



THE WELL

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TEXT: John 4:11

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?

INTRODUCTION;

The story of the 'Samaritan woman' is familiar. That means; about every body in the family knows it. The story is much like the well in its day. It is visited frequently. We go there to get a spiritual drink. When we go there we encounter two major conditions and one serious question:

1. *Sir, thou hast nothing to draw with*
2. *the well is deep*
3. *from whence then hast thou that living water?*

Believe it or not, I am sitting here asking the Lord, How can I draw from this well? How can I get to the depth of it? How can I get a taste of this spring of living water?

My answer is: I cannot do it on my own because I am carnal and the well is spiritual. I am reminded -

I. Sir, Thou Hast Nothing To Draw With.

A. I can say to you I am as normal as anybody and I can do anything anybody else can do. You probably would not believe that and you would be correct in your assessment. But would you tell me why you think that? Take one look at me and the answer becomes obvious. Ha ha ha (It ain't that funny).

B. I can think my mind is as sharp as it ever was and capable of understanding anything I set my mind to do. You probably wouldn't believe that either. No, the answer is not based upon my age or my gender or mental capabilities.

C. Truth tells me I must seek another approach. I must conclude I have nothing to draw with. I can peer over the wall. I can peer into the deep well, but without a rope in my hand, I can draw no water. I have been that hopeless. Without a means to reach the water I could die of thirst.

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E. Realization of this fact is harsh. *"Sir, you have nothing to draw with".*

1. A natural man has a carnal mind and cannot understand spiritual things. The pill of pride is a hard pill to swallow. I tend to try everything I can think of before I ask for help. How about you?

2. A natural man is ill equipped and has no means with which to draw from the well.

II. The Well Is Deep

A. The Bible is a Spiritual well. A common man cannot reach into its depths with arms of flesh.

1. The water in this well never rises. It is not artesian. It has to be 'drawn'.

a. Praise and Worship music does not bring it to the top.

b. Revivals do not bring the water to the surface.

c. Showers of blessings do not make the task easier.

d. Good preaching does not make the water reachable by natural hands.

2. To drink this water, one must admit to his inabilities and acquire the only available means to reach it.

When we speak of spiritual things we must seek for spiritual answers. We have to reach down into the well to get the water.

B. Jesus is the Keeper of the well.

1. His disciples are to beware of the contaminated wells of the Pharisees.
2. His disciples are to be on guard against commercial wells. ('bottled water', the cleanest, the purest, prepared just right for you and better than that of 'the well').
3. Jesus said: *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.* (John 4:14).

III. From Whence Then Hast Thou That Living Water?

- A. An individual cannot come unto the well neither can He approach it on his own lest he corrupt the water.
- B. The water and it is accessible through the Holy Spirit.
 1. God will not send you to the well by yourself.
 2. He will draw the water for you at your request.
 3. You can drink of the water freely and have as much as you want.

Jesus answered and said unto her, If thou knewest 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. (John 4:10)

Concluding Thoughts:

God has His well. (one well)

Satan has his springs of water.

Personally, I think we have drunk from his shallow pond long enough.

I have made my decision. As for me and my house, we will drink from the well of living water that only God supplies.

I remember my first drink. I received a cup of the Holy Spirit over 60 years ago and the flavor is still sweet. I love to come to the well every morning. I like to be here by 4:00 o'clock to converse with Jesus while it is calm in my realm of the world. Before long, His Holy Spirit fills my cup to overflowing, almost every day.

Who has redness of eyes? I do, but not without a cause. I have redness of eyes because my cup overflows with the freshness and calmness of the well. Sometimes, the Holy Spirit draws from deep within the well and lets me taste the sweetness that only He can provide... Oh, what a joyful experience.

Rev. E.F. Hoffman once wrote a song saying: 'Come to this fountain, so rich and sweet. Cast thy poor soul at the Savior's feet. Plunge in today and be made complete. Glory to His name'.