

Matt. 15. v. 28. v. Jes. answered & said
unto her O woman - thy Retirement
is necessary for all - all should
commune to their own Hearts in
their closets, & be still - but on certain
occasions ~~Retire~~ Retirement
must be sacrificed to the pressing
calls of Duty. our blessed F^r had at
this time retired to ye country near
to Tyre & Sidon on purpose if he
might be alone & enjoy the
comforts of Privacy. But this
Canaanite's woman, having
heard of him, and being in great
distress went to importune him
on behalf of her afflicted Daughter
as she had heard of his Name for
healing all manner of Diseases.
The moment she saw Jes. she
cried unto him saying have

O. P. Thou Son of David. Jes. at first seemed
not to notice her, his Disciples were
offended with her Importunity, and
wished to get rid of her, and besought
Jes. to send her away for she truth
after us - Jes. then told the woman if
he was not sent, but unto of lost House
Sheep of of House of Israel. If he was
not come to call of Levantines, if
she was of another nation I had
no claim to his attentions - our
S^rs answer only increased her
Importunity - She was resolved
to take no denial, and instead of
going away at our S^rs ^{Disciples} telling her
if he was sent to of lost Sheep of of
House of Israel. She immediately
^{advanced} to our S^r and fell at his feet, &
worshiped him, saying & help me
Jes. still rebuked her, by saying of

it was not meet to take of Childrens
bread & give it to of Dogs, intimating
to her if of Lepers etc. he had to
impart were intended for the
Israelites, who were in a peculiar
sense of Children of G. and not for
of Heathen nations around. of whom
she was one. She admitted the Truth
of our S^rs observation, and considered
himself in the most humble light
and was not offended to our S^rs compar-
ing her nation to Dogs. but told him
that the Dogs were permitted to
eat the Crumbs of bell for their
masters Table, and if she was not
entitled to eat the Childrens bread
she w^d be satisfied to of Crumbs
of bell she wanted, and a sleeping
she must have - her Daughter was
at of Point of Death, She believed
Jes. was able to heal her in a
moment, and none other w^d.

when Jes. saw if she w^d take no
denial, & if her faith in his Power &
benevolence could not be shaken, and
if she was truly humble, and distressed
he was moved it of tenderest Com-
passion towards her & said O. w^d our
great is thy Faith & in
considering this subject we shall
take occasion to notice 1. The
Disposition and Conduct of this
distressed Mother. for we must bear
in mind if she cries out as if
of Israel. 2. The Behaviour of Jes.
towards her - 1. The Commendation
of her Faith & her distressed
naturally leads us to a minute
investigation of her Character
and will 1. consider her here -
This poor distressed Canaanite
considered her Daughters affliction

her own - and when imploring
Relief for her Child, she cried for
have mercy upon me. more but
tender mothers can enter into the
feelings of this poor woman. her
Daughter lay at the point of Death
her own Happiness was bound up
in the life of her beloved Daughter
and all the Powers of Nature were
now struggling for Relief. The
new Jes. was able to administer of
Relief. w^d she & her Daughter wanted
she therefore sought him out diligently
and when she found him
she applied to him at Importunity
and w^d take no denial - neither
the apparent Inattention of Jes. nor
if suspecting Conduct of his Disci-
ples could prevent her from pursuing
the object she had come to get for
namely Relief for her Daughter

we too like her may be deeply afflicted
it is of bodily disorders of our Children
and may make a supplication to
Physicians on their behalf. But then
we know of Power of God to heal
all Disorders, and of utter inefficacy

inefficacy of all human means
it is his blessing, how rarely do
we spread our hands before him in
pervent Prayer, and say to this
poor Mother have mercy upon me
as if my son or my Daughter is
grievously afflicted, we are prone
to put too much confidence in ^{us} human
aid, and not relying in humble confidence
upon God who has of Power of
Life & Death in his Hand, for he
has of Keys of Death, and Hell
and no man shutteth. yea when
we see the souls of our relatives

