

Matthew 15:22

Authorized King James Version (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; my daughter is grievously vexed with a devil.

Analysis

This text illustrates key Reformed principles: *sola Scriptura*, *sola gratia*, and *sola fide*. The passage demonstrates how God's Word speaks authoritatively to human need, revealing both our depravity and God's merciful provision through Christ.

Historical Context

This verse originates in Jesus' ministry during a pivotal period. The first-century Jewish context included Roman occupation, Pharisaic religious authority, and messianic expectations. Understanding these factors illuminates the passage's significance.

Related Passages

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Study Questions

1. How does this verse deepen your appreciation for Christ?
2. What false beliefs or practices does this text correct?
3. How should you share this truth with others?

Interlinear Text

καὶ ἰδού, γυνὴ Χαναναία ἀπὸ τῶν ὁρίων ἐκείνων
And behold a woman of Canaan out of G3588 coasts the same
G2532 G2400 G1135 G5478 G575 G3725 G1565

ἐξελθοῦσα ἔκραύγασεν αὐτῷ λέγουσα, Ἐλέησόν με,
came and cried unto him saying Have mercy on me
G1831 G2905 G846 G3004 G1653 G3165

κύριε, νιὲ Δαβίδ· ἡ θυγάτηρ μου κακῶς
O Lord thou Son of David G3588 daughter my is grievously
G2962 G5207 G1138 G2364 G3450 G2560

δαιμονίζεται
vexed with a devil
G1139

Additional Cross-References

Matthew 9:27 (Grace): And when Jesus departed thence, two blind men followed him, crying, and saying, Thou Son of David, have mercy on us.

Matthew 17:15 (Grace): Lord, have mercy on my son: for he is lunatick, and sore vexed: for ofttimes he falleth into the fire, and oft into the water.

Psalms 4:1 (Grace): Hear me when I call, O God of my righteousness: thou hast enlarged me when I was in distress; have mercy upon me, and hear my prayer.