

Old Testament Reading:
Isaiah 56:1, 6–8

- 1 Thus says the LORD:
“Keep justice, and do righteousness,
for soon my salvation will come,
and my deliverance be revealed. . . .”
- 6 “And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD,
to minister to him, to love the
name of the LORD,
and to be his servants,
everyone who keeps the Sabbath and
does not profane it,
and holds fast my covenant—
- 7 these I will bring to my holy
mountain,
and make them joyful in my
house of prayer;
their burnt offerings and their
sacrifices
will be accepted on my altar;
for my house shall be called a house
of prayer
for all peoples.”
- 8 The Lord God,
who gathers the outcasts of Israel,
declares,
“I will gather yet others to him
besides those already gathered.”

Epistle:
Romans 11:1–2a, 13–15, 28–32

1 I ask, then, has God rejected his
people? By no means! For I myself am
an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham,
a member of the tribe of Benjamin. 2 God
has not rejected his people whom he
foreknew. . . .

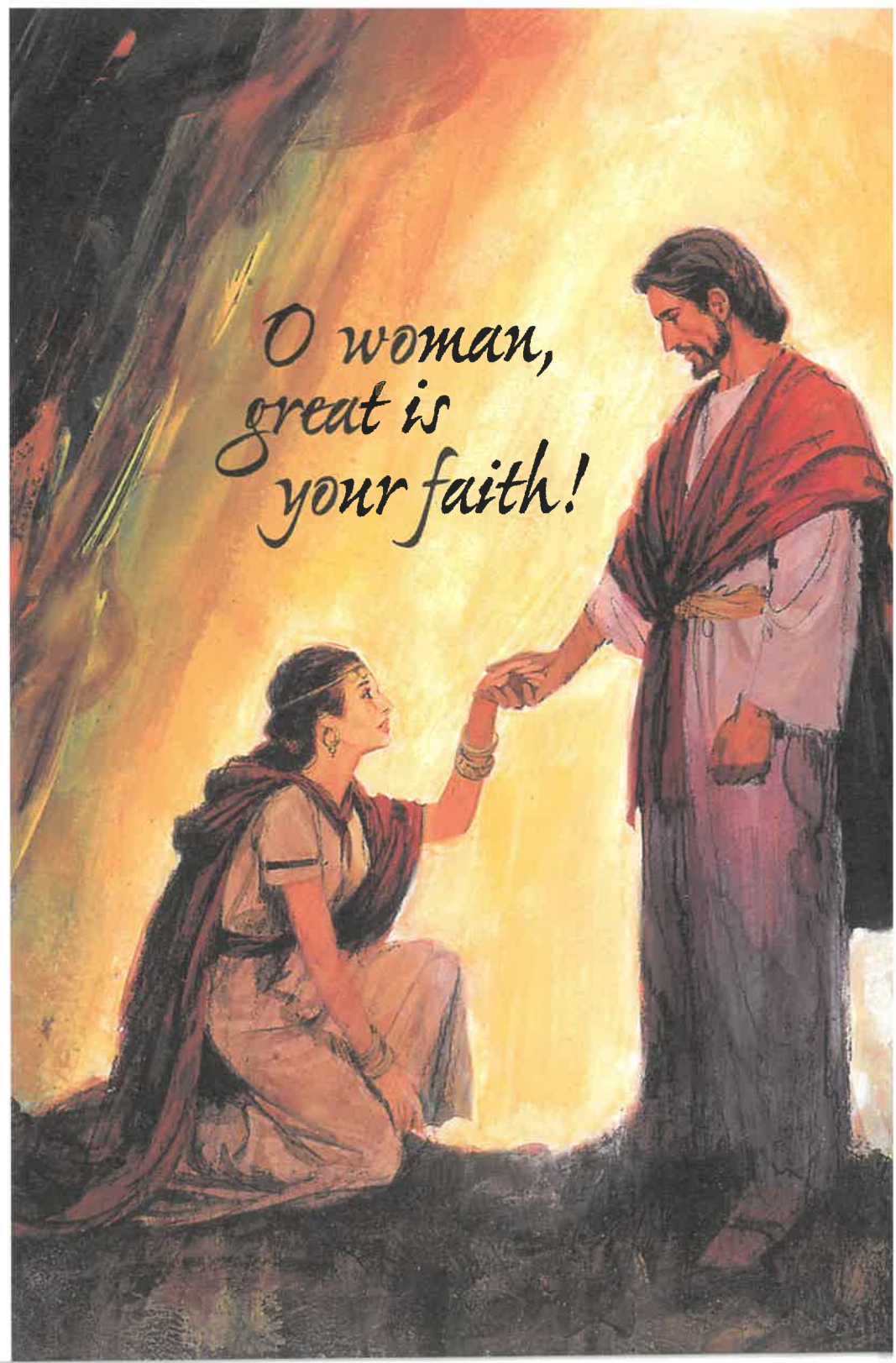
13 Now I am speaking to you Gen-
tiles. Inasmuch then as I am an apostle
to the Gentiles, I magnify my ministry
14 in order somehow to make my fel-

low Jews jealous, and thus save some of
them. 15 For if their rejection means the
reconciliation of the world, what will
their acceptance mean but life from the
dead? . . .

28 As regards the gospel, they are ene-
mies of God for your sake. But as regards
election, they are beloved for the sake
of their forefathers. 29 For the gifts and
the calling of God are irrevocable. 30 Just
as you were at one time disobedient to
God but now have received mercy
because of their disobedience, 31 so they
too have now been disobedient in order
that by the mercy shown to you they
also may now receive mercy. 32 For God
has consigned all to disobedience, that
he may have mercy on all.

Holy Gospel: Matthew 15:21–28

21 Jesus went away from there and
withdrew to the district of Tyre and
Sidon. 22 And behold, a Canaanite
woman from that region came out
and was crying, “Have mercy on me,
O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is
severely oppressed by a demon.” 23 But
he did not answer her a word. And his
disciples came and begged him, say-
ing, “Send her away, for she is crying
out after us.” 24 He answered, “I was
sent only to the lost sheep of the house
of Israel.” 25 But she came and knelt
before him, saying, “Lord, help me.”
26 And he answered, “It is not right to
take the children’s bread and throw it
to the dogs.” 27 She said, “Yes, Lord,
yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that
fall from their masters’ table.” 28 Then
Jesus answered her, “O woman, great
is your faith! Be it done for you as
you desire.” And her daughter was
healed instantly.



About the Cover: A Canaanite woman, someone outside of the Jewish people, recognized that even crumbs from Jesus were more than enough! Her persistence revealed a given faith that trusted in Jesus’ merciful desire to give to her what she needed. He has compassion on those who are far off, for He is the Savior of the world. A little bit of Jesus is more than enough for us as well.