Does God Only Care for the Chosen People?

Long ago God had set aside the Israelites as His chosen people. He gave them laws and prophets and set up a covenant with them, that they would be His people and He would be their God. He promised them that He would send them a Savior.

When Jesus the Savior came, His first mission was to care for God's chosen people. In today's Gospel reading, however, a woman who was not an Israelite came to ask Jesus for help. At first Jesus refused- He had been sent to God's children, and "it is not right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs." But the woman said, "even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from the master's table." She knew that Jesus could help her. When He saw how much faith she had, He did what she asked and cured her daughter.

Jesus wasn't trying to make the woman give up. He was giving her a chance to show how much humility and faith she had. Jesus used this to show the people that God will let anyone who believes, like this woman, become part of His chosen people.

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In today's Gospel reading, a foreign woman was asking Jesus to cure her daughter. But Jesus said that He was sent to care for the children of Israel, not foreigners.

The woman replied to Jesus, "But even the ___________ eat the scraps that fall from their master's table!"

What did she say she was like?
Connect the dots to find out!
Saint Bernard of Clairvaux
August 20

Bernard was the third of seven children of a noble family in Burgundy, France, in 1090. His mother died when he was 19.

Soon he was sent with a band of young monks to start a new monastery.

Saint Bernard became an advisor to the Pope and kings.

Bernard was made Abbot. He started more monasteries and wrote books.

At the request of the Pope he preached the second Crusade.

Saint Bernard of Clairvaux was one of the most important people of his time, but he didn’t think of himself as being better than others. What was important to him was that he loved and served God in everything he did. Do you try to please God in everything you do?

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Isaiah 56 Fill-in-the-Blanks

Use the words below to fill in the blanks. Then use the marked letters to fill in the appropriate spaces at the end.

Thus says the Lord:

Observe what is right, do what is just; for my salvation is about to come, my justice, about to be

The foreigners who join themselves to the Lord, ministering to him, loving the name of the Lord, and becoming his

all who keep the Lord shall be called a house of prayer for the Gentiles.

When the Crusade was lost Bernard was blamed, but he knew that it was the sins of the Crusaders that caused their loss.

You sent our men to die at the hands of the Moors. I'll go.

The soldiers lost because they forgot God and fought to become rich instead.

The Pope asks for men to defend the Christians in the Holy Land!

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