

What Is True Worship

John 4:1-30

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I. The CIRCUMSTANCES behind the meeting of a Samaritan woman.

John 4:1-6

¹ Therefore when the L-rd knew that the Pharisees had heard that Yeshua was making and immersing more disciples than John ² (although Yeshua Himself was not immersing, but His disciples were), ³ He left Judea and went away again into Galilee. ⁴ And He had to pass through Samaria.

John 4:1-6

⁵ So He came to a city of Samaria called Sychar, near the parcel of ground that Jacob gave to his son Joseph; ⁶ and Jacob's well was there. So Yeshua, being wearied from His journey, was sitting thus by the well. It was about the sixth hour.

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A. The REJECTION of the fountain of living waters.

Jeremiah 2:13a

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Isaiah 44:3

"For I will pour out water on the thirsty land and streams on the dry ground; I will pour out My Spirit on your offspring and My blessing on your descendants."

Jeremiah 17:13

O L-rd, the hope of Israel, all who forsake You will be put to shame. Those who turn away on earth will be written down, because they have forsaken the fountain of living water, even the L-rd.

- I. The CIRCUMSTANCES behind the meeting of a Samaritan woman.
 - A. The REJECTION of the fountain of living waters.
 - B. The INVENTION of another religion.

Jeremiah 2:13

"For My people have committed two evils: They have forsaken Me, the fountain of living waters, to hew for themselves cisterns, broken cisterns that can hold no water."

Ezra 4:1-4

¹ Now when the enemies of Judah and Benjamin heard that the people of the exile were building a temple to the L-rd G-d of Israel, ² they approached Zerubbabel and the heads of fathers' households, and said to them, "Let us build with you, for we, like you, seek your G-d; and we have been sacrificing to Him since the days of Esarhaddon king of Assyria, who brought us up here."

Ezra 4:1-4

³ But Zerubbabel and Jeshua and the rest of the heads of fathers' households of Israel said to them, "You have nothing in common with us in building a house to our G-d; but we ourselves will together build to the L-rd G-d of Israel, as King Cyrus, the king of Persia has commanded us." ⁴ Then the people of the land discouraged the people of Judah, and frightened them from building.

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John 4:7-10

⁷ There came a woman of Samaria to draw water. Yeshua said to her, "Give Me a drink."

⁸ For His disciples had gone away into the city to buy food. ⁹ Therefore the Samaritan woman said to Him, "How is it that You, being a Jew, ask me for a drink since I am a Samaritan woman?" (For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.)

John 4:7-10

¹⁰ Yeshua answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of G-d, 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."

Acts 8:20

But Peter said to him, "May your silver perish with you, because you thought you could obtain the gift of G-d with money!"

Romans 6:23

For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of G-d is eternal life in Messiah Yeshua our L-rd.

Ephesians 2:8

For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of G-d.

II. The CONVERSATION that developed.

A. Yeshua's APPROACH to the woman.

1. The CHALLENGE He proposed.
2. The CLARITY she requested.

John 4:11-12

¹¹ She said to Him, "Sir, You have nothing to draw with and the well is deep; where then do You get that living water? ¹² "You are not greater than our father Jacob, are You, who gave us the well, and drank of it himself and his sons and his cattle?"

Genesis 29:1-8

¹ Then Jacob went on his journey, and came to the land of the sons of the east. ² He looked, and saw a well in the field, and behold, three flocks of sheep were lying there beside it, for from that well they watered the flocks. Now the stone on the mouth of the well was large.

Genesis 29:1-8

³ When all the flocks were gathered there, they would then roll the stone from the mouth of the well and water the sheep, and put the stone back in its place on the mouth of the well. ⁴ Jacob said to them, "My brothers, where are you from?" And they said, "We are from Haran." ⁵ He said to them, "Do you know Laban the son of Nahor?" And they said, "We know him."

Genesis 29:1-8

⁶ And he said to them, "Is it well with him?" And they said, "It is well, and here is Rachel his daughter coming with the sheep." ⁷ He said, "Behold, it is still high day; it is not time for the livestock to be gathered. Water the sheep, and go, pasture them." ⁸ But they said, "We cannot, until all the flocks are gathered, and they roll the stone from the mouth of the well; then we water the sheep."

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John 4:13-14

¹³ Yeshua answered and said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will thirst again; ¹⁴ but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him shall never thirst; but the water that I will give him will become in him a well of water springing up to eternal life."

John 7:37-39

³⁷ Now on the last day, the great day of the feast, Yeshua stood and cried out, saying, "If anyone is thirsty, let him come to Me and drink. ³⁸ "He who believes in Me, as the Scripture said, 'From his innermost being will flow rivers of living water.'" ³⁹ But this He spoke of the Spirit, whom those who believed in Him were to receive; for the Spirit was not yet given, because Yeshua was not yet glorified.

Ezekiel 39:29

"I will not hide My face from them any longer, for I will have poured out My Spirit on the house of Israel," declares the L-rd G-d.

Zechariah 12:10

"I will pour out on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the Spirit of grace and of supplication, so that they will look on Me whom they have pierced; and they will mourn for Him, as one mourns for an only son, and they will weep bitterly over Him like the bitter weeping over a firstborn.

Psalms 118:25-26

²⁵ O L-rd, do save, we beseech You; O L-rd, we beseech You, do send prosperity!

²⁶ Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the L-rd; We have blessed you from the house of the L-rd.

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1. The CHALLENGE He proposed.
2. The CLARITY she requested.
3. The CONNECTION He makes to its real meaning.
4. The CONCERN she had over His response.

John 4:15

The woman said to Him, "Sir, give me this water, so I will not be thirsty nor come all the way here to draw."

II. The CONVERSATION that developed.

A. Yeshua's APPROACH to the woman.

B. Her ACKNOWLEDGEMENT of her past.

John 4:16-18

¹⁶ He said to her, "Go, call your husband and come here." ¹⁷ The woman answered and said, "I have no husband." Yeshua said to her, "You have correctly said, 'I have no husband'; ¹⁸ for you have had five husbands, and the one whom you now have is not your husband; this you have said truly."

Mark 1:14-15

¹⁴ Now after John had been taken into custody, Yeshua came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of G-d, ¹⁵ and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of G-d is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel."

Acts 2:38

Peter said to them, "Repent, and each of you be immersed in the name of Yeshua Messiah for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

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John 4:19

The woman said to Him, "Sir, I perceive that You are a prophet.

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 - 2. The PROBLEM with her understanding of worship was a place.

John 4:20

"Our fathers worshiped in this mountain, and you people say that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship."

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 - 3. The PERSON in which true worship is achieved.

John 4:21-26

²¹ Yeshua said to her, "Woman, believe Me, an hour is coming when neither in this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. ²² "You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. ²³ "But an hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for such people the Father seeks to be His worshipers.

John 4:21-26

²⁴ "G-d 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; when that One comes, He will declare all things to us." ²⁶ Yeshua said to her, "I who speak to you am He."

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John 4:27

At this point His disciples came, and they were amazed that He had been speaking with a woman, yet no one said, "What do You seek?" or, "Why do You speak with her?"

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John 4:28

So the woman left her waterpot, and went into the city and said to the men,

Psalms 51:15-17

- ¹⁵ O L-rd, open my lips,
That my mouth may declare Your praise.
¹⁶ For You do not delight in sacrifice, otherwise
I would give it;
You are not pleased with burnt offering.
¹⁷ The sacrifices of G-d are a broken spirit;
A broken and a contrite heart, O G-d,
You will not despise

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 - 2. She DECLARED His name among the people.

John 4:29-30

²⁹ "Come, see a man who told me all the things that I have done; this is not the Messiah, is it?" ³⁰ They went out of the city, and were coming to Him.

John 8:24

"Therefore I said to you that you will die in your sins; for unless you believe that I am He, you will die in your sins."

Matthew 10:32

"Therefore everyone who confesses Me before men, I will also confess him before My Father who is in heaven.

Romans 10:9-10

⁹ that if you confess with your mouth Yeshua as L-rd, and believe in your heart that G-d raised Him from the dead, you will be saved;
¹⁰ for with the heart a person believes, resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth he confesses, resulting in salvation.

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