

The Salvation of the Samaritan Woman John Chapter 4 Verses 03-43

Sing Hymn 338, Lloyd Hymnal, to the tune of 283 in the Sacred Harp, "How Sweet The Name"

338 C. M. Christ, the good Shepherd.

- 1 *BEHOLD the Shepherd's tender care, Towards the sheep that strays! Throughout the desert, waste and bare, He tracks its wandering ways.*
- 2 *So Jesus, while he sojourned here, Amidst the waste of sin, 'Tis said he travelled far and near, And sought his sheep therein.*
- 3 *To save from everlasting woe An object of his care, Behold him through Samaria go! A sheep had wandered there.*
- 4 *Though she insults him to his face, It mattered not to him; Her name was found among that race That Jesus must redeem.*
- 5 *Amidst this flock, beloved of God, Manasseh we behold, And though his fleece was stained with blood, He brought him to the fold.*
- 6 *Yea, from the dregs of sin and woe Shall grace her trophies wave, And each to glory safe shall go, Whom God ordained to save.*

4 ¶ And he must needs go through Samaria.

Don't miss that it was on the agenda of Jesus to go to Samaria. Why? He is to save a Samaritan woman, and many others in this place.

Who are the Samaritans? According to history: They were originally Israelites who turned to idolatry. Over time they mixed and mingled with Gentiles of other nations. There was a great hatred between the Samaritans and the Israelites because many Israelites, who refused to live according to God's commandments, went to Samaria where they could live as they pleased. Doesn't this give you a picture of the religious world today? Not a picture of the church of Jesus Christ, but rather, of the religious world where people are making their own rules. Christians have a set rule of standards, given by God, by which they are to live. Why? To bring glory to God and Christ.

Remember this; religion does not save anyone. Salvation comes from Jesus only, when he creates a personal relationship with the born-again sinner. Joining a church, or just saying you believe in Jesus, does not mean you are saved. Even the devils believe and tremble, but they do not have a personal relationship with Jesus. You must be born-again to be saved.

5 Then cometh he to a city of Samaria, which is called Sychar, near to the parcel of ground that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. 6 Now Jacob's well was there. Jesus therefore, being wearied with his journey, sat thus on the well: and it was about the sixth hour. 7 There cometh a woman of Samaria to draw water: Jesus saith unto her, Give me to drink. 8 (For his disciples were gone away unto the city to buy meat.) 9 Then saith the woman of Samaria unto him, How is it that thou, being a Jew, askest drink of me, which am a woman of Samaria? for the Jews have no dealings with the Samaritans. 10 Jesus answered and said unto her, If thou knewst the gift of God, and who it is that saith to thee, Give me to drink; thou wouldest have asked of him, and he would have given thee living water. 11 The woman saith unto him, Sir, thou hast nothing to draw with, and the well is deep: from whence then hast thou that living water? 12 Art thou greater than our father Jacob, which gave us the well, and drank thereof himself, and his children, and his cattle? 13 Jesus answered and

said unto her, Whosoever drinketh of this water shall thirst again: 14 But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life. 15 The woman saith unto him, Sir, give me this water, that I thirst not, neither come hither to draw.

We see here the woman's confession; she desires the water of life. This is evidence that Jesus has already done a work of grace in her heart. How do we know? Dead souls do not desire the water of life.

16 Jesus saith unto her, Go, call thy husband, and come hither. 17 The woman answered and said, I have no husband. Jesus said unto her, Thou hast well said, I have no husband: 18 For thou hast had five husbands; and he whom thou now hast is not thy husband: in that saidst thou truly.

Jesus, having caused her to be born again, tells her that she has not lived a good life, she has had five husbands and the one she is married to now is not her legal husband. In other words, she is an adulterer, since the man she is married to is not her husband.

However, I point out; Christ did not tell her you can't be saved because you have had five husbands. Neither did Jesus condemn her present husband. He simply pointed out that he knew the kind of life she had lived prior to this time, just as, he knows the kind of lives we each have lived before he causes us to be born again.

This is the reason, when a person comes forward, with an experience of grace, and confession of faith in Christ, the church doesn't question your past life, to see if you are a fit subject and a candidate for baptism. It is not your past that matters. What does matter; is how you live your life from this point forward. Christ expects us to live faithful lives, from the time you make your public confession of faith.

19 The woman saith unto him, Sir, I perceive that thou art a prophet. 20 Our fathers worshipped in this mountain; and ye say, that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship. 21 Jesus saith unto her, Woman, believe me, the hour cometh, when ye shall neither in this mountain, nor yet at Jerusalem, worship the Father. 22 Ye worship ye know not what: we know what we worship: for salvation is of the Jews. 23 But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him. 24 God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth. 25 The woman saith unto him, I know that Messias cometh, which is called Christ: when he is come, he will tell us all things. 26 Jesus saith unto her, I that speak unto thee am he.

Here, we see; Jesus begins to open this woman's understanding. He makes known that he is the Saviour, the Messiah, the Holy Christ. Since this is just Jesus and the woman, we see, this is on the very personal level, which is how Jesus deals with every born-again sinner.

27 ¶ And upon this came his disciples, and marvelled that he talked with the woman: yet no man said, What seekest thou? or, Why talkest thou with her? 28 The woman then left her waterpot, and went her way into the city, and saith to the men, 29 Come, see a man, which told me all things that ever I did: is not this the Christ?

We notice; this regenerated woman went into the city and told that she has met the Christ. This is why; we make the public profession of our faith in Christ. Being born-again; we desire to tell others of God's marvelous work of grace in our lives. Again, we have evidence that she has been made a new creature in Christ. She is declaring that Jesus is the Christ.

30 Then they went out of the city, and came unto him. 31 In the mean while his disciples prayed him, saying, Master, eat. 32 But he said unto them, I have meat to eat that ye know not of. 33 Therefore said the disciples one to another, Hath any man brought him ought to eat? 34 Jesus saith unto them, My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work. 35 Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest. 36 And he that reapeth receiveth wages, and gathereth fruit unto life eternal: that both he that soweth and he that reapeth may rejoice together. 37 And herein is that saying true, One soweth, and another reapeth. 38 I sent you to reap that whereon ye bestowed no labour: other men laboured, and ye are entered into their labours.

Jesus tells his disciples, I had to come here to save this Samaritan woman, and many others. Do you understand that the world is the field, and it is time to gather in the harvest? Today is the time to be busy harvesting. Christ Jesus sows the seeds of life eternal in the hearts of every child of grace that is written in the Lamb's book of life. The harvest time is in the world. Now is the time to gather in the fruits of that which Christ has planted. This is why we rejoice, when there is a public confession of faith in Christ Jesus and his finished work.

39 And many of the Samaritans of that city believed on him for the saying of the woman, which testified, He told me all that ever I did. 40 So when the Samaritans were come unto him, they besought him that he would tarry with them: and he abode there two days. 41 And many more believed because of his own word; 42 And said unto the woman, Now we believe, not because of thy saying: for we have heard him ourselves, and know that this is indeed the Christ, the Saviour of the world. 43 ¶ Now after two days he departed thence, and went into Galilee.

This further substantiates that this woman's salvation. How? She believes Jesus is the Christ. She is spreading the word that she has met the Jesus, the Christ. Others came and saw for themselves, and many Samaritans were saved. Notice that they requested that Jesus tarry with them. Don't we want Jesus to tarry with us when we are born again?

Praise the Lord Jesus, even though he knows our every sin and fault, he doesn't look on that for a reason to save us. Jesus saves us because he knows every name recorded in the Lamb's book of life, because he shed his blood for the remission of their sins of each name recorded there. Because he suffered for them as seen in this hymn:

412 11s. Christ's comfort to the church.

- 1 *ZION, afflicted with wave upon wave, Whom no man can comfort, whom no man can save; With darkness surrounded, with terrors dismayed, In toiling and rowing thy strength is decayed.*
- 2 *Loud roaring, the billows now nigh overwhelm, But skillful's the pilot who sits at the helm; His wisdom conducts thee, his power thee defends, In safety and quiet thy warfare he ends.*
- 3 *'O fearful, O faithless!' in mercy he cries, 'My promise, my truth, are they light in thine eyes? Still, still I am with thee, my promise shall stand; Through tempests and tossings I'll bring thee to land.*

- 4 'Forget thee, I will not, I cannot—thy name, Engraved on my heart doth for ever remain! The palms of my hands, while I look on, I see The wounds I received when suffering for Thee.
- 5 'I feel at my heart all thy sighs and thy groans, For thou art most near me, my flesh and my bones; In all thy distresses thy Head feels the pain, Yet all are most needful, not one is in vain.
- 6 'Then trust me, and fear not, thy life is secure; My wisdom is perfect, supreme is my power; In love I correct thee, thy soul to refine, To make thee at length in my likeness to shine.'

Aren't you glad that Jesus went through Samaria? What should make you gladder still is; he does the same for every child of grace, wherever they are in the world. He travels to where you are to bring you salvation and eternal life; after all; "**he must needs go through Samaria.**" Hallelujah! Glory, and honor, and praise, to our Saviour and Lord, Jesus Christ, Amen!