perished by Satan, and are assured of
none but God can deliver them, we
protest perhaps to pity them, but find
no disposition to intercede for them at
the throne of Grace - when we see
our Children or our Relations and
Parents destroying themselves by their
iniquities when do we lay their
wretched state before God, when
do we call upon him to turn them
from their evil ways to heal their
souls, in order that they may be
delivered from the bitter pains of
eternal Death? or if we occasion-
ally put up a petition to God for them
we shew by the Calques of our
Prayers how little regard we have
for their eternal Interest - we
do not feel as we ought for their
near dying souls, we are not

affected as we sh^d be to their anxious
State - Alas if our heathen women
sh^d have so much greater con-
cern for of bodily welfare of her
Daughter, than we feel for of souls
of those who are most nearly related
to us, we have enjoyed from our Father
by the blessings of divine Revelation,
and we know by God's word if it
is a sin to die, and yet we
are indifferent to the eternal interests
even of those whom we stand in of
nearest ties of nature. If we should
if we have love & Anxiety for of sinners
& eternal welfare of those to whom
we are connected, as this poor
woman shewed for her Daughter
how many poor souls w^d be
healed, who are now perishing
in their sins & conduct -

This woman love was not only
great, but her Humility also -
nothing w^d express more humility
if of conduct of this woman upon
this occasion. She addressed us all
in terms of the most profound
Respect, and prostrated herself before
him wth of deepest Reverence -
and when Jes. in order to try her to
if at most, compared her to a dog
she instead of deeming it an insult
and turning from him in a Rage
acquiesced in what he said; and wth
an ingenuety, and great rep. wth
nothing but of most unfeigned
Humility could have related, turned
into a plea of shame, wth seemed
to convey nothing be disagreeable
must. Truth b^e I am a dog, yet
as if dogs eat of of crumbs of
hall of master's Table, would bring

considered as robbing of Children
or of those great in this one favour
and best my Daughter, it need not
be any diminution of of money
w^h she has treasured up for it.
Jesus, in comparison of whom
I may justly be considered to
a day. She said of most humble
views of herself, and of her rank
in of world, and judged herself
unworthy of any notice from Jes.
and claimed his healing Power on
the bare Plea of his own mercy
and not on her own pitifulness, goodness
or Prayers. Have mercy upon me
O. G. was her cry. Thus sh^d we
also conduct ourselves in all our
addresses to the Throne of Grace
our Posture sh^d be humble, we
sh^d come as supplicants, our

Prayers contrite - The business of
of G^d it is that we shall find no
access at the Throne of Grace. our
Prayers will be an abomination
to G^d. we sh^d both ourselves in
our own sight for all our abomi-
nations. and come humble to G^d for
of mercy. not only her love &
humility we great, but also her
Faith in Jes. This as being of
Root of all our G^d more especially
commended - Indeed her faith
was exceeding great - when she
saw Jes. she beheld him, as if G^d of
son of David. The true meekness
she believed him able to effect
a cure, when it far surpassed all
human Power - no doubt that
she had already used all of
means in her own heart

considered as robbery of Children
to have her Daughter retained before
Jes. came into her Quarters. when
she heard of him, how must her
Hopes have revived, tho. she was
not belonging to the lost Sheep
of House of Israel, yet she was
fully persuaded, if Jes. w. heal
her Daughter. she neither doubt
his Power or his willingness, and
when she came to Jes. she entreated
w. fullest assurance of her Request
w. be granted. Her Faith was so
strong, that nothing could check
her ~~desire~~ to obtain Healing for
her Daughter. she believed that
it was not necessary, if Jes. shd
see her Daughter, that, he shd.
examine into the nature of
her Complaint, and prescribe

