

John 2: 1-11 Whatsoever He Saith Unto You, Do It

1 And the third day there was a marriage in Cana of Galilee; and the mother of Jesus was there: 2 And both Jesus was called, and his disciples, to the marriage. 3 And when they wanted wine, the mother of Jesus saith unto him, They have no wine. 4 Jesus saith unto her, Woman, what have I to do with thee? mine hour is not yet come. 5 His mother saith unto the servants, Whatsoever he saith unto you, do it. 6 And there were set there six waterpots of stone, after the manner of the purifying of the Jews, containing two or three firkins apiece. 7 Jesus saith unto them, Fill the waterpots with water. And they filled them up to the brim. 8 And he saith unto them, Draw out now, and bear unto the governor of the feast. And they bare it. 9 When the ruler of the feast had tasted the water that was made wine, and knew not whence it was: (but the servants which drew the water knew;) the governor of the feast called the bridegroom, 10 And saith unto him, Every man at the beginning doth set forth good wine; and when men have well drunk, then that which is worse: but thou hast kept the good wine until now. 11 This beginning of miracles did Jesus in Cana of Galilee, and manifested forth his glory; and his disciples believed on him.

In this text there is a message revealed that I have never seen before. I was listening to a sermon, preached by Elder John Burkett, when this picture appeared. A portion of this revelation is from the revelations of his sermon, and the rest is the window God opened for me to see through.

Here we see a problem of running out of wine for the marriage feast. If they ran out of wine the name of the bride, the groom, and the governor of the feast, would be slandered. I want to compare this marriage feast to a born again sinner, a child of grace, joining the church.

Where does this miracle take place? The miracle is performed at a marriage feast, and happens in the presence of the workers (servants). We are at a marriage feast and they run out of wine. Mary, Jesus's mother, comes to him and tells him of the problem; she understands that she can't fix the problem. She certainly went to the right source which is an example for us to follow. Mary gives, to the servants there, a very simple instruction: "**Whatsoever he saith unto you, do it.**"

What I want you to see: To keep the bride, the groom, the governor of the feast, and the groom's family, from having a bad name because they ran out of wine; Mary intercedes to Jesus on their behalf. Jesus solves the problem by performing this first recorded miracle. The solution to this problem was for Jesus to perform this miracle and change the water into wine.

The miracle, of turning water to wine, is a picture of:

- The transformation in the worship of God from the ceremonial/law service to the age of salvation by Grace. It shows us that our own works won't get us to heaven, but that which Christ has accomplished for us, salvation by grace will.
- The transformation of a sinner to a sinner saved by grace, born again of the Holy Spirit of Truth.

We notice this miracle took place at a marriage feast. This signifies to us that the Saviour has approved the ceremony of marriage; which is a picture of Christ marrying the church of Grace, which is emblematically brought to fruition, by the born again sinner joining the church.

For this marriage feast to be a successful ceremony, with no slander of names involved, there was the need for more wine, which called for a miracle. Mary saith: "**Whatsoever he saith unto you, do it.**" Jesus saith: "**Fill the waterpots with water.**" We see that the servants did exactly what Jesus said, to the fullest degree. "**And they filled them up to the brim.**" This is why; when you are born again, you are to follow the commandments of Christ to the fullest extent.

What if the servants, in unbelief, had only partially filled the water pots? We know our own lazy natures. It would have been easy for them to say; this is foolishness; they need wine not water, and then only partially filled the water pots. We see that this would not have been doing the command of

Jesus to the full. Had the water pots not been completely filled, there would still have been a shortage of wine and nothing would have been proved.

That would be like a person, after being born again, saying to themselves:

- I don't need to join the church.
- I don't need to be baptized.
- I don't need to participate in the communion services
- I don't need to attend church services
- And all the other things connected with living a Christian life to the fullest extent.

Neglect to do these things demonstrates a partially filled water pot and neglect of the command "**Jesus saith unto them, Fill the waterpots with water.**" We follow the examples set by Christ, and the commandments he has established, because we understand we are being married to Christ Jesus. The one joining the church exemplifies the wedding feast, and the exchange of vows of the bride and groom. That is the first thing they are to do when they join the church. Christ Jesus is the groom and each recipient of saving grace is a bride.

Mary understood that she couldn't provide the necessity that was lacking, but, she knew who could provide. "**Whatsoever he saith unto you, do it.**" Neither can the church itself provide you a name that is not slandered by lack of wine, but, the church knows who can provide. The Saviour can, and does, provide the needs, but it still requires the full obedience of the servants. Think about this; if those servants had not filled the water pots to the rim, there would have continued to be a lack of wine for the feast, and much slander the result thereof.

Jesus knew just exactly how much was needed. If we, the servants, don't let our light shine and do all that we are commanded, someone is not going to get wine; there is going to be a shortage. Do you understand that every action you do, as a born again Christian, is either wine or water to those around you. What do you mean; wine or water? Let's demonstrate what I mean:

- If you are not living the Christian life to the full, and being fully obedient to Christ, you are just serving water out of the water pot to those around you. They are receiving from you, the same thing they get from all the rest of the world that is living in disobedience. There is no miracle of transformation being demonstrated by your life and actions.
- If you are living the Christian life, and being fully obedient to God and Christ, you are serving those around you with transformed water, which is now the best wine. **7 Jesus saith unto them, Fill the waterpots with water. And they filled them up to the brim. 8 And he saith unto them, Draw out now, and bear unto the governor of the feast. And they bare it.** As the governor of the feast did, so those around you will see, and taste, the difference in what they receive from you, compared to what the world gives them.
- This, in turn, will cause them to seek for the water that is changed to wine, and thereby you are demonstrating the scripture command see in: **Mt 5:16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.**

Remember the comments of the governor of the feast: **9 When the ruler of the feast had tasted the water that was made wine, and knew not whence it was: (but the servants which drew the water knew;) the governor of the feast called the bridegroom, 10 And saith unto him, Every man at the beginning doth set forth good wine; and when men have well drunk, then that which is worse: but thou hast kept the good wine until now.** As the miracle wine was better than the regular wine, and was served lastly, so we see two pictures:

- First, a new thing was instituted with the best being served last. The best, being that which Jesus had produced by the miracle of His power. So, we see the miracle of transformation performed by Jesus Christ, the church of grace, in the age of grace, shining brighter than the

law service. Salvation by grace is the best being served at the last. A new system of worship was instituted by Jesus Christ that was better than the ceremonial law service.

- Secondly, we see the picture, of the best being served at the last, in the eternal perspective, in the prophetic picture of: the resurrection and eternal life in the New Jerusalem, in the New Heaven, and the New Earth.

Being born again and drawn to our Husbandman by the love he has bestowed upon us; let us indeed be salt and light to those around us, and follow our Saviour as Mary instructed: "**Whatsoever he saith unto you, do it.**" Let us yield our own stubborn wills to full obedience to Christ in filling the water pots to the rim. "**Jesus saith unto them, Fill the waterpots with water.**" Living the life of a born again Christian, as a church member, is filling the command of Jesus; "**Draw out now, and bear unto the governor of the feast. And they bare it.**" Praise the Lord! for his revealed written word, of revelation, of our Saviour and Lord Jesus Christ. Hallelujah! Praise ye the Lord!

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