

# Jesus and the Samaritan Woman

(John 4:6-42)

6 And Jacob's well was there. So Jesus, being weary from His journey, sat down by the well. It was about the sixth hour. 7 A Samaritan woman came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." 8 (For His disciples had gone into the city to buy food.) 9 Then the Samaritan woman said to Him, "How is it that You, being a Jew, ask for a drink from me, a Samaritan woman?" (For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.) 10 Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that says to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked Him, and He would have given you living water." 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 this well and drank from it himself, as did his sons and his livestock?" 13 Jesus answered, "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." 15 The woman said to Him, "Sir, give me this water so that I may not thirst, nor come here to draw." 16 Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here." 17 The woman answered, "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 you now have is not your husband. In this you have spoken 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 from the Jews. 23 But the hour is coming, and now is, when 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." 27 Just then His disciples came back, and they marveled that He was talking with a woman. Yet no one said, "What do You seek?" or, "Why are You talking with her?" 28 The woman then left her water jar, went into the city, and said to the people, 29 "Come, see a Man who told me everything I ever did. Could this be the Christ?" 30 Many of the Samaritans from that town believed in Him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I ever did." 41 And because of His words, many more became believers. 42 They said to the woman, "Now we believe not just because of what you said, but because we ourselves have heard Him, and we know that this Man truly is the Savior of the world."

**Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." (John 4:7)**

Why did Jesus directly say, "Give me a drink" to the Samaritan woman?

Normally, when we ask something from a stranger, we first introduce ourselves, inquire about the other person, and then make our request. But Jesus did not do that. He did not introduce Himself but went straight to the point.

Why did Jesus do this, and what should we learn from it? We will explore this further, along with verses 6 and 8.

**The Samaritan woman asked, "How is it that You, being a Jew, ask for a drink from me, a Samaritan woman?" (John 4:9)**

It is clear that Jews and Samaritans had no dealings with each other. Yet, Jesus not only spoke to her but also asked for water.

Through this, He taught us that we should also communicate with those with whom we have had no prior connection.

Why did Jesus give this message? We will discuss this in detail further.

**Jesus answered, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that says to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked Him, and He would have given you living water." (John 4:10)**

Notice that Jesus answered this Samaritan woman, whereas there were times when He remained silent when people accused Him—calling Him a deceiver or claiming He healed by the power of demons.

The reason was that this answer was going to bring salvation to the woman's life. But if He had responded to those who questioned Him only to test and oppose Him, it would have only made them angrier.

From this, we learn that we should only respond when it leads to someone's salvation or opens the way to truth. If answering only leads to arguments, it is better to remain silent, no matter how serious the accusations against us.

Jesus said, "If you knew the gift of God," meaning that the Samaritan woman was unaware of God's law and His will. Yet, Jesus took time to speak to her. This proves that Jesus did not come only for the Jews but for the salvation of all humanity.

Jesus first spoke about the gift of God and then said, "If you also knew who it is that asks you for water, you would have asked Him."

Why did Jesus mention God's gift first and then speak about Himself?

Because knowing God's gift without accepting Jesus is useless. In earlier times, knowing only God was enough, but now Jesus is the only way to the Father (John 14:6). That is why Jesus also introduced Himself, as no one can reach the Father without the Son.

Then Jesus said, "If you knew, you would ask Me."

Jesus always says, "Ask, and it will be given to you" (Matthew 7:7). That is why He told the woman that if she recognized Him, she would ask for living water.

Then He said, "I would have given you living water."

This "living water" is Jesus' holy blood, which we drink to receive eternal life. It is the same blood that was shed on the cross for our salvation. However, when Jesus said this, His blood had not yet been shed on the cross, but He already knew it would happen. He wanted to show her the path of salvation through His words and spiritual water.

Even in our lives, when we try to share the gospel with unbelievers, they often make excuses. But if they truly understood who we serve and what we can offer them, they would ask us for time instead.

**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?" (John 4:11)**

Here, Jesus teaches us that when we preach about God's kingdom, people will try to highlight our external limitations.

For example, if you say, "Seek first the kingdom of God, and all these things will be added to you" (Matthew 6:33), an unbeliever may ask, "You don't have wealth or prosperity, so how can you say you have everything?"

This is exactly what the Samaritan woman asked Jesus—"You have no means to draw water, and the well is deep. Then how can You give living water?"

This teaches us that people often fail to see spiritual truth and judge based on outward appearances. But we must continue to preach God's truth without being discouraged.

Jesus said to her, **"Go, call your husband and come here."** (John 4:16)

Why did Jesus say this? He is all-powerful and could have given her what He was talking about without involving her husband. Then why did He ask this question?

In reality, the Samaritan woman was still taking Jesus' words lightly and was unaware of His true power. But Jesus did not say, "Look, I know everything," just to display His power. Instead, He asked this question so that the woman would realize her sin. Because without the acknowledgment of sin, salvation is impossible. Jesus already knew what sins she had committed.

From this act of Jesus, we should learn that if we point out someone's mistakes, our goal should not be to prove ourselves great, but to help the person recognize their sin, repent, and walk on the right path.

**The woman answered, "I have no husband."**

Jesus said to her, **"You are right in saying, 'I have no husband,' for you have had five husbands, and the one you now have is not your husband. What you have said is true."** (John 4:17-18)

These verses reveal the woman's life and also demonstrate the boundless love of Jesus. He did not see anyone as greater or lesser—everyone was His own.

This is an important lesson for us: we should not despise such women, nor differentiate between them and a religious person. Because when anyone, no matter how sinful, acknowledges their sin and comes to Christ, they become spiritually pure and righteous.

Therefore, we have no right to point fingers at such people, for even our Heavenly Father did not do so. Instead, our responsibility is to show them the path to salvation so they too may receive eternal life.

**The woman said to Him, "Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet. Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, but you say that in Jerusalem is the place where people ought to worship."** (John 4:19-20)

These verses reflect the mindset of those who, while accepting Jesus as God, still question what will happen to existing traditions—our rituals, temples, mosques, or deities.

Such questions reveal that the human heart often hesitates to accept new truth because it is attached to old traditions, beliefs, and customs. But Jesus did not come merely to free us from traditions; He came to show us the way to truth and eternal life.

This teaches us that God is not confined to a place or a ritual. He seeks those who worship Him with a sincere heart. Therefore, we should be willing to accept the truth over traditions, for salvation is possible only through faith, repentance, and God's grace—not through external rituals or religious locations.

**Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father."** (John 4:21)

This verse signifies that Jesus put an end to the long-standing tradition of worshiping in specific places. There would no longer be a temple, mosque, or particular location where people had to go to worship the Father.

That is why Jesus also drove out those who had turned the house of God into a den of thieves. When He saw merchants and money changers in the temple, He drove them out, saying, **"My house shall be called a house of prayer, but you make it a den of robbers."** (Matthew 21:13)

This means that true worship is not about buildings, traditions, or external rituals, but about the sincerity of the heart and devotion of the soul. Jesus made it clear that worship is no longer about a location or a ritual but about a direct relationship with God.

**"You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews."** (John 4:22)

This verse clearly explains why we, as Christians, take pride in our worship.

The reason is that we truly know whom we worship. For us, worship is not just a ritual or tradition; it is a living relationship with God in spirit and truth.

However, our other brothers and sisters have not yet realized this truth. They are still drinking the water that leaves them thirsty again and again. Therefore, it is our duty to bring this water of truth to others so that they too may come out of darkness and into the real light of life.

**"But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship Him."** (John 4:23)

Why did Jesus say both statements—"the hour is coming" and "is now here"?

If Jesus wanted, He could have said just one, but He said both because every individual experiences a moment when they turn to Jesus Christ. It is true that the time will come, but it is also true that the time is now.

This means that the opportunity for salvation and true worship is not in the distant future, but in this very moment. We should not wait for a specific time to turn to Christ; we should turn to Him now and become true worshipers who worship the Father in spirit and truth.

## **Becoming True Worshipers Is Essential**

It is also worth noting that Jesus did not just say "worshipers" but "true worshipers."

This implies that there will be people who worship, but their worship will lack truth and devotion in spirit. Therefore, we should not just be worshipers, but **true worshipers**, and the time for this is now.

## **God Desires Holiness, Not Show**

Jesus said, **"For the Father is seeking such people to worship Him."**

This means that God desires people who worship Him in truth and spirit, not those who engage in religious acts for appearance's sake.

Jesus Himself said that many will perform healings, prophesy, and do miracles in His name, but the Lord will not acknowledge them. (Matthew 7:22-23)

For God, external works are less important than inner holiness and sincere worship.

That is why Jesus said, **"When you pray or fast, anoint your head with oil and do not show it to others, but do it before your Father, who is in secret."** (Matthew 6:17-18)

## **Conclusion**

- The time for salvation is not in the future, but **now**.
- We should not just be worshipers, but **true worshipers**.
- God desires sincerity and spirit in worship, not mere rituals.
- Those who are religious only in name will not be accepted by God.
- Therefore, we must turn to God right now to become the true worshipers the Father is seeking.

**"God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth."** (John 4:24)

God is spirit, and that is why He does not want to be confined to an idol.

An idol is visible to everyone—a sinner and a religious person alike. If merely seeing an idol were enough, then what would be the value of being righteous?

The truth is that only those who acknowledge their sins and repent can truly experience God. If this were not the case, then sinful humans would have no reason to fear sin or turn away from it.

## **True Worship Happens in Spirit and Truth**

That is why those who are not fully matured in the spirit cannot fake worship for long.

Because true worship is only possible in spirit and truth.

## **What Should We Learn?**

We should also ensure that our worship is filled with spirit and truth.

Because without these, good songs and fine instruments have no value.

The value of true worship lies in God's presence, not in external show.

The woman said to Him, **"I know that the Messiah, who is called Christ, is coming; when He comes, He will tell us all things."** (John 4:25)

Here, the Samaritan woman is saying that she knows about the Messiah, yet why is she still in sin?

The reason, my brothers and sisters, is that she only knows but does not believe.

This is why she committed great sin and remains trapped in the pit of sin.

## **The Difference Between Knowing and Believing**

Even in our lives, we will meet many people who know about Jesus Christ but do not believe in Him.

That is why, if you look into their lives, you will find that they are living in sin.

Because mere knowledge is not enough—faith and surrender are essential.

As it is written:

"You believe that there is one God. You do well. Even the demons believe—and tremble!" (James 2:19)

## **The Samaritan Woman's Ignorance—Living in Darkness**

Jesus Himself was standing there, yet instead of recognizing Him, the Samaritan woman was introducing Him and claiming, "He will come!"

While He was already standing before her!

This is a great example of how Satan can spiritually blind people, even though their eyes are open.

## **What Should We Learn?**

It is not enough to just know—we must believe and surrender.

Those who recognize Christ but do not accept Him live in spiritual darkness.

Satan can prevent people from seeing the truth, but those who accept the truth have their eyes opened.

Therefore, we should not limit ourselves to just knowing about Jesus Christ, but rather, we should accept Him and follow Him in our lives.

Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am He." (John 4:26)

Jesus did not introduce Himself directly but made the Samaritan woman say it—this is the true way of introduction.

From this, we should learn that we should not introduce ourselves until our work speaks for itself.

## **Jesus' Method—First Evidence, Then Introduction**

At first, Jesus did not reveal His identity.

Instead, He revealed hidden things that astonished the Samaritan woman.

Then the woman herself said,

"The coming Messiah will tell us all this!"

Only then did Jesus say, "I am He."

If Jesus had said first, "I am the Messiah," and then told her about her husbands, she might have thought He was just trying to prove His claim.

### **What Should We Learn?**

Rather than introducing ourselves, let our work introduce us.

To establish faith, providing evidence first is essential.

In our spiritual lives, we should be so strong that people recognize us as followers of Christ just by observing our lives.

Therefore, we should learn from Jesus that we must first prove the truth through our actions and then reveal our identity.

"At this point, His disciples came, and they marveled that He talked with a woman; yet no one said, 'What do You seek?' or, 'Why are You talking with her?'" (John 4:27)

## **Jesus Was Working Even When No One Was Watching**

The disciples had gone to buy food in the city, so Jesus was alone at the well.

But even in this situation, He did not hesitate to teach the Samaritan woman the truth.

This teaches us an important lesson—

"Do not preach only when people are watching, but also when no one is watching."

## **Jesus' Condition—Serving Even in Exhaustion**

The Scripture says:

"Jesus, being wearied from His journey, sat thus by the well."

This means—

He was tired.

He was sitting there just to rest, not with the intention of preaching.

His disciples were also not present to witness what He was doing.

But when the Samaritan woman came, Jesus, without hesitation, forgot His rest and began sharing the truth with her. He did not think—

"I am too tired right now."

"There are no disciples here; who will see that I am preaching?"

"I was just sitting here; I had no intention of teaching now."

### **What Should We Learn?**

Beyond fatigue, circumstances, or the presence of people, we should always be ready for God's work.

If we meet someone who needs to know the Lord, we should immediately share the Gospel with them.

Our work should be so honest and clear that people understand, without asking, that we are talking about salvation.

## **The Disciples Were Amazed But Did Not Question**

When the disciples returned and saw Jesus speaking with a Samaritan woman, they were astonished.

But none of them asked—

"Why are You talking to her?"

"What do You want from her?"

Why? Because they had faith that if Jesus was speaking to someone, the conversation would certainly be about salvation.

### **What If God Had the Same Faith in Us?**

If God could trust us so much that—

"Whenever this person speaks to someone, it will surely be about spiritual blessings,"

then we would truly be blessed!

We should live in such a way that when people see us talking to someone, they do not doubt our intentions but rather trust that we are glorifying God.

**"The woman then left her water pot, went her way into the city, and said to the men," (John 4:28)**

### **Why Did the Samaritan Woman Leave Her Water Pot?**

She left her water pot—not because she forgot to fetch water, but because after receiving the living water from Jesus, she no longer felt the need for ordinary water.

This shows that when a person understands God's truth, they are drawn toward something far more significant than worldly things.

She realized that the water Jesus gave would quench her thirst forever, unlike the water she had come to fetch.

Jesus' words impacted her so deeply that she immediately began sharing this truth with others.

### **The Impact of Jesus' Words**

In verses 39, 41, and 42, we see that because of the Samaritan woman, many people in the city came to the path of salvation.

Jesus' words affected her so much that she started her mission and led many others to salvation.

### **Jesus' Dedication and a Lesson for Us**

All of this happened because Jesus did His work, even though He was tired, and His disciples were not present.

This was not a pre-planned moment, nor did He ignore the woman due to any narrow-minded social barriers.

Jesus' truth, honesty, and dedication to His mission inspired Him to continue working even in difficult circumstances.

### **What Do We Need to Learn?**

Our work should never stop due to situations or comfort.

Whenever we get the opportunity to lead someone toward salvation, we should not miss it, regardless of circumstances.

With dedication and truth in our actions, we should work for those who need to hear the Gospel.

### **Jesus' Love and Our Dedication**

Even though Jesus Himself was God, He remained faithful to His mission, and we, too, should remain faithful to ours.

Jesus' love and His example teach us to fulfill our responsibilities with diligence, no matter what the situation is.

# **Blessed is Our God, and Blessed is His Love**

Led by the Holy Spirit, Guided by Faith and Scripture

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