

Exposé 247

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Title: Water Gate

and before we go, I will like to introduce the host of the house, the one who has made all these things freely available. He is the one who does not change his mind about the people he love and the things he give them. The scriptures says his gifts and calling are without repentance, so there is no strings attached to it.

Even in 1 Timothy 2: 18-19 he was talking to us, telling us that he gives us these things, all things richly to enjoy. You know 'that to enjoy' came out strongly to me, I have been looking at that verse before, because sometimes people let us know that if you have all these things, you just have to hide it around. Just like giggle... you hide it away..

So we know it is the Lord, well is the Lord he gives it to you, we accept that he can give you things, some don't even accept he can give all things. He said give us all things and these things are freely. There is no strings attached. He is not watching us. So you cannot be having it and be little courteous and be thinking oh! Maybe he is just trying me and testing me. He just want to hang me. People are not freely.

And then he was talking don't look around it about anyhow. Don't feel like it is a strange joy about it. Freely to enjoy all things

Does that not reminds you of what he did says in Genesis when he spoke to Adam and said have given you all these things freely, and also he commanded the disciples in the gospel he said freely you have received and freely you give.

So there is a responsibility on those that dispense the gospel of Christ in our days to ensure that they are not attaching strings to what they are dispensing. He says, you have receive freely, don't forget to also give freely. Because there is always this possibility that those who receive freely might get caught up in a trap and don't want to dispense freely. So we receive freely, we must also give freely. When we release the grace of God upon men and we speak the Words of life over them, we must be careful not to put any strings on it, or not to have something hidden behind to hook them on when we are dispensing grace.

It's good that you mention that because you know that some people really, they freely receive but they are not freely giving it to people. So they have so many robes hang on people, people are being tied to some covenant giving, people are tied to practices, people

are tied to their lives and servitude because they are not freely giving. That is why we are calling you to meet this Jesus, the host. Because he is the author and the finisher. So you do away with the middle man with all their tenebrisms.

You can go to through the author. He is the author of our eternal salvation. I hope you got that one, eternal salvation that is freely and it is full. That is the free and full salvation with it. He is the one who says he is able to save to the end those that come to God through him that is coming to God through him not through this middle agents. You know people are going through agents today, even the place of fellowship is like programs and they even call it program.

You come to God through him and he is able to save to the end. And that is the same man, he has provided a system today for us and he is the one having the conversation with this woman and we want you to come to enjoy that gift that has no strings attached.

You might want to do well to listen to our last transmission of '**No Strings Attached.**' It's something you need to listen, so that you might understand. That will be the basis for what we will be discussing today.

Thank you.

Viewers all over the world, welcome again to this Bucket Ministry Series as we begin to look into the dialogue or conversation between Jesus and the Samaritan woman. Again, this is not like we said in the past, not merely a theological exercises in itself, what we are doing is, gleaning from this scriptures as an implication for gospel living for us who are in the body of Christ. And for those who are yet outside waiting to come in.

So follow us as we go quickly to where we stopped in our last transmission.

Now, last transmission we were in John Chapter 4. We actually stopped in the first part of verse 10. We are going to continue from there today.

Read from verse 10 please

John 4

10. Jesus answered and said to her, if thou knowest the gift of God and who it is that said to you

That's is where we stopped. If you know the gift of God,

But look at what he said today, **if you know the gift of God and who**, the person that said to you.

Now, have you notice then that there are two things- quite distinct and separate. There is one thing about the gift of God. He was saying woman the reason why you have been

wrapped up in the type of identity that has actually become your way of knowing yourself is because you didn't know the gift of God. We mentioned that in the past transmission.

But he said and you didn't even know he that said to you.

Now, what that means is, it is the gift of God but the gift of God has a conveyor of belt if I can put it that way. This gift of God is package and wrap up in a he. It means you couldn't claim you are looking for this gift of God through any other means, it comes through a he. He said you didn't know the gift of God and he... The person that said to you.

Does that not tell you and I that nobody can be discussing this gift of God without this he? Because this he is the channel.

You know the scriptures say to us in one of the epistles, he said this is the record that God has given us life. There is a gift coming from the hands of God. But you know what? Before you start to look for this gift all over the palaces and praying and shouting and begging God for it or going into mysticism and looking for other channel to get this gift of God.

He said this is the record that God has given us life but this life, the channel, the means to dispense this life is only one person and this life is in his Son.

It means if you don't know 'he' that said, forget about the gift because this gift is going to come through a 'he.'

So does that mean then unless people recognize this he, who is talking, in this case, it is Jesus. In this particular John Chapter 4, if we don't know who Jesus is, then we will never come to identify what is this gift we are talking about. He said you didn't know the gift of God and he that said to you.

