

Worship: Power and Purpose

A Samaritan Woman Meets Her Messiah

4 Therefore, when the Lord knew that the Pharisees had heard that Jesus made and baptized more disciples than John ² (though Jesus Himself did not baptize, but His disciples), ³ He left Judea and departed again to Galilee. ⁴ But He needed to go through Samaria.

Samarians intermarried with Syrians and other neighboring nations and were rejected by the Israelites.

Jesus intentionally entered a region that the religious community rejected.

⁵ So He came to a city of Samaria which is called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. ⁶ Now Jacob's well was there. Jesus therefore, being wearied from *His* journey, sat thus by the well. It was about the sixth hour.

Jesus got tired.

Jesus sat down and got some rest; we should sit down when we are tired too.

⁷ A woman of Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give Me a drink." ⁸ For His disciples had gone away into the city to buy food.

Jesus was fully capable of performing miracles; but, the disciples were going about their daily routine of work – buying food. (Our work is an act of worship when done unto the Lord.)

⁹ Then the woman of Samaria said to Him, "How is it that You, being a Jew, ask a drink from me, a Samaritan woman?" For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.

¹⁰ 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."

God, the Holy Spirit, is speaking to us but we are so consumed with the cares of life that we don't hear His voice above the noise of day-to-day life.

¹¹ The woman said to Him, "Sir, You have nothing to draw with, and the well is deep. Where then do You get that living water? ¹² Are You greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well, and drank from it himself, as well as his sons and his livestock?"

¹³ Jesus answered and said to her, "Whoever drinks of this water will thirst again, ¹⁴ but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst. But the water that I shall give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life."

Jesus wants to abide in us, living water is a metaphor for internalizing Jesus' Words.

¹⁵ The woman said to Him, "Sir, give me this water, that I may not thirst, nor come here to draw."

The woman doesn't realize Jesus is the Son of God; but, Jesus meets her where she is.

¹⁶ Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here."

¹⁷ The woman answered and said, "I have no husband."

Jesus said to her, "You have well said, 'I have no husband,' ¹⁸ for you have had five husbands, and the one whom you now have is not your husband; in that you spoke truly."

¹⁹ The woman said to Him, "Sir, I perceive that You are a prophet. ²⁰ Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, and you *Jews* say that in Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship."

²¹ Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe Me, the hour is coming when you will neither on this mountain, nor in Jerusalem, worship the Father. ²² You worship what you do not know; we know what we worship, for salvation is of the Jews. ²³ But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. ²⁴ God *is* Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth."

²⁵ The woman said to Him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When He comes, He will tell us all things."

²⁶ Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am *He*."

Three times to worship the LORD

1. Celebration – Sara (Say – rah) Hebrew
 - a. Bow down, obeisance, reverence, fall down stoop crouch
 - b. Doxa Greek
 - i. Glory, glorious, honor, praise, dignity
2. Mourning - Asab (Aay – sab)
 - a. Grieve, displeased, hurt, made sorry, vexed, wrest
3. Work – Abad (Aay – bad)
 - a. Serve, do, till, servant, work, service, dress, labor

Worship brings us into the presence of God!

We are to live in union with (worship) God. At church, after failure, in our work, at all times.

When we are in His presence we always win.