

Love accepts the humblest place for itself,
while it craves the highest gift for another.
v. 28.

The sterner the test of faith the richer its
reward. v. 29.

We cannot save our friends, but we can
bring them to the Saviour. v. 32.

Faith in the unseen is strengthened by
sensible signs. v. 33.

Christ requires obedience to His com-
mands, not merely admiration of His char-
acter. v. 36.

From the Library

Kind hearts are here; yet would the tender-
est one

Have limits to its mercy,—

God has none. —Adelaide Procter

This woman was by birth a Canaanite, and
a Syrophenician; by position a Roman
subject; by culture and language a Greek;
and her appeal for mercy to the Messiah of
the chosen people might well look like the
first fruits of that harvest in which the good
seed should spring up hereafter in Tyre and
Sidon and Carthage, and Greece and Rome.
—Farrar.

"It is not meet to take the children's
bread, and to cast it to dogs." Seemingly a
hard word, but not so hard as it seems.
First, it is not a simple monosyllabic nega-
tive, leaving no room for parley, but an argu-
ment inviting further discussion. Next, it
is playful, humorous, bantering in tone, a
parable to be taken with due allowance.
Third, its harshest word contains a loophole.
Jesus does not compare Gentiles to the dogs
without in the street, but to the household
dogs belonging to the family, which get
their portion, though not the children's.—
Bruce.

"Yes Lord." Was not that a master-
stroke? She snares Christ in His own
words.—Luther.

The deaf may hear the Saviour's voice,
The fettered tongue its chain may break;
But the deaf heart, the dumb by choice,
The laggard soul that will not wake,
The guilt that scorns to be forgiven—
These baffle e'en the spells of heaven.
In thought of these, His brows benign
Not even in healing cloudless shine.

—Keble

"This sigh was not drawn from Christ on
account of the single tongue and ear of this
poor man; but it is a common sigh over all
tongues and ears. The greatest mischief
which has been inflicted on Christianity has
not risen from tyrants, but from that little
bit of flesh which abides within the jaws.—
Luther.

Topics For Brief Papers

(To be ready on the day of the Lesson)

1. The Phoenicians.
2. What faith can do.

Prove from Scripture

That prayer should be persistent.

Lesson Questions

[From the HOME STUDY QUARTERLY]

Juniors—What miracle in last Lesson?
What wonderful act of Jesus followed?

24 Where had Jesus been? Whither did
He now go? What was His wish? Why not
carried out?

25-27 Who came to Jesus? What did she
ask? How did she ask? Jesus' answer?
His meaning?

28-30 The woman's reply? What did she
mean? What did her reply show? (Matt.
15: 28.) What was her reward?

31-34 Whither did Jesus now go? Who
was brought to Him? What did Jesus do?
Say? Result?

35-37 Jesus' command? How was it
treated? What does God value most in us?
(1 Sam. 15: 22.)

Seniors and the Home Department—
Whither did Jesus send His disciples?
Whither did He Himself go? What hap-
pened to the disciples? How did Jesus save
them? What discourse did He deliver soon
after?

24-37 Who were the Syrophenicians?
What Old Testament miracle wrought in this
neighborhood? (1 Kings 17: 8-15.) Explain
Jesus' answer to the woman.

28-30 How did the woman show her wit?
Her humility? Her faith? What does Jesus
say about the power of faith? (Matt. 17:
20.)

31-37 What does "Decapolis" mean?
What former miracle had Jesus wrought
near by? Explain each of His actions in