS – Matthew 15:30-31

2. JESUS _____ GREAT CROWDS – Matthew 15:32-38

▶ **THE _____ OF THE LORD – Matthew 15:32**

▶ **THE _____ OF THE DISCIPLES – Matthew 15:33-34**

▶ **THE _____ OF THE LORD – Matthew 15:35-36**

▶ **THE _____ OF THE PEOPLE – Matthew 15:37-38**

CONCLUSION: