

Water That Satisfies

- *John 4:10-14*

- **It is good to see each of here this morning & I trust that you will ask the Lord for direction in your life as we talk about a subject that affects each & every one of us, saved & unsaved, religious & non-religious, rich or poor, it affects us all.**
- **We are all born with an innate thirst for something to satisfy us. We all have a deep thirst in our life, and unfortunately, many people go to great lengths to find something to satisfy their lives.**
 - Many think it can be found in pleasures.
 - Some believe that satisfaction can be found through their careers.
 - Some believe it can be found in possessions.
 - Others look for satisfaction in relationships.
 - And yet, none of these ever satisfy and we always find ourselves looking for something more.
- **When you are out in the yard, it's about 85-90 outside, you're cutting the grass or playing outside, do you ever just get incredibly thirsty?**
 - I am guilty at times of seeking refreshment through soft drinks, what about you?
 - I mean it tastes so much better than water.
 - It pleases us with its taste, at least temporarily.
 - And so you drink one and it tastes so good and it just seems to hit the spot and you go back out into the yard to continue working. But it's not long until you discover that you are thirsty again and you go get another soft drink, and boy it tastes good & seems like it's refreshing, but after a while you're thirsty again. No matter how much you drink, nothing seems to satisfy.
 - But then you go into the kitchen & you pour yourself a cold glass of water & you drink it & that quenches your thirst. Do you know why?
 - I have a can of soda here this morning, a can that I particularly like to drink from time to time, but I want to read you some of the ingredients of this soda.
 - It says artificially colored, artificially flavored and most of all artificially sweetened. There's nothing that is real ... it's all imitation.
 - And no matter how much we may love it & no matter how many of our friends may drink it, it will never satisfy like the real thing.
 - There are a lot of people today who are trying to satisfy their thirst with things that are artificially colored, flavored & things that promise to satisfy; and it may bring pleasure for the moment, but it never satisfies the longing of our soul. What we need is a drink from the Master's well that will satisfy our thirsty souls.
- **Open your Bibles this morning to John 4:**
- **Jesus came to this particular region, to this particular town, to this particular water hole to meet with a very specific young lady. And what He had to offer on this day was anything from artificial. Jesus was offering her something genuine, something refreshing, something real.**
- **There are several things about this Water That Satisfies that I want to mention this morning.**
- I. **When We Drink From The World, We Will Always Thirst Again**
 - a. **Temporary satisfaction is the best the world has to offer.**
 - i. We live in a world full of temporary things!
 1. We get hungry, we eat, but we get hungry again.
 2. We get thirsty, we drink, but we get thirsty again.
 3. We make money, we buy some things, but we need to make more money.
 4. And on and on this cycle goes throughout our world.
 - ii. And though there is nothing wrong with having desires again and again, all that this world will ever be able to offer us is temporary satisfaction.

1. You say, "But Pastor, that's OK. I just want something to satisfy me today."
- iii. No, that's just it. The problem with that is our soul craves for something that is lasting.
 1. Everyone of you here today are searching for something that will satisfy you, something that will bring continuous joy to your lives, and folks that can only be found through Jesus Christ.

b. The Samaritan Woman

- i. When Jesus came to meet this woman, she had been searching for something that would satisfy her all her life.
 1. If you continue to read, she had been married 5 different times & now she was living with a man that was not even her husband.
 2. Obviously, one of the ways she was looking for satisfaction was through her relationships. But as we all know, even the best of relationships have moments that bring discouragement & disappointment.
 3. This is the story of a thirsty woman and she really didn't know what she was thirsty for and so she was trying to satisfy her thirst in all kinds of ways.
 - a. She was longing, searching, seeking, and she really did not know what was bothering her on the inside and why nothing seemed to satisfy her.
 - i. And as I read this story, some of you, this is a picture of where you are right now.
 - ii. You have searched & searched, you have tried it all, been in & out of church, and you have never found contentment or lasting joy.
 - iii. Much like this woman, you have been searching in all the wrong places.
 1. You may know God, but you have never made God a priority in your life & you have allowed other things to distract you from Him.
 - ii. She had traveled to this well no doubt many times seeking to retrieve water for her family; but as she comes on this day, Jesus makes her an offer that would finally satisfy her thirst & change her life forever.

II. When We Drink From Christ, We Will Never Thirst Again

a. Jesus alone satisfies the longing of the heart.

- i. Folks, this should mean something to you today. When you invite Jesus Christ into your life, He will satisfy the longing of your soul.
 1. I don't care what your reputation is. It doesn't matter whether you are religious and self-righteous like Nicodemus, or whether you have fallen & down in sin like this Samaritan woman.
 2. I want to tell you there's not a stain, not a blot, not a blur, not a blemish that comes across a human soul, but that the blood of Jesus Christ can cleanse & wash and make whiter than snow.
 3. We have seen the good & moral person come to Jesus as well as the wretched sinner & when they turn to Christ, He will satisfy the longing of their heart.
- ii. All we can think about is satisfaction right now, for the temporal; but God has so much more in store for us.
 1. Listen teenagers, you're thirsty for something right now.
 - a. Attention
 - b. Popularity
 - c. Significance
 - d. "Fit In"

2. But seeking for these things alone will only bring you more emptiness. This is not where you will find true satisfaction. True satisfaction comes from accepting Jesus Christ as your personal Savior & choosing to live your life for Him.
- iii. So many of you parents & grandparents, you have believed that you could find satisfaction & contentment or true joy in your career or your retirement, and what has that brought you? More emptiness.
- iv. Jesus Christ is like water to our dry & thirsty soul.
 1. **Because like water, He satisfies.**
 - a. Your body is about 70% water. God made us where we must drink water or we will die. And, therefore, a person without water has a thirst that only water will satisfy.
 - b. Church, a person without Jesus has a thirst & Jesus is that satisfying water.
 - i. This woman at the well was extremely thirsty for something to satisfy her weary soul.
 - ii. You listen to me, you will never find satisfaction 'til you find it in Jesus, I don't care who you are. You were made for the Lord Jesus Christ and there's no satisfaction apart from Him.
 - iii. Why are so many people miserable in their lives today?
 1. Some are miserable b/c of the situations they put themselves in.
 2. Others are miserable b/c of the sin in their lives.
 3. But all are miserable if they have never asked Jesus Christ to come into their lives & save them.
 - a. You say, "But Pastor, some of the happiest people I know are those who are living in sin."
 - b. Maybe from the outside they seem happy, but you're not with them when they go home by themselves & they lay in the bed with this emptiness in their life.
 - c. You're not with them when they are overcome with tears b/c of the consequences of sin.
 - c. People are trying everything today to be satisfied; accumulate wealth, go on trips, have parties, drinking it up, friends all around you are trying to find what the heart yearns for through sin. But there is no satisfaction aside from Jesus Christ.
 2. **Because like water, He washes.**
 - a. Not only was she thirsty on the inside, she was dirty from the life of sin she had lived. She needed to be cleansed. And, you see, there is the water of life that cleanses. Jesus, through the water of regeneration, can cleanse us & make us white as snow.
 - b. I Corinthians 6:9-11 – "Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God. **And such were some of you: but ye are washed**, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God."
 - i. Do you know what we need today? We want to be satisfied, but more important than that we need to be washed.

b. This satisfaction is eternal.

- i. Look at v.14 ... “a well of water springing up into everlasting life.”
 1. What does that mean? It means that you have the well within you. You see, look folks, salvation is not just something where I have to keep coming back to Jesus and get saved over & over again. No, listen, He gives me the well, the well is in me.
 2. Now I might seek for other things to satisfy my thirst, but instead of looking to the world, we ought to be drinking out of the water that has already been given to us.
- ii. Of all that the world has to offer, it cannot fulfill this satisfaction.
 1. I’m not saying we don’t ever get discouraged or we don’t get thirsty from time to time.
 2. But there never comes a time where Jesus Christ does not satisfy the deepest longing of your heart.

III. When We Drink From His Water, It Brings Satisfaction

a. It’s Refreshing To Your Soul

- i. You know how you see these commercials where they will take a big drink & they will sigh in refreshment? Well that’s sort of the way it is when Jesus satisfies our soul, we ought to let it be heard as we rejoice & worship Him b/c of the satisfaction that He gives.
- ii. We rejoice in our satisfaction by our worship b/c ...

b. It Fulfills Our Purpose

- i. Why does God want us to worship Him? Not b/c God needs it, but b/c we need it.
- ii. We become like what we worship, do you understand that?
 1. When a man makes an idol, first he molds the idol, and then the idol molds the man.
 2. We become like what we worship.
 - a. II Corinthians 3:18 – “But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord.”

➤ **Conclusion**

- **In a world of temporary things, only Jesus satisfies the heart.**
- **This satisfaction is reliable & does not fade away.**
- **This satisfaction impacts all other areas & needs of our life.**