

JOHN: THE WORD: GRACE AND TRUTH #6

John 4:7-42

A quick review:

“For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.” **John 3:16 NASB**

For God did not send the Son into the world in order to judge (to reject, to condemn, to pass sentence on) the world, but that the world might find salvation *and* be made safe *and* sound through Him. **John 3:17 AMPC**

- The Lord did not send Jesus into the world to condemn the world.

...Therefore, there is NOW no condemnation for the ones in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus set you free from the Law of Sin and Death. **Romans 8:1-2 New Testament Transline**

Those in Christ' are completely beyond the scope of condemnation because they have already died in Christ and are now living in Christ. (See **Galatians 2:20**) They will be disciplined here as God's children, they will face rewards and loss then but there is no condemnation. They battle with sin from victor's ground. **New Testament Transline Margin Notes**

Guilt, shame, condemnation...all of these are reasons that the enemy gives you to quit and walk away...don't give into his lies and vicious condemning tactics...if you are in Jesus and He's in you, then you are totally beyond the scope of the enemy's condemning practice.

7There *came a woman of Samaria to draw water. Jesus *said to her, “Give Me a drink.” 8For His disciples had gone away into the city to buy food. 9Therefore 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.) 10Jesus answered and said to her, “If you knew the gift of God, 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.” 11She *said to Him, “Sir, You have nothing to draw with and the well is deep; where then do You get that living water? 12You 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?” 13Jesus answered and said to her, “Everyone who drinks of this water will thirst again; 14but 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.”

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15The woman *said to Him, “Sir, give me this water, so I will not be thirsty nor come all the way here to draw.” 16He *said to her, “Go, call your husband and come here.” 17The woman answered and said, “I have no husband.” Jesus *said to her, “You have correctly said, ‘I have no husband’; 18for you have had five husbands, and the one whom you now have is not your husband; this you have said truly.” 19The woman *said to Him, “Sir, I perceive that You are a prophet. 20Our fathers worshiped in this mountain, and you *people* say that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship.” 21Jesus *said to her, “Woman, believe Me, an hour is coming when neither in this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. 22You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. 23But 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. 24God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.” 25The woman *said to Him, “I know that Messiah is coming (He who is called Christ); when that One comes, He will declare all things to us.” 26Jesus *said to her, “I who speak to you am *He*.” **John 4:7-26 NASB**

- Jesus encounters the woman at Jacob’s well.
 - (v1-14) ... a well of water springing up to eternal life...bubbling up...

8At Lystra a man was sitting who had no strength in his feet, lame from his mother’s womb, who had never walked. 9This man was listening to Paul as he spoke, who, when he had fixed his gaze on him and had seen that he had faith to be made well, 10said with a loud voice, “Stand upright on your feet.” And he leaped up and *began* to walk. **Acts 14:8-10 NASB**

1Now Peter and John were going up to the temple at the ninth *hour*, the hour of prayer. 2And a man who had been lame from his mother’s womb was being carried along, whom they used to set down every day at the gate of the temple which is called Beautiful, in order to beg alms of those who were entering the temple. 3When he saw Peter and John about to go into the temple, he *began* asking to receive alms. 4But Peter, along with John, fixed his gaze on him and said, “Look at us!” 5And he *began* to give them his attention, expecting to receive something from them. 6But Peter said, “I do not possess silver and gold, but what I do have I give to you: In the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene—walk!” 7And seizing him by the right hand, he raised him up; and immediately his feet and his ankles were strengthened. 8With a leap he stood upright and *began* to walk; and he entered the temple with them, walking and leaping and praising God. 9And all the people saw him walking and praising God; 10and they were taking note of him as being the one who used to sit at the Beautiful Gate of the temple

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to *beg* alms, and they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him. **Acts 3:1-10 NASB**

- The word for ‘springing up’ or ‘bubbling up’ in **John 4:14** literally means to leap up or jump up...due to the newness of life within you!
- The woman’s response...“give me some of that water”...(v15)
- Jesus tells her...“ go get your husband”, knowing that she was living with someone she was not married to.
- She tells Jesus that she is not married and He tells her, “You’re right, you have been married five times and your current man is not your husband!”
- She says...“ You are a prophet”, and then tries to change the subject to where proper worship is to be conducted.
- **V21-26** Jesus reveals Himself.
- True worshippers will worship the Father in Spirit and Truth: for such people the Father seeks to be His worshippers.

A time will come, however, indeed it is already here, when the true (genuine) worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and in truth (reality); for the Father is seeking just such people as these as His worshipers. **John 4:23 AMPC**

- “Will worship the Father in spirit and in reality” ...**James Moffatt**
- ...“in the true way of the Spirit.” **N.T. Basic English**
- **V24** God is Spirit.
- Those worshipping Him must do so in Spirit and Truth. (This makes the requirements of being born again...born of God...born of the Spirit even more significant.)
- **V25-26** The woman states that the Messiah will come and explain all of these things...Jesus says, “I AM HE.” Wow!
- He reveals Himself to this lady!
- The disciples returned and they are confounded by the scenario of the Samaritan at the well. They didn’t ‘get it’.

27At 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?” 28So the woman left her waterpot, and went into the city and *said to the men, 29“Come, see a man who told me all the things that I *have* done; this is not the Christ, is it?” 30They went out of the city, and were coming to Him.

31Meanwhile the disciples were urging Him, saying, “Rabbi, eat.” 32But He said to them, “**I have food to eat that you do not know about.**” 33So the disciples were saying

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to one another, “No one brought Him *anything* to eat, did he?” 34 Jesus *said to them, “My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me and to accomplish His work. 35 Do you not say, ‘There are yet four months, and *then* comes the harvest’? Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes and look on the fields, that they are white for harvest. 36 Already he who reaps is receiving wages and is gathering fruit for life eternal; so that he who sows and he who reaps may rejoice together. 37 For in this *case* the saying is true, ‘One sows and another reaps.’ 38 I sent you to reap that for which you have not labored; others have labored and you have entered into their labor.”

39 From that city many of the Samaritans believed in Him because of the word of the woman who testified, “He told me all the things that I *have* done.” 40 So when the Samaritans came to Jesus, they were asking Him to stay with them; and He stayed there two days. 41 Many more believed because of His word; 42 and they were saying to the woman, “It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves and know that this One is indeed the Savior of the world.” **John 4:27-42 NASB**

- The woman goes into the city to testify to those who have rejected her...she is boldly inviting people to ‘come and see’ the One who told her everything she ever did.
- She took her courage, her experience with Jesus, and her testimony...but she left one thing behind..
- She left her water pot, her bucket, behind...she lost her guilt, her shame, and her condemnation in the words of Life Jesus spoke to her. She did not take the water bucket because it was linked to her sin and shame, and those had been dealt with. **(v27-30)**
- The disciples had gone to get food and now they were trying to persuade Jesus to eat. Jesus tells them, “...I have food to eat that you don’t know about”, but they remained puzzled.
- Jesus helps them by saying...”My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me”...and He turns their eyes to the harvest.
- The Samaritan ‘visitation’ **(v39-42)**
 - Many believed in Jesus because of the woman’s testimony. **(v39)**
 - They invited Jesus to stay for two days, and He did.
 - Many more believed because of what Jesus spoke and taught.
 - The Samaritans told the woman that while they first believed due to her testimony, now they believe for themselves that Jesus is the Savior of the World.