

Living Water

The Ultimate Thirst Quencher



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The song *Fill My Cup Lord*, by Wanda Jackson, starts with “Like the woman at the well I was seeking, For things that could not satisfy;”

Jesus Christ, the Son of God, while on earth, stopped by the well of His Jewish ancestor, Jacob, while His disciples went to buy food. There, by a “Divine appointment”, He met an evidently troubled and shamed Samaritan woman, divorced by five husbands.

Being a Prophet and the promised Messiah (the expected king and deliverer of the Jews - see Deuteronomy 18:15,18), Jesus told her the man she was currently living with was not her husband. She was looked down upon by women in her community, so she had come to get water at noon while it was hot, when they were at home feeding their families.

The woman was surprised that Jesus was talking to her, asking for a cup of water, because, “The Jews have no dealings with the Samaritans.” (John 4:9). In 732BC, the Assyrians, had siezed Israel's northern

capital of Samaria, and deported the native Jews living there, replacing them with foreigner “Cuthaeans”. They had embraced the Pentetuch (first five books of the Bible), but had built their own additional temple, on Mount Gerizim. Normally, traveling Jews, considering them “half breeds”, would take the longer route through the Jordan Valley. When the woman brought up the religious issue of the proper location to worship God, Jesus told her what really matters is having a heartfelt, personal, spiritual experience (relationship) with God “in spirit and in truth” (John 4:23).

Jesus said that, all religions aside, through His substitutionary death, God has made a way for all people to become children of God. They can know Him as Father, and obtain *living water* that truly satisfies man’s inner dissatisfaction. Those who embrace Jesus as their personal Lord and Savior, are given eternal life (an eternity with God) as a *free* gift!

Jesus replied, “If you only knew the gift God has for you and who you are speaking to, you would ask Me, and I would give you

living water.” (John 4:10). “Anyone who drinks this [well] water will soon become thirsty again. But those who drink the water I give will never be thirsty again. It becomes a fresh, bubbling spring within them, giving them eternal life.” (John 4:13-14)

The woman wanted this water, and so should we. True living is more than just food and drink, having material things, and doing daily chores. A happy and fulfilled life must include a personal relationship with our loving Creator who says,

“That is why I tell you not to worry about everyday life—whether you have enough food and drink, or enough clothes to wear. Isn’t life more than food, and your body more than clothing?” (Matthew 6:25)

“Life is not measured by how much you own... Yes, a person is a fool to store up earthly wealth but not have a rich relationship with God.” (Luke 12:15, 21)

An October 25, 2004 issue of Time Magazine cover read *“The God Gene - Does our DNA compel us to seek a higher power? Believe it or not, some scientists say yes.”*

Saint Augustine, a former “party person” said, after a “come to Jesus” encounter, “Thou hast made us for Thyself, O Lord; and the heart of man is ever restless, until it finds its rest in Thee.”

Blaise Pascual, a French physicist, said, “There is a God shaped void inside every person that only Jesus Christ can fill.”

The songwriter, Wanda Jackson, finishes my opening statement with:

“And then I heard my Savior speaking: ‘Draw from my well that never shall run dry.’”

The second and third stanzas read:

“There are millions in this world who are craving, the pleasures earthly things afford; but none can match the wondrous treasure that I find in Jesus Christ my Lord.

So, my brother, if the things this world gave you, leave hungers that won’t pass away, my blessed Lord will come and save you, if you kneel to Him and humbly pray:

Fill my cup Lord, I lift it up, Lord! Come and quench this thirsting of my soul; Bread of Heaven, Feed me till I want no more—fill my cup, fill it up and make me whole!”

After meeting Jesus, the promised Savior and Prophet's Messiah, Who looked beyond her sins (faults) and saw her need, the Samaritan woman, in her excitement and newfound hope, returned to the city and summoned the residents to come and "see for themselves" this Messiah. (John 4:29).

Those who did, persuaded Jesus to stay two days in their village "long enough for many more to hear His message and believe" (John 4:40-41). Afterwards, they told the woman:

"Now we believe, not just because of what you told us, but because we have heard Him ourselves. Now we know that He is indeed the Savior of the world."

Jesus said "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through Me." (John 14:6).

The Apostle Peter told his countrymen, that, in God's eternal plan to restore fallen mankind to right standing with Himself, "There is salvation in no one else! God has given no other name under heaven by which we must be saved." (Acts 4:12)

The Apostle Paul wrote, "For you are all children of God through faith in Christ Jesus." (Galatians 3:26)

The big question determining our eternal destination (Heaven or Hell) is, "What have I done with Jesus Christ?"

Saint John wrote, "And this is what God has testified: He has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have God's Son does not have life. I have written this to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know you have eternal life." (1 John 5:11-13)

This brings me to my favorite two questions in telling others about Jesus:

"Where is Jesus Christ in *your* life, on the inside, or, just on the outside? And, if He isn't on the inside, wouldn't you like to pray with me right now and get Him in?"

The woman at the well asked Jesus for the *Living Water*. "Please, sir," the woman said, "give me this water!" (John 4:15a)

Jesus is patiently waiting, wanting in. "Look! I stand at the door and knock. **If** you hear My voice and open the door, **I will come**

in, and we will share a meal together as friends.” (Revelation 3:20)

Here’s how: Pray this *World’s Most Important Prayer*, aloud, and from your heart:

Dear Jesus, Come into my heart. Forgive all my sins. Wash me in Your blood. Write my name in the Book of Life. Fill me with the Holy Spirit so I can serve and obey You. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

If you sincerely prayed this, God’s Bible promises are your assurance that He is now living in you, you are His child, and you will spend eternity with Him.

For example, John 1:12-13:

“But to all who believed Him and accepted Him, He gave the right to become children of God. They are reborn—not with a physical birth resulting from human passion or plan, but a birth that comes from God.”

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