



STANLEY'S RECEPTION AT BUMBIREH ISLAND, VICTORIA NYANZA.

**A June Journey.**

Would you put your soul into sweetest  
tune,  
Take a railroad journey in the heat of  
June;  
Go without company, go without book,  
Drink in the country, with long, loving  
look;  
Care, business, worry, leave far behind,  
And let nature's sweetness flow over your  
mind!

Scores of wild roses, as pink as sea-shells,  
Skirt the rough pastures, and flush the  
deep dells;  
Seas of white daisies, with wide-open  
eyes,  
Smiling so honestly up at the skies;  
Brooks o'er their stones, babble sweet the  
old tune,  
As we ride through the country in blos-  
somy June.

Now, acres of clover, the red and the  
white—  
Like rustical beauties so healthy and  
bright—  
Fragrantly bending in every soft breeze,  
Hummed o'er and plundered by armies  
of bees;  
Here, too, are buttercups, yellow and  
gold,  
And great starry dandelions, jolly and  
bold.

For strawberries ripe that hide under  
their leaves,  
For swallows, that twittering build 'neath  
the eaves;  
For the current's clear globes, that so  
prettily swing,  
Like little red lanterns, all strung on a  
string;  
For every soul that is with nature in  
tune,  
There is rest and delight in a journey in  
June!

**LESSON NOTES.****THIRD QUARTER.****STUDIES IN THE LIFE OF JESUS.****LESSON III.—JULY 15.****THE GENTILE WOMAN'S FAITH.**

Mark 7. 24-30. Memory verses, 27-30.

**GOLDEN TEXT.**

Lord, help me.—Matt. 15. 25.

**OUTLINE.**

1. Great Sorrow, v. 24-27.
2. Great Faith, v. 28-30.

Time.—Early summer of A.D. 29.

Place.—The Phoenician country, near Tyre and Sidon.

**LESSON HELPS.**

24. "From thence"—From Capernaum or its vicinity. "He arose"—His countrymen were beginning to be hostile. "Into the borders of Tyre and Sidon"—From Capernaum to Tyre is about thirty-five miles. He and his disciples probably walked all the way. "Entered into a house, and would have no man know it"—He had come to Phoenicia, a hea-

then country, not as a teacher or a worker of miracles, but for rest and safety. "He could not be hid"—He was probably known by sight to some.

25. "Young daughter"—"Little daughter" "Unclean spirit"—A spirit at once weak in morals, physically diseased, and insane. Exactly what demoniacal possession was we do not know, but we are not entirely ignorant of the insanity which has its roots in sin, such, for example, as delirium tremens.

26. "A Greek"—Palestinians used this word to describe all Gentiles. "A Syrophenician by nation"—A Phoenician of Syria by race, as distinguished from the Phoenicians of Africa, whom we call Carthaginians. "The devil"—A demon.

27. "Jesus said unto her"—Read the account in Matthew for many additional facts. "Let the children first be filled"—Let the Jews, the chosen people of God, have the spiritual right of way. "The dogs"—The phrase was a common one to describe Gentiles. Dogs are not commonly kept in the East as pets or defenders. They are the scavengers of the streets, and are a symbol of outcasts of all sorts.

28. "Yes, Lord"—This woman truly and firmly believed in the power and willingness of Jesus to help her. She understood his words better than some modern Christians.

29. "For this saying go thy way"—Clever as was the woman, it was her faith, not her cleverness, that won her daughter's cure.

30. "She found the devil gone out"—God's universal mercy is taught by this incident. Whoever turns to God is re-

ceived by him, and may eat of "the children's crumbs."

**HOME READINGS.**

- M. The Gentile woman's faith.—Mark 7. 24-30.  
Tu. The demoniac child.—Luke 9. 37-42.  
W. God of the Gentiles.—Rom. 3. 21-30.  
Th. One in Christ.—Gal. 3. 20-29.  
F. Importunity in prayer.—Luke 11. 5-13.  
S. An urgent plea.—Luke 18. 35-43.  
Su. Persevering prayer.—Matt. 15. 21-28.

**QUESTIONS FOR HOME STUDY.**

1. Great Sorrow, v. 24-27.  
Where were Jesus and his disciples in this lesson?  
Whom did Jesus reprove, and for what, in the first part of this chapter?  
Why did he wish to keep his presence hidden?  
Was this possible?  
Who came to him?  
Was this an unusual thing?  
Why did this woman seek Jesus?  
Were the disciples pleased?  
To what did they liken the Gentiles?
2. Great Faith, v. 28-30.  
How did Jesus receive this woman?  
Was she discouraged by this indifference?  
What special feeling prompted her to persevere?  
What triumphed?  
Ought this to help us?  
What lesson do you draw from our Lord's seeming indifference?  
What from this woman's perseverance?  
What special lesson did Jesus seek to teach his disciples on this occasion?  
Can we fail if our faith is strong enough?



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Give a text to illustrate this.  
What prayer is given in the Golden Text?

Is there any other way to triumph?

**PRACTICAL TEACHINGS.**

- Where in this lesson do we learn—
1. That we should bring all our troubles to the feet of Jesus?
  2. Though God's blessings seem better they will surely come?
  3. That faith in God is always rewarded?

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