

The Fruitful Field of Lebanon
Matthew 15:21-28

Review:

1. As the Holy One of Israel, Jesus is perfectly justified in condemning our modern pluralistic, materialist culture, which is destroying so many of our children
2. In order to receive help from Jesus, we must not only confess His power to save us – we must also repent, abandoning everything in our lives and culture that is opposed to Him
3. Humbling ourselves before Christ, looking to Him alone for everything we need is the only way to receive His blessings.

Reflect:

1. Make a list of all the things, skills, and relationships in which you are tempted to put your trust. From which of these do you need to turn away completely? For which do you need God's help to put them in their proper place in your life?

Go further: Read Psalm 16

1. What reason does David give in verse 1 for God to preserve his life?
2. Who does David insist is his Lord? Where does David find goodness in his life?
3. According to verse 3, in what kind of people does David say he finds delight?
4. In verse 4, what does David say will happen to those who follow other gods?
5. Concerning other gods, what two things does David say he will never do?
6. According to verse 5, what three things does David insist he receives from God alone?
7. In verse 6, what does David say God has done for him?
8. For what reason does David say he is determined to bless the Lord?
9. What is another source of instruction for David?
10. Why is David so certain in verse 8 that he will never be moved?
11. In verse 9, how does David react to the blessings and protection of God?
12. Where is David convinced that God will not leave his soul?
13. What path does David say God will show him?
14. In verse 11, what two things does David say are found in the presence of God?

Summary and Application:

1. In verse 5, David says that God Himself is David's portion. How satisfied would you be with a relationship with God if you received no other blessings from Him?
2. Can you think of a time when God counseled you or gave you guidance through His Word and prayer? What happened when you tried to follow God's teaching?
3. What sorts of things do you expect God to provide for you? How has God fulfilled your expectations?