

Dog Days

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The 11th Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 15)
20 August, A.D. 2017
Isaiah 56: 1, 6-8; Romans 11:1-2a, 13-15, 28-32; Matthew 15:21-28

Sermon One

The woman that comes to Jesus is a Canaanite woman. Why might this be unusual?

Jesus was sent to minister to the sheep of Israel, but He shows mercy to this woman who is a Gentile. What hope does this give us as well as the rest of the world?

1 John 2:2, "He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world."

Sermon Two

Jesus makes the woman wait for an answer. Why?

Philippians 4:6, "Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God."

We are commands us to pray, but He doesn't always answer us how and when we want Him too. This isn't only a challenge for us, it has been a challenge for the faithful throughout history.

Psalms 22:2, "O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer, and by night, but I find no rest."

The main thing to remember is that God's answers all prayer to Him according to His will. Our prayers are always answered for our own good. We don't always understand or even agree with His answer, but it is always for the good of those who love Him.

Luke 18:13b, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner."

Closing Hymn: 979 God, Whose Almighty Word



1 God, whose al - might - y word Cha - os and
 2 Lord, who once came to bring, On Your re -
 3 Spir - it of truth and love, Life - giv - ing,
 △ 4 Ho - ly and bless - ed Three, Glo - ri - ous



dark - ness heard And took their flight: Hear us, we
 deem - ing wing, Heal - ing and sight, Health to the
 ho - ly dove, Speed forth Your flight; Move on the
 Trin - i - ty, Wis - dom, love, might! Bound - less as



hum - bly pray, And where the Gos - pel day
 sick in mind, Sight to the in - ly blind:
 wa - ter's face, Bear - ing the lamp of grace,
 o - cean's tide, Roll - ing in full - est pride,



Sheds not its glo - rious ray, Let there be light!
 Oh, now to hu - man-kind Let there be light!
 And in earth's dark - est place Let there be light!
 Through the earth, far and wide, Let there be light!

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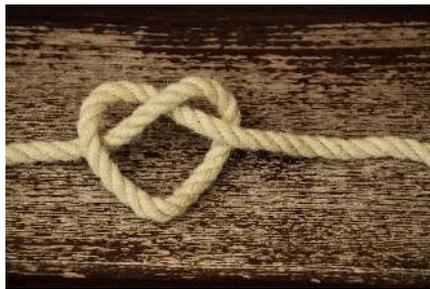
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A Cord of Three Strands is not Easily Broken
Ecclesiastes 4:12



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