

GOD the SON - "Quench Your Thirst!" - John 4:7-15

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Once upon a time, there was a little boy who lived in a small, shabby cottage. He was a very unhappy and discontented boy. He would wake up in the morning and look around his surroundings and say, "I can never be happy here, ever!" What made it worse, is that every evening he would look out across the valley and could see far off in the distance a big, beautiful mansion with golden windows. He saw this beautiful mansion every evening. Finally one day, he looked at his shabby little shack and he looked at that mansion with golden windows, and he finally decided to make the day-long journey, all the way across the valley, to that mansion with golden windows. And so he walked and he walked and he got there at the end of the day. To his shock and amazement, the boy was completely disappointed! You see, in reality it wasn't a lovely mansion, it was simply an old barn! And the windows weren't gold after all... he realized this effect was just the reflection of the afternoon sun, reflecting off the windows. It simply appeared gold from across the valley. He was very disappointed with the old barn, but he couldn't return home now, as it was too late in the day. He had made the journey and he would now have to spend the night in the barn. The next day, he got up, headed back home, and as the morning sun was rising, he looked across the valley at his own shabby little shack atop that hill. He now noticed something very interesting. He saw that his own house now had "golden windows". This was the same illusion that drew him away from his home, to that old barn. This experience cured the boy of his dissatisfaction.

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- Strong Jewish aversion to Samaritans..
 - 722BC invasion by Assyria.
 - 350BC rejection by Jewish builders.
 - 150BC destruction of Samaritan temple.
- Does this woman have a **secondary motive towards Jesus**? Prejudice? Flirting?
 - What is **YOUR** attitude towards Jesus today??
- John wants us to know that Jesus went through Samaria, because people there needed the Gospel just as much as people in Judea. Compared with chapter 3, John shows us there were many **other people besides Nicodemus**, that also needed to hear the truth of the Gospel... just like this unnamed woman in Samaria.
 - Nicodemus teaches us that **no one is too high and mighty** so as to be above their need for the Gospel.

- *While the Samaritan woman shows us, that **no-one can sink too low to be wanted by Christ.***
- *These two individuals are beautiful in their comparison to each other.*
- **Romans 3:23NLT** - "*For **everyone** has sinned; we **all** fall short of God's glorious standard.*"
 - *"If our greatest need would've been for information, God would've sent us an educator. If our greatest need would've been technology, God would've sent us a **scientist**. If our greatest need was money, God would've sent us an **economist**. But our greatest need was forgiveness, and so He sent us a **Savior**."*

II. The Savior's **REVELATION**.

*"Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God, and **who it is who says to you, 'Give Me a drink,'** you would have asked Him, and He would have given you **living water**."*

- What did the phrase 'living water' mean to the Jews of this day? Simply flowing water.
- However, Jesus is using it in a deeper, spiritual sense....
 - **Ps. 42:1–2NKJV** - "*As the deer pants for the water brooks, so pants my soul for You, O God. **My soul thirsts for God**, for the living God.*"
 - *"Living water" is a spiritual, inward condition. It is not a physical condition. It, it's not an emotional or psychological condition. It's an inward, spiritual quenching of the life thirst of an individual."*
- Jesus is giving this woman a **MESSIANIC Revelation** - He is declaring to her that He is the long awaited Savior, sent from Heaven to save mankind!
 - **Isaiah 7:14NKJV** - "*...the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, **the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son**, and shall call His name Immanuel.*"
- Jesus is also giving her a **DIVINE Revelation** - He is declaring to her that He is God in the flesh!!
 - **Isaiah 7:14NKJV** - "*...the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name **Immanuel**.*"
- Who do **YOU** believe Jesus to be?
 - **John 8:28 NLT** - "*So Jesus said, "When you have lifted up the Son of Man on the cross, then you will understand that **I AM**."*
 - **The Bible has >100 verses showing Jesus is **God, the Son!****(Isa 7:14; Isa 9:6; Mic 5:2; John 1:1-3; John 1:14; Col 1:15-20; Col 2:9; Tit 2:4,6, 13)

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- **God has designed humanity with various **DRIVES** in our physical bodies...**
 - **1 Thess 5:23NLT** - "*Now may the God of peace make you holy in every way, and may your whole **spirit and soul and body** be kept blameless until our Lord Jesus Christ comes again.*" (the "Trichotomy" of man)
 - *Humans have a "**Hunger Drive**"...*
 - *Humans have a "**Sex Drive**"...*
 - *Humans have an "**Air Drive**"...*
 - *But humans also have a "**GOD Drive**"...* and this is what Jesus is appealing to with this woman of Samaria. He is trying to highlight her inner thirst for the eternal, the spiritual, her thirst for GOD Himself!!

- There is a ***SPIRITUALDRIVE***, a spiritual “thirst” that GOD has put inside of every human being:
 - ***Ecclesiastes 3:11***NLT - “*God has made everything beautiful for its own time. He has planted eternity in the human heart*”
 - ***Isaiah 12:2–3***(NLT): “*See, God has come to save me. I will trust in him and not be afraid...with joy you will drink deeply from the fountain of salvation!*”
 - ***Jeremiah 2:13***NLT - “*For my people have done two evil things: They have abandoned me - the fountain of living water. And they have dug for themselves cracked cisterns that can hold no water at all!*”
 - You could take verse thirteen as the banner statement to write above every earthly pursuit...“Drink of this water and you'll thirst again.”
 - Every earthly pursuit, short of Christ, ultimately leaves us hungry and thirsty, never having given us true, deep, sense if inward satisfaction of our soul. No earthly pursuit every truly or permanently “quenches our thirst”.
 - ***We often say to ourselves:*** “*Well if I only, if I only had that person, I could marry her or him. Oh, if, if only I made that much money. Oh, if I could only live in that neighborhood.*”
 - ***The banner statement for human experience is this:*** “*Drink of this water and you will thirst again.*”
 - **Our weak attempts to quench our spiritual thirst with worldly things**, is like what happens to sailors when they're stranded out at sea, shipwrecked, and they run out of food and water.
 - Occasionally, these floating/stranded sailors get so desperate, having run out of all food and having no drinking water, that their tremendous thirst drives them quench it with anything possible.
 - **Often these desperate men will turn to the worst thing possible in that scenario:** ocean water. Even though the salty ocean water can lead to mental damage, and even death, it can often be the last desperate measure to get water into their system.”
 - **They tuned to the wrong thing to quench their thirst**, and not only did it not bring satisfaction... it destroyed them!
 - ***John 7:37–38*** NLT -“On the last day, the climax of the festival, Jesus stood and shouted to the crowds, “Anyone who is thirsty may come to me! 38 Anyone who believes in me may come and drink! For the Scriptures declare, ‘Rivers of living water will flow from his heart.’ ”
 - **St. Augustine-**“*Oh Lord, You have made us for Yourself..and our hearts are restless, until they find their rest in You!*”
 - **John Calvin** -*The Lord has created us with a “sensus divinitatus”, a “divine sense” that makes us aware of Him, and thirsty for Him.*
 - **Blaise Pascal** - “*There is a GOD-shaped hole in the heart of every human being...and only Jesus Christ can fill it.*”
 - How deeply are ***YOU*** satisfied in this life??
 - What are you chasing after to bring you ***DEEPLASTINGSATISFACTION??***
 - Are ***YOU*** willing to turn to ***JESUS CHRIST*** today... and let Him ***QUENCH YOUR THIRST???***