

## Lesson III.

## MISSION TO THE GENTILES

October 20, 1912

**CONNECTING LINKS**—The incident from Mark follows immediately on the last Lesson. The incident taken from Matthew follows the Sermon on the Mount. We turn from Jesus in contact with Jewish prejudice to Jesus in contact with Gentile faith.

**GOLDEN TEXT**—Him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out.—John 6 : 37.

Memorize vs. 27, 28. **THE LESSON PASSAGE**—Mark 7 : 24-30 ; Matthew 8 : 5-13. Read Matthew 15 : 21-24.

24 And from thence he arose, and went <sup>1</sup> into the borders of Tyre and Sidon, and <sup>2</sup> entered into <sup>3</sup> an house, and would have no man know it : <sup>4</sup> but he could not be hid.

25 <sup>5</sup> For a certain woman, whose <sup>6</sup> young daughter had an unclean spirit, <sup>7</sup> heard of him, and came and fell <sup>8</sup> at his feet :

26 <sup>9</sup> The woman was a Greek, a <sup>10</sup> Syrophenician by nation ; and she besought him that he would cast forth the devil out of her daughter.

27 <sup>11</sup> But Jesus said unto her, Let the children first be filled : for it is not meet to take the children's bread, and <sup>12</sup> to cast it <sup>13</sup> unto the dogs.

28 <sup>14</sup> And she answered and <sup>15</sup> said unto him, Yes, Lord : <sup>17</sup> yet the dogs under the table eat of the children's crumbs.

29 And he said unto her, For this saying go thy way ; the devil is gone out of thy daughter.

30 And <sup>18</sup> when she was come to her house, she found the devil gone out, and her daughter laid upon the bed.

Matt. 8 : 5 And when <sup>19</sup> Jesus was entered into Capernaum, there came unto him a centurion, beseeching him,

6 And saying, Lord, my servant lieth <sup>20</sup> at home

**Revised Version**—away into : <sup>2</sup> he : <sup>3</sup> a ; <sup>4</sup> and ; <sup>5</sup> But straightway a woman : <sup>6</sup> little ; <sup>7</sup> having heard of him, came ; <sup>8</sup> down ; <sup>9</sup> Now the ; <sup>10</sup> Syrophenician by race ; <sup>11</sup> And he said ; <sup>12</sup> Omit to ; <sup>13</sup> to ; <sup>14</sup> But she ; <sup>15</sup> saith ; <sup>16</sup> Yea ; <sup>17</sup> even the ; <sup>18</sup> she went away unto her house, and found the child laid upon the bed, and the devil gone out ; <sup>19</sup> he was entered ; <sup>20</sup> in the house sick ; <sup>21</sup> he saith ; <sup>22</sup> And the ; <sup>23</sup> only say the word ; <sup>24</sup> also ; <sup>25</sup> under myself soldiers ; <sup>26</sup> one ; <sup>27</sup> And when ; <sup>28</sup> the ; <sup>29</sup> sons ; <sup>30</sup> forth ; <sup>31</sup> Omit and ; <sup>32</sup> the servant ; <sup>33</sup> that hour.

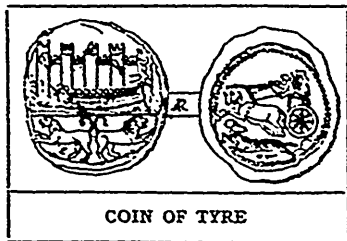
**Daily Readings**—(Courtesy, I.B.R.A.)—M.—Mission to the Gentiles, Mark 7 : 24-30. T.—Mission to the Gentiles, Matt. 8 : 5-13. W.—The Gentiles' hopes, Matt. 12 : 14-21. Th.—No longer strangers, Eph. 2 : 4-13. F.—Paul's Mission to Gentiles, Acts 18 : 4-8. S.—Gentiles hear gladly, Acts 13 : 44-50. S.—"No Respector of persons", Acts 10 : 34-48.

## THE LESSON EXPLAINED

**I. THE FAITH OF A GENTILE WOMAN.**—24, 25. From thence ; from eastern Galilee. Went ; not to preach, but for quiet and rest. Into the borders ; probably crossed into Gentile territory. Matt. 15 : 21 has "into the coasts of." Tyre ; the word means, "the rock." Sidon ; the word means, "fish town." Both were great commercial cities on the shore of the Mediterranean. Would have no man know it . . . could not be hid. Again Christ's desire for privacy is baffled. The people even here have heard of His fame. A . . . woman. Rev. Ver. says, "straightway." Love and need urge her.

26. Greek ; in religion, a Gentile. Syrophenician ; by nationality—"Syro", to distinguish from Phenicia of Carthage. Matthew says, "a woman of Canaan", the ancient race dispossessed by Israel. History, nationality, religion all against her. Besought. Matthew tells how she adjoined Him by the title, "Son of David."

27. The children first. The Jews had not the only claim, but the first claim. This was the Master's principle—Jews, then Gentiles. Meet ; right or



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proper. Dogs. The Jews regarded the dog with contempt. "Dog" was the Jewish name for the Gentile. The word used by Jesus is, however, not the name for street dog, that fed on offal, but for the little house dog that might be about the table. This dog gets at least the crumbs.

28. Answered. The woman saw hope in the word, and in Christ's tone. She claims the portion of the dog, not of the

children. Crumbs from the Master will do.

29, 30. For this saying ; revealing as it did her deep earnestness and profound faith. Devil ; demon. I : gone out. What a test of her faith. But she stood the test and found even as Jesus had said.

**II. THE FAITH OF A GENTILE SOLDIER.**—Matt. 8 : 5, 6. Centurion ; Roman officer in army of Herod Antipas, captain over a hundred men, sixth part of a legion. Lord ; Sir, word of respect. Servant ; or boy. Luke (ch. 7 : 2) adds that he was dear unto his master. Lieth ; a long sickness. Grievously tormented ; a very severe case.

7-9. I will come ; Gentile though he was. Answered. We have here an amazing instance of faith. 8.