in his writings to cure us. and
medicate according to the ^{le} common
Custom of Physicians. but if a strong
word for Jes. was sufficient to
effect a Cure. O woman great
is thy faith, be it unto thee even
as thou wilt. This was all she
wanted. her only Request was of
Jes. shd. say her Daughter shd. be
healed, and then she was gone her
Life w. be shared. when Jes. told
her, that he had granted her Request
she departed, and her Daughter
was healed by a very short
time miraculously is of true Power
of Jes. Displayed in healing this poor
womans Daughter, and how
great was the Faith of this
poor Heathen in him as if he
of David, of promised Messiah

and how richly was her faith rewarded
in having the desire of her heart ^{realized}
to her - What love wth she bear for
Jes. what a grateful sense wth she
entertain of his mercy to the latest
moment of her life, we may
conclude that her interviews to Jes
did not end here, but of of some
precious faith wth Jes. commu-
ned so much, wth also be produc-
tive of her eternal satisfaction, and
if she and her daughter are now
rejoicing in his rich of manifold
of glory. What an example of
faith has this woman set us
who are called Christians? in
the manner this woman ap-
proached H. we sh^d approach him
in the time of heavy affliction
we sh^d neither doubt his power

or his willingness to save us; and
when we hear his gracious promises
we sh^d ~~not~~ ^{trust in} ~~the~~ trust in G. it of fullest
assurance if they shall be accomplish-
ed in us. we may also derive her
patience as well as her faith
when she made her first appear-
ance to our Lord, he took no
notice of her, he appeared deaf
to all her cries. when she followed
him to her instructions, in so much
of his disciples were tired of hearing
her cries, and anxious to get rid
of her, as they considered her extreme-
ly troublesome, they became her
advocates, and wished him to
give her an answer, and send
her away, but her wisdom that
neither he nor themselves might
any longer be troubled it

as knew me a beggar. Jes. refused
to hear their intercession for her, and
told y^r if he was not shut to admittance
tho of benevolence, but to the
Pruchler. This Answer appeared to
y^r quite satisfactory, and for that
Reason this woman, might not
to continue her Crisis. when she
heard what had passed between our St.
and his Disciples respecting her,
instead of being discouraged, she
urged her plea in greater earnest-
ness. our St. then addressed himself
to her, and told her plainly if it
was not meet to take the Children
bread and give it to y^e dogs.

This was a very severe Rebuke.
The terms were reproachful
and injurious - and such as she
in her present distressed state of

mind was not likely to support -
for Persons in heavy Affliction, and
labouring under bitter anguish of
mind, are susceptible in a peculiar
manner of any marked neglect
and much more of any Insult.
and more especially for those of
whom they had cherished an
high opinion, and for whom they
expected or very different treatment.
But this woman's Patience was so great
that she bore quietly all the Repulses
she met with in meet submission
and deep Humility, and was deter-
mined to persevere till she obtained
the object of her Request. nothing
St. shake her confidence in the
power and mercy of Jes. what
ever apparent Difficulties might
stand in her way - in this respect
our St. follow the Example of
this poor woman - when answered

to our Prayers are deferred, we shall con-
tinue begging our Father's saying, I
will not let Thee go. nor shall my
Affection however severe induce
us to entertain hard thoughts of G. in
any manner at his dispensations
towards us. Seeing if we destroy
nothing at his hands but Thorns
& briers. Infinite wisdom cannot
err, and tho' the clouds of Divine
Providence may gather thick
around us at times, and our souls may
be ready to faint within us. yet
we must not charge God with
evil. He ordereth all things well
for G. if we have him, and tho' many
are the afflictions of the righteous
yet they are never forsaken —
we have now considered this poor
woman's story, her humility, her
faith & patience, and while
we admire the whole of her
conduct, let us also consider

