

Tell them of Jesus

Lesson Six

We Have found water

Introduction:

- a. The last section of Genesis 26 is about wells and water

Genesis 26:32

And it came to pass the same day, that Isaac's servants came, and told him concerning the well which they had digged, and said unto him, We have found water.

- b. That world was different from ours in so many ways:

1. When we want water we go to the faucet turn the handle and water immediately comes forth.
2. Not so then. Water was scarce, and hostilities could quickly arise over the possession of a well of water.
3. Household water had to be carried in jars from a central source to the house.
4. So, the words "we have found water" are great news to Israel.

I. FINDING LIVING WATER:

A. John 4:10-14

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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.

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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?

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Art thou greater than our father Jacob, which gave us the well, and drank thereof himself, and his children, and his cattle?

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Jesus answered and said unto her, Whosoever drinketh of this water shall thirst again:

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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.

1. "Water" was always considered God's gift.
2. But there were two kinds of water - cistern and spring (cold, fresh)
3. Jesus makes that distinction with a spiritual application.

B. What Jesus said about the water He would give?

1. Quenches "thirst" - permanently - answers man's greatest need;
2. Brings one to eternal life

Isaiah 12:3

Therefore with joy shall ye draw water out of the wells of salvation.

3. But so many are satisfied with cistern water when living water is accessible to them

Jeremiah 2:13

For my people have committed two evils; they have forsaken me the fountain of living waters, and hewed them out cisterns, broken cisterns, that can hold no water.

C. John 4:28,29 - is not this the Christ?

The woman then left her waterpot, and went her way into the city, and saith to the men,

Come, see a man, which told me all things that ever I did: is not this the Christ?

1. At John 4:41 - And many more believed because of his own word; wonderful words of life

John 6:63

It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life.

2. But there is something said at Genesis 26:18 - And Isaac digged again the wells of water, which they had digged in the days of Abraham his father; for the Philistines had stopped them after the death of Abraham: and he called their names after the names by which his father had called them.

Spiritual application in view of John 4:14 - 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.

3. the well can be stopped if we do not defend it - keep it in good repair!

II. FINDING WATER FOR BAPTISM:

A. Acts 8:36

And as they went on their way, they came unto a certain water: and the eunuch said, See, here is water; what doth hinder me to be baptized?

1. Philip had been preaching Christ to him

2. Had he made reference to the words of Jesus recorded at John 3:3-5

Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.

Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born?

Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.

“Born of water”?

3. In any case, the need for baptism was clear in this man’s mind.

B. Water now has a new “purpose” for this man:

1. It becomes the “medium” in which obedient faith accomplishes its saving purpose!
2. Acts 22:16 helps us understand - *And now why tarriest thou? arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord.*

3. Ephesians 5:26

That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word.

c. Have you found the water?

1. the significance of baptism - its meaning and its necessity.
2. Coming to this understanding and being baptized should bring joyful expression!

Acts 8:38,39

And he commanded the chariot to stand still: and they went down both into the water, both Philip and the eunuch; and he baptized him.

And when they were come up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord caught away Philip, that the eunuch saw him no more: and he went on his way rejoicing.

III. FINDING PURPOSE IN FLOWING RIVERS:

A. John 7:37,38

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In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink.

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He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.

1. The occasion was the Feast of Tabernacles

John 7:2

Now the Jews' feast of tabernacles was at hand.

2. A harvest feast in which thanksgiving for abundant outpouring of water was an important part.
3. Once again, "water" of the occasion becomes the great spiritual lesson from Jesus.

B. This time he notes the outflowing water:

1. One who has drunk the water of life becomes a giver of the water of life!
2. Everywhere the "river" goes, there is "life."
3. Jesus never proposes damning up the stream for selfish uses ... He always proposed that the beneficiaries of His blessings should be givers of them!

Conclusion:

a. Revelation 21:6

And he said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely.

Revelation 22:17

And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.

- b. any here who need to drink of the living water Jesus offers.
- c. If so, you need to “find” the water of baptism. And we invite you to come to that water now!