You know if you look at the previous verses that we've actually look at in John Chapter 4, have you notice that this woman's problem, we may think is the fact that she is identifying herself with her community, but the reason why she ended up in that situation and everyone in this world will end up in a similar situation where you identify your life by things, by activities, by your environment, by your circumstances, by your tribes, by your community, by your background. You will always default to that settings unless you know he.

You know why? If you notice she said to Jesus, she said how can you being a Jew asked of me.

We only start having problem with how to identify ourselves when we first have problem with how we identify Jesus.

Look at what she said, you being a Jew. So she wrongly misidentified Christ first. How can you ask of me?

See! this is a connection points in reality in life. You might be saying right there within yourself, is Jesus not a Jew. Was it not a right identification? But we know that this is God in the flesh. This was God who became man. This is not the reality of who Christ is.

And that is why 2Corinthians 5, can you read that please?

You can read from verse 16

Nobody misidentify themselves unless they first misidentify who Jesus is.

2Corinthians 5

16. Wherefore henceforth, know we no man after the flesh, yea though we have known Christ after the flesh yet now henceforth known we he no more.

Can you see?

The writer says we have a problem before, we didn't recognize who Jesus was in reality because we are recognizing him after the flesh.

So this writer in 2Corinthians 5:17 says this was the problem we had. We were identifying him after the flesh and you know what that results to? Because we identify him after the flesh, we also knew every man after the flesh. Can you see that?

See what he said?

He said henceforth know we no man after the flesh and he said yes, let's admitted our failings, we once identified Christ that way.

That's why I did say, if you notice this woman, before she called herself a Samaritans woman, before she define and put herself in that enclave, she first said of you Jesus being a Jew, and then she had a problem with what who she thinks she is.

So the fact is, knowing Jesus, identifying the reality of who Christ is, is fundamental to a man coming and breaking free from every mode of worldly imposed identity. There is no other means, and that is why we need to sound a note of warning.

Some of these we shared in our last episode, some people might think that sounds probably similar to what I call **easy**, some kind of school of thoughts (religion and all that where they probably say that make sure that this world don't define who you are, try to find your core- your center, try to find your inner person, your inner self. People say all these kind of things.

Well, let us say this, we might have said something that probably look similar to that, but that is very far from where we are going because in reality this is not about just identifying your truth. The fact is, in that John Chapter 4, Jesus is saying that unless you know the gift of God and he, this is coming through only one channel. They are not multiple channels. We can't be talking about the gift that God has to offer, without talking about the he, because he is the only channel through which this gift of God is going to come.

That is why focusing on Jesus is focusing on this gift that God has to offer. And unless people know who Jesus is and identifying him correctly, they can never identify themselves correctly.

And that is what we see in 2Corinthians 5: 16. And we saw that with this woman, she first misidentified the reality of Christ in John 4, calling him merely a Jew before she misidentified herself and put herself being a Samaritan. That is a pattern that we see in the Word of God.

I hope somebody got that loud and clear that the way to retrace our steps back is to re-identify Christ and so that Christ will not become the son of the carpenter to us. And is just not the son of Mary, so till we know him fully well, that is when we can be able to understand ourselves and know ourselves well and even others.

Now, which Christ, which Jesus are we talking about in this case?

Can you read on?

You know why we say which Jesus? It doesn't mean there are so many Jesus. It just mean what kind of presentation of Christ will break a man free with liberating man from this condition of this Samaritan woman? Which Jesus is that? Which understanding of Christ is ministering will do that job?

Now look at that verse 10 again?

Please can you read?

10. Jesus answered and said unto her, if thou knowest the gift of God and who it is that said to thee, give me to drink.

Have you notice we have one of our title and episode that we title '**Give me to drink.**' Have you notice that Christ Jesus is emphasizing that this woman needs to meet a he, that actually has and demanded give me to drink.

It could have be a different he. It could have be a he that said hey! woman, I love you, hey! woman, I want the best for you, hey! woman, I want to save you. It could be a he that said, hey woman, I am your life. Whatever! It could have be a different presentation

of Christ. But Christ reemphasizing that woman the he that you have to meet is the one that ask give me to drink. There is got to be something about this give me to drink that we've not found the end of it yet.

I know we've done a title on that, there is something about it. Every man has to come in contact with he that said, give me to drink, what about this?

Now, follow us quickly as we go on to the next verses and we retrace our steps back to this, because the Holy Ghost has something to point out to our generation from this.

Now what does he say next?

thou wouldest have asked of him, and he would have given thee living water.

So now please, there are so many phrases, there are so many words that we need to dissect one by one so that we don't rush over them and miss the revelation that the Lord wants us to have from them.