the behaviour of Jes. towards her —
you sometime as we have already
hinted Jes. desired to act correctly
of himself towards all those he
served himself kind & condescending
and ready to administer the relief
they solicited — yea he frequently
almost strode himself upon the
notice of men, and urged G. as if
were to ask for help from at his
hands. Even to if abandoned, & all
characters he displayed his kindness
to comfort his misery — this we
see in his conduct to the woman
referred to of Samaria whom
he met at Jacob's well — This
woman was an abandoned
character, and was living in
abhorred Prostitution — This Jes.
knew when he entered into conversation
with her, yet he told her

if she knew of Gt of G. that is if
she knew how she w^d have lost
of him & he w^d have given her
living water. He also showed great
attention to many maydolone,
Tuckers & but towards this
distressed supplicant he seemed
destitute of all sympathy and
compassion - He had reasons
indeed abundant to justify his
conduct. he chose to draw forth
the Grace of was in her Heart
to show her real Character, to
make it appear how far she
had advanced in Religion - how
clear and strong her faith was
and what correct views she
had of his Character and
mission, and thereby to prove
that there were others who

were not the Children of Ahrim
and after the flesh, who never
shakes were Popes of Ahrim
and were the Children of G.
We showed to his Disciples by this
woman, conduct if they were
not to pride themselves in being
the only People of God in a
Religious sense, and exclude all
other nations from benefits of
Salvation. for the whole of
conduct of this woman proved in
the clearest light if she believed in
Us, and that her faith was of a
the right Kind. by delaying for a
time to answer her Petition, he
rendered the benefit more accept-
able to her, and taught her not
upon any future occasion
to be cast down if her Prayers
were not immediately answered
but to persevere and to answer a
woman

in a similar way, & for similar reasons
he sometimes hides his face from us. &
trembles as it were a little ear to our
complaints - and if we listened to
if details of his past and his feelings
we sh^d. be ready to enquire what Profit
is there if we sh^d. call upon him. This
Jes. for a long time took not notice
of the Prayers of this woman, yet
at length he answered her most
congruous Desires. and gave
public Testimony to the greatness
of her Faith. when Jes. said unto
her a woman be. what must
she have felt in the expecting of it
moment - and how has he shown
to us if there may be great Faith
in him or how we suppose there
is little or none at all. and when
we are humbled, and feel ourselves
poor he be approves and admires
of Graces if we exercise - with
this tenderness in his manner of
showing them up -

he manifests of greatest liberality and
grace he preserves. He made her over
riches of measure of his Gifts. what
ever blessing she wanted, whatever she
desired for her self or for her children
he gave her to us if we call upon him
in our whole H^{ts}. what will ye if I sh^d. do
unto you - he is not changed, he is of the same
Jes. to day. & equally accessible by Prayer
when we have it conveyed H^{ts}. made
our requests unto him, he will say
to each. he it unto thee even as thou
wilt. it respect to his poor men as
he will give, or withhold as he sees fit
will be best for us. but it respect
to spiritual blessings we can
never ask too much, and he will
do for us far more abundantly
above all we can ask or think
we may learn by this subject if there
is no respect of Persons to G^d. if he
has made of one blood he is G^d. loving
to every man. All nations are
of workmen sh^d. of his Hands. & all
nations are capable of receiving

his Holiness. There is no man of any
nation, or any Character who shall
not find favor to G. if he seek it
earnestly thro' J. S. J. no man can
justly say G. will not hear me -
for he hath promised all our
persevering prayer will I must
prevail, never was there any instance
since J. began where if Prayer &
Faith failed of success. It brought
an arrow from Heaven & water from
the flinty Rock - In the days of Elijah
it brought the holy fire from Heaven
burned the burnt sacrifices on mount
C. it also opened the windows of Hea-
ven & brought down. It restrained the
Fury, let me alone & let us then
pray & not faint - let us then call
upon J. & give him no rest
till he arise & have mercy upon
us. The throne of Grace is always
accessible to J. of me. of G. & of
all can all things apply. If
an answer of Faith will be, be it
unto thee even as thou wilt