Now, he said you would have asked him because this identity of this drink and this water, you know we are trying to investigate the identity of that water that Jesus wanted to drink from this woman, but we didn't get to the root of it.

And I did say in our previous transmission that you need to stick with us, because there are times we might have to go back to some things we've talked before as we get more light. This is one of the junctions that we are in now.

Jesus said to this woman if you have known him that asked you to give him to drink, you would have asked him to give you living waters.

Let's put it this way. It will mean if Jesus is saying that I can give you living waters, you can put it a very different phrase, waters that impact life, that can give life to you. If Jesus said he can offer that to this woman, is it not then common sense to think that the water that this woman has, that Christ said we can exchange for must have be a water that is bringing death to her life.

It doesn't make sense that this woman has a water that is giving her life and Christ said give me your water and I will give you a water that impacts life. That is a waste of time, waste of energy, waste of resources, waste of space and time. Christ is wasting his time.

So the only exchange that make sense that Jesus was bargaining with this woman is to say I have waters that can give life. You have waters that is not healthy. Whatever water... and by simple antithesis you can simply say that the water that she has is not giving her life. The water she has is not releasing life into her life. That is why Jesus said it is he that ask you to give me to drink, so that you can ask me and I will give you water that impact life.

This issue of living water that Jesus talked about in this John Chapter 4 verse 10, is it the only time in the scriptures where living water is mentioned?

What this begins to bring up to us today on this transmission is that, contrary to what we thought in our previous transmission or contrary to what a hearer might think we are saying, we are talking about the fact that people live according to an identity of where they came from, the kind of job they do, people try to use everything around them to define who they are.

This is what we thought was the fundamental problem but the Lord Jesus is raising a deeper issue to say is not about people trying to live by what they do, not about living by what kind of job they do or where they are, or which tribe or community they came from, or the kind of skin colour, that is not the only problem.

The problem is there is something wrong coming out of people's life. There is a water, there is a bad water, there is a water giving death. I keep saying water giving death because he is going to give water giving life it means what the woman has is a water giving death. So our problem is not just about the identity that we are trying to assume all around us, our problem is there is something flowing out of our life.

And that is why Jesus wasn't going to address the fact that she said me, a Samaritan woman. You know this is what people try to do, they try to change their life by changing their attitude. They change their character. They go for character formation classes. Some can even say you know what? I think I have been assuming so much of what I am doing, I have been taking my sense of meaning from the things around me, I need to find my inner center. People talk about all these kind of things.

But Jesus is simply saying to this woman the reason you have an issue at the moment where your life is define by being a Samaritan is simply because there is something flowing out of your life. There is a water flowing from you. And that is what we saw there.

And this water that this woman is producing is a very important issue because it seem to be the essence of life and the summary of each person's life, because this water must have a characteristics smell for Christ to know that this water has something that is not life giving.

So from her contact with Christ, what Christ could even summarize and everything that was coming from the face of Christ, there is something coming from you that is not life giving.

So people cannot just brush this aside, the issue of water giving, none life giving and life giving water, no let's talk about something... No! that is all Jesus could summarize. All our activities is like there is something about you, if the water is not producing life and so

we need to look into our ourselves and say what are we producing? Do we have the life giving water or is a non-life giving because that is what is coming out, and that is what Christ is seeing and that is the summary and essence of her life. It comes with a characteristics smell, Jesus cannot brush it off and say common let's address it.

Thank you for that.

Now, viewers all over the world, we need to actually make something clear before we go on, on this John Chapter 4 as we begin to dissect what is the mind of God in this discuss between Christ and the Samaritan woman.

The very first thing I want to talk about is, let's not forget that this event took place before the cross. We have to emphasize, this was a pre-cross event. It was not after the cross. This was before Jesus died and resurrected. So we then have to come to a conclusion that there are some things that Jesus was talking about in the futuristic sense at this time that had not happened. But for you listening to this, it has happened.

Now, we need to make that clear so that you don't misconstrue what we are trying to pass across by the grace of God. Of course, at this point when he was asking her to give me to drink, we have not still seen that Jesus is still trying to drink up till now. That is why I said you need to be patient and follow us.

We know this was something before the cross but we can draw implications for us, who are after the cross. That is the point we are trying to make there.

Now, can you read John Chapter 7 and we bring out some things about this living water that Jesus had not just come to attack false identity only but he's coming for the source of life, the stream coming out of human life, that also is so critical.

You can read from verse 38, and let's see what it says there.

John 7

38. He that believe in me, as the scriptures has said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.

We saw again the living waters as he mentioned in John 4:10, we see in John 7:38 the same living waters.

Let's look at the properties of this living water.

The more we look at the properties of the living water, the more we can understand the type of water that was coming out of this woman's life. The reason why we can understand is, all we have to do is reverse or turn upside down, negate living water.

So we can identify this water that Jesus pretty much say if you know the gift of God and he that said, give me to drink. If you don't know he that said, give me to drink, it means you probably have not encountered or will not find a need for the living waters. So that is why it must be contrasted for us after the cross.

Can you read John 7:38 again please?

John 7

38. He that believe in me, as the scriptures has said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.

Let's look at the properties of the living water, let's identify it.

What does it say next?

39. But this spake he of the Spirit.

So when he said living waters, verse 39 said he is going to give us an explanation of the living water, because living water is more like...

You know in the book of John, Jesus used lots of natural example to depict the life of God. For example I am the bread of life. He used water, he used bread, he used way. It doesn't mean Jesus is like a road. He uses these natural analogies to portray the reality of the spirit.

So living waters must be understood in the same context. Is that okay?

That is why John 7:38 is going to go to verse 39 and give us the meaning of what this living water analogy actually means in reality. And that will help us to understand the opposite, the type of water flowing out of this woman's water.

What does it says?

39. But this spake he of the Spirit

an explanation of the living water

which they that believe would receive.

It means the living water in John Chapter 4 verse 10 is just the Spirit that they that believe will receive.

Go on please

for the Holy Ghost was not yet given

because the Spirit of Christ, the Holy Ghost was not yet given at this time of John 7:39

because Jesus was not yet glorified.

Can you see why Jesus said in John 4:10 be careful as we read because at that time, there was no living water available at that time, there was no spirit? The Holy Ghost was not yet given in John 4:10, which is why Jesus was talking to that woman in a futuristic sense.

He said the water, I will give you. Can you see? because there was no living waters being released at that time because the holy Ghost has not be given at that time, and the reason why the Holy Ghost has not be given at that time is because Jesus was not yet glorified which means he wasn't dead and resurrected at that time.

Now, what we know about living water is the Spirit of Christ that will be given. The Holy Ghost that will be given.

Can you see that?

So Jesus is saying to this woman... and we know what the Spirit of Christ is in essence in this place.

Now he says what?

Read it again, I want us to listen to this

But this spake he of the spirit, which they that believe on him should receive for the Holy Ghost was not yet given because that Jesus was not yet glorified.

That is the Spirit of God. That is the life of God. The Spirit of God is the conveyor belt of God. You know Jesus talked about the Holy Ghost. Anytime you hear the Spirit of God...

We are not here today to begin to argue in term of theology about is the spirit of God a person? Is he the power of God? That is not our focus today. But we might just want to say to you that whatever school of thought is he a power? Is he person? But in most cases is a nuisance to all these things.

For example, the Bible says you shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost has come upon you. It doesn't mean that the Holy Ghost is power, but if he comes into your life power will be there as well.

See what Acts 10:38 says?

How God anointed Jesus with the Holy Ghost and with power

It means when the Holy Ghost is there, there will be power which means is not just reduce to power. The Holy Ghost has to be somebody other than power.

Again if you look at what Jesus said, he said if I do not go, then the comforter will not come. The Greek word for the word comforter is the word **paraclete**. It means somebody that looks exactly like myself.

In fact, Jesus said when **he**, can you see? He didn't say when **it**.

He said when he, the Spirit of truth shall come, he will never speak of its own accord.

He is not representing himself, he is an exact representation of Jesus Christ. He is my exact representation. He said the Holy Ghost will never speak of himself, but whatever he hears, he will make known to you.

So may I submit to you that the Holy Ghost, the Spirit of God is an exact representation of Christ on the earth as we are talking. He is the person of Christ on the earth.

So when somebody says to you today I give my life to Jesus, I have receive Jesus into my life, may I say to you that Jesus is resurrected, he has gone to heaven at the moment, but the Holy Ghost is Christ on earth. That is why the Bible says in Romans Chapter 8 if anyone has not receive the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to him. He is the Holy Ghost, that is right, but the Holy Ghost is also in other places in the Bible call the Spirit of Christ.

So when you are reading scriptures that says Christ in you, the hope of glory, what are you thinking in your head, in your mind? It's the Holy Ghost. Jesus said I have to go so that he can come.

So we may say to you, the executive of God on the earth today is the Holy Ghost but also you may want to say is the Spirit of Christ. He is Christ in us now.

So what we are saying simply is this, that this is not just some force. This is Jesus's representation on the earth, or you can say that is Christ Jesus right now on the earth, if that's is the way you want to put it. That is the Holy Ghost and we connected all these to living waters. Because the Bible says when he said living waters, he spake of the Spirit (Capital S) that they will receive.

So what Christ was offering the woman, living waters is himself. He is offering life, a person, the dispenser of God's life. So the water in you is an analogy. He's giving her a life.

Now if he's giving her a life, the water that he was asking her to release, that Jesus said I want to siphon out of you must have been a type of life as well. I repeat that slowly.

If Jesus said what I'm offering is life, is myself the Spirit of Christ, life to you and this is going to release life into your life. It means what he was asking her to give him to drink,

the water was also a source of life, another type of life, spelling and releasing death into her life. And that is what we see there.

Today we are reading so many verses of the scriptures so that we can get to the root of the matter.

Romans Chapter 8, read from verse 1, what does it say?

Romans 8

1. There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus who walk not after the flesh.

Now watch that! They don't walk after which means if you want to put it in a much more contextual language, they don't live their life after the flesh. It means they don't take the meaning of their life, they don't derive satisfaction of life, they don't define life, they don't use the flesh as a means to encapsulate who they really are. It doesn't they are not running after. It just mean the flesh doesn't become... they don't live by it but they live by?

but after the spirit.

Can you watch the contrast?

What does John 7:38 says the living water will be?

He said this he spoke of the Spirit.

Now, please what is the opposite of Spirit in this case, don't forget we are trying to identify the kind of water this woman is producing – the flesh.

If you read some other translations, it is the human nature. In fact, some other translation will call it the sinful nature, some other translations will call it sin.

Now, it means when Jesus said I am going to offer you living waters if you ask me, and I am asking you to give me to drink, and what I am going to take off you is just the flesh. It has to be the opposite of the Spirit.

See! again you have to be very fast as you follow us through all these scriptures.

Now go on please,

2. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus

What does that tell you that anywhere there is the Spirit which is the living waters, his job is to release life? The law of the Spirit of life, it will release life that is why Jesus call it living water. If the water is there in a man, it will dispense life for the man. That is what we see there.

Now

in Christ Jesus has made me free

Now watch this!

from the law of sin and death.

Do you know why I like Romans Chapter 8? This poetical contrast?

He is doing a contrast so that in case you don't understand what living water is you can use one... is always giving us the opposite so that he can re-empathizes the opposite of what we are talking about. And this is very good because he gives us a unique insight so that we don't have to use our own idea to project into the scriptures. This is clear cut in the Bible.

What does it says?

He said if it is not the Spirit of life giving life to a man, it is something else. It is sin producing death.

Please our viewers, I want to ask you this clear cut questions, this flesh that is in verse 1 has been given other word as sin and death.

He says the law of the spirit of life has made me free from the law of sin and death.

It's not that it produces sin, it is sin. That is why it produces death like the spirit produces life. Sin produces death.

That is why I said, unless we are ready to drop all things that we think we know and read the Bible in clear cut language and get the picture right, what we are talking about sin...

You know any time we talk about sin, somebody has committed sin, has down something wrong, that is what we think about sin which is correct in that contexts. But there is a different between sins and sin itself. Those are two different things.

That is why I like the place in Isaiah 53 that we read the other time, where the Bible says all we like sheep have gone astray, each one of us but God has laid on Christ

He didn't say **iniquities**, he said the **iniquity (singular)** of us all.

There is something about us. That is what we see there.

He says if it is not the Spirit of life in a man, what is there is sin producing death. It means what was call flesh in verse 1, now they are calling it sin and death in the next verse.

Now, what does that mean?

So please we go through all these verses just because we are on a fact finding mission, identifying the water that Christ want to siphon out of this woman. Now we know what he was going to siphon out of her is, has to be something contrasted to living waters, contrasting to the Spirit of life which is John 7:39 says living water is Spirit of Christ itself.

So it means what Jesus was asking this woman to release to him to drink must have been this flesh, must have be this sin and death in her life. That is why when Jesus asked her, woman if you know the gift of God and **he** that said, give me your sin, then give me your flesh. He that said to you give me to drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you the opposite which is living waters, which is what we see.

This is the mission of Christ. That is why I did say you need to be careful how you listen to us, we know unlike this woman, we are on the other side of the cross.

For us Jesus is not just saying give me to drink, we know he had already drank. So for you that is listening to this, Christ has already drank from us. He's taken the sin from us.

Why would Jesus want to take on this sin not sins, I said sin? NIV will call the flesh sinful nature. You know what that means? It means nature determines who you are.

So the problem that we then found out from this woman situation is, please this Samaritan woman didn't just necessarily have a problem with the fact that she was identifying herself with her community, not that she was identifying herself alone with what she was doing or her activities or her environment or her status whatever it is, beyond that we only do that on the outside because of what we have on the inside.

This is why if you are listening to this transmission today or in our past episode, you couldn't just say some people are teaching about... our last two titles was the identity trap. You couldn't listen to the identity trap and say well, how do I break from identity trap? And you listen to some of the examples that we gave and you want to say well, I am going to go and try and break free from that mode. You couldn't do that because Christ did not just come to break her free from being a Samaritan.

Jesus could have just said to this woman, woman of Samaritan, what will happen is, I have to break hold of that thing that is making you say that Jews have no dealing with Samaritans. I need to get you out of being a Samaritan and all that. But Jesus said I know why? You can only live by the system of this world, is simply because there is something else producing this thing within you and I need you to release it to me.

I know its call the flesh, is call the sin nature, it is there as long as anybody has that in them, they don't have a choice. They will have to live as dictated to by the system of this world. And that is where we see that pattern there.

The reason why we have come today to let you know is that, don't ever think you can go on with our last two teachings and try to break free. You cannot break free on the outside unless you break free from the inside. And that is what Jesus was presenting to this woman, give me to drink. That is what we see there.

Now, quickly let's go to John Chapter 3. We just want to look at these things and put them together. John Chapter 3 from verse 14. Let's see what Christ did say there.

If you are born again and you are a child of God, we will tell you where you will find yourself in all these discussion.

Please let me give you a background of what is happening here. This was when Nicodemus went to meet Jesus. That's the background of this discussion.

John 3

14. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up.

This was part of response of Christ Jesus to Nicodemus.

14. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up.

Please I want you to take note of the word **must**. This is not an option. This is not something that maybe or maybe not.

Jesus said this is the goal. This must happened. This is very significant, even though the same way Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness so must the Son of man be lifted up.

Go on please

that whosoever believeth in him should not perish but have eternal life

Now, what does that mean to you and I?

Jesus is saying that in the same way Moses lifted up the serpent, please when you hear the word serpent what comes to your mind?

We all know the genesis of serpent in the book of Genesis. It wasn't a very good picture. It was an indication of sin, an indication of corruption, pollution or death.

He says as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up.

Christ Jesus is identifying himself with the serpent. Can you listen to that?

He's identifying himself with the serpent. And for us to get the picture of this, again why are we looking at this when he says give me to drink.

Unless you meet the Jesus who said give me to drink. You will not fully know how to benefit from living waters and if you cannot benefit from living waters. You will live your life, define yourself by everything else other than the grace of God.

You can see the connection that we are trying to bring together in the picture. We are trying to go to that give me to drink thing when he asked the woman. We know what that water is.

Now, we are going to identify how Christ accomplished that. For that woman, it was not done yet, for you it has been done. Glory to God!

Now, even as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, let's go back to that story, that event when Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness.

Numbers Chapter 21 verse 9, even so must the son of man be lifted up.

The same way, an emblem of serpent.

Numbers 21

9. And Moses made a serpent of brass...

Before he made the serpent of Brass, what actually happened?

Lets' read from verse 7

7. Therefore the people came to Moses and said we have sinned.

Now, watch that word! We have committed acts that doesn't glorify the name of the Lord.

for we have spoken against the Lord and against thee, pray unto the Lord that he take away the serpents from us.

It means serpents were biting them because of the fact that they murmur and grumble against Moses and automatically against the Lord, because the Lord send Moses.

So as the serpent were biting them, they began to die. So please begin to look at the correlation. So the serpent was releasing a poison into them and they began to die, the consequences... please can you begin to compare this to sin and death.

The poison was release into their blood stream and they began to die.

Go on please,

And Moses prayed for the people and the Lord said unto Moses.

Now, when Moses prayed or engaged in spiritual activities to rectify the situation, you would have thought the Lord would have said, Moses I have heard your prayer, I'm going to kill the serpent. But the Lord did not use that method. And it is the same thing for our generation as well. It doesn't matter how much you pray, it doesn't matter how much we wish in our minds that the Lord will deal with the situation where people try to live life and in such a way they try to assume a form of identity and yet it is all futile. God doesn't have any other answer but this answer.

Go on please,

And the Lord said unto Moses, make thee a fiery serpent

Can you see? make!

Go on please

make thee a fiery serpent and set it upon a pole and it shall come to pass that every one that is bitten when he look upon it shall live.

Now look at that, every one that has the poison of the serpent in him. Every one that has this poisonous water flowing in their system, if anybody has something in them producing death because...

Have you noticed that the poison itself is not death but the poison in their system is producing death? The only answer that God has to the poison producing death. You know if poison is flowing through somebody's system, if you are bitten by snakes. You know what they try to do is in some cases, they try to tie something.

For example somebody was bitten in the leg region by snake, they try to tie **turningcale** to prevent the poison from flowing upward the blood. They tie the **turningcale** to prevent the upward flow of the poison because they know the poison carries death.

So they prevent that from flowing, that is what they try to do.

So in this case, the people were bitten by the poison of snakes and the poison began to kill them and the answer that God has to that death situation is to ask Moses to put up a serpent.

Now, this is a bit strange because this serpent itself was the source of the poison that was causing death. So think about it this way, what God did was to put the source of the poison and make it lifeless on the pole. The origin of the poison and put it to death on the pole.

I said put it to death because this same serpent that release the poison to their system is now hanging lifeless. So this was a strategy to make the source or the origin of the poison become lifeless. To shame it, to make it useless, to make it powerless, to mock it, to say

the very thing that you think is so powerful introducing poison into your system, am going to show you on the pole and show you that it is now made death. It is a brazen serpent.

You know when you say brazen, it is made of brass. Brass is a none living thing. So the thing you thought was living, I will make it down into a death thing, into a none- living thing. And this was a strategy that God adopted.

I may want to submit to you that the reason why Jesus said to this woman give me to drink, we've identified what that water was, coming from this woman. We said it is spelling death into her life because Christ was offering living water.

We also checked from the scriptures in John 7:39 that it has to be something other than the Spirit of Christ. That is what this water from this woman will be. And Romans 8:1, 2 identify that the opposite of the spirit of life is sin and death.

So I want to say to you, Jesus said to this woman, something is producing poison in you, something is releasing poison into your life and it will ultimately spell death for you. And if you are listening to this and you are not born again, let me say this, and if you are contemplating being part of the body of Christ, let me tell you this, I don't really want to care too much about what you believe about hell, but I want to simply tell you there is something inside everyone that is not born of the Spirit, it is a water producing death.

You are not just going to hell when you die, hell has started. There is a death producing system already in you now. That is why... please do not ever think I've seen people online some cases on social media sites, they are arguing and debating whether a loving God can send somebody to hell.

Let me say this, a loving God is not here to send you to hell. A loving God is here to save you.

John 3:16 says **for God so love the world that he have his only begotten Son that whosoever believes in him, will not perish but have eternal life.**

Let me invite you to look at verse 17, the next verse

for God did not send his Son to condemn the world, but that the world through him might be saved.

Jesus did not come to give you bad waters. Jesus met you at the well with bad waters. He met you already at the well with the water that was releasing death, he only came to offer living water.

You can't blame him for the bad water, that is the whole point. So the whole point is there is something producing sin and death in this woman already. So hell has already started for people who are not born again... you don't have to wait to die to go to hell.

And verse 17

For God did not send his son to condemn the world but that the world through him might be saved

What that means is, he's only come to offer living water. And he's come to say give me to drink.

Now, see what happen in that Numbers 21:9?

The fact is they hanged the serpent right there.

Do you know why he said everyone that looked on the serpent they live?

What does that mean to you and I? It means every time, you see the reason why Number 21:9 is a very delicate part of the scriptures

Before you go there, we need to go that John 3: 17-18 so they really know that hell is already producing people, death is already producing people, they don't need to go before they go to hell...because 17 and 18 stated

For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world but that the world through him might be saved. He that believed on him is not condemned but he that believe not is condemned already because he has not believe in the name of the holy begotten Son of God.

So not believing in him is already condemned. And the reason the person is condemned already is because they have a water already in them producing death. It's already there. If you don't believe that, look at the line of discuss between this woman and Jesus.

So is not a loving God sending somebody to hell.

No! He actually came to help. He says give me to drink.

You have something producing hell inside of you. Jesus did not say if you don't receive my living waters, I will give you bad water. That is how some people made it to look.

No! He did say if you don't receive living water, I will give you the water that releases death.

Jesus said woman... if you notice in verse 6, when we started sometimes ago, he said give me to drink.

So the very first introduction of Jesus was to say, can I take that off you? It is producing death.

That is the reason why if you have not receive this life of Christ, if you have not seen this nature of sin and death that you carry, if you have not seen it made lifeless on the cross, on the pole like this serpent.

We cannot be talking to you today about the fact that you must not have a non-Christ center identity. We cannot be saying that you cannot live by whether you are a Greek, or Scythian, or by your work. How else will you live? How else will you live life except to live by what you see, what you hear, what you drink, what you do. You have to live life by your senses. You have to live life as dictated by your environment. You have to derive meaning in life from every other thing that you can lay your hands upon.

You become a thirsty, covetous soul because everywhere you go, you are always trying to use things, use people, use circumstance, to derive meaning from it. That is the only life you can live, you have no other life to live. That is the point.

That is why when Jesus was going to snatch this woman from Samaritanhood, he didn't say come out of being a Samaritan, he says is about the life first that is in your system. That is the life that works with what is on the outside. I need to take that off you.

The reason why Numbers 21:9 is so important now for us is, we now know the reason why Jesus wanted to take this water off this woman. Because ultimately he was going to take that water to the cross. The source of the death, the source of thirst, the source of hunger, the source of darkness, the source of always trying to arrive but never actually arriving, moving from one man to another.

Jesus said is not about those activities, the source of those things. What is releasing the death into your system, that water that is giving death, let me take it off you and the reason why I will do that is, I will take it to the pole, I will take it to the cross and die with it and put it to death.

That's why Colossians 2: 14 & 15 then says

Having spoilt principalities and power, he took it away, nailing it to the cross, openly shaming

How did it shame them?

Nailing it to the cross.

So on the cross we now saw what Jesus did on the cross.

That is why is as if when Jesus said my Father, I will drink this cup if there is no other choice. It seem to me that he laid out his cup and put all the different drinks in the world.

The water coming from me, water coming from you, the water coming from humanity. My father if there is no other way, if that is your choice, if that is your will, I will drink this cup.

Now, we knew the type of cup he drank. The cup of different types of drink from people. death producing water from people. He took it on.

All we like sheep have gone astray, God laid upon him everybody's drink, everybody's water if we want to put it that way. He took it to the cross.

So when Jesus went to the cross and died, what died with Jesus was everybody's water died with him.

So he told the woman in John 4, I will be going to the cross very soon and I will need your drink as well. I will need your water as well. I will need everybody's water. So he was making a negotiation with that woman. I will be going to the cross, the water releasing this thing to your life, I will take it to the pole and make it lifeless on the pole.

You might want to ask a question today. You know some people tend to believe that scriptures (John 3:16)

For God so love the world.

They will say if God is a loving God, if God loves the world that means nobody will perish. I have seen people say that. That is why you notice some people believe in something call universalism that says everybody shall be saved because God is a loving God. God cannot be wicked. God cannot be God of hatred. They can't reconcile a God who love us so much to put his Son to death, how will he send anybody to hell.

But let me say this to you, don't forget that this Numbers 21:9 says and everyone that looked live.

8. And it shall come to pass that everyone one that is bitten when he look upon it shall live.

9. Moses made a serpent of brass and put it upon a pole, and it came to pass that if a serpent has bitten any man when he beheld the serpent of brass he lived.

When he beheld the serpent, when he could see the source of the poison is now made lifeless. It is only those who see it that will live.

What does that tell you?

It is not that the serpent is made lifeless, it is also that it takes you to look by faith if not the poison will still be active in your system producing death.

Does that answer the question of people shouting universalism? It means Jesus now has been put to death. He that knew no sin was made sin. He has become the emblem of the serpent.

You see! I can't get it off my mind, John 3:14, even as Moses lifted up the serpent. Jesus says I will identify myself as a serpent even so must the son of man be lifted up.

Mark the word! It might sound a bit blasphemous.

But he says **even so must**.

You know must means? In the same way the serpent was lifted up, even so must the son of man. Jesus you are not a serpent. Jesus you are a perfect person. Jesus you did everything right. Jesus you are good. How can you be reconnecting and comparing yourself to a serpent?

He said No! I will take on everybody's water and I will look at the cross like the source can be cursed of sin. I will bear the very nature. That is why Galatians 3: 13, 14 says Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming...

Can you see?

He took up the form. He was like the serpent. And he says it is only those people who look that will walk in the benefit of it.

So even now that Christ has been crucified, if anybody now in our generation does not look by faith at what happened at Calvary, it's irrelevant whatever happened at Calvary to them, it doesn't work for them. It means the poison still continues.

In Numbers 21 verse 9, 10, 11, if anybody refuse to look they will not live. That death will still be working even though somebody can say why is death working in them and yet the serpent is still hanging there.

See! the serpent can be hanged and somebody still die. It can be hanged in the same way Jesus now has been crucified, people are still having the water producing death. It is the same analogy that we see in our days.

And you know why? to also look back at John Chapter 4 verse 10 that we are reading, Jesus said woman if you knew him that said give me to drink, you would have asked him. It means there has to be a conscious, deliberate demand to say give me. You would have asked him.

If she didn't ask him, if she was not deliberate about it. Then it will do no good to that woman. That is what we see there.

It is at this point today we are going to call it a day. And I hope that you will be able to look and live and be able to see, because it is not enough for the serpent to be hanged.

You have to look and know that it has be hanged. You have to understand the mockery and the open spectacle that the Lord has made of all the none- life giving water in your life, made a show of it.

And that is why he was telling that woman, we are coming back to it telling that if you know him.

So we want you to know him today. You have to know him that was hanged on the tree. The knowledge of it to see it. That your eye be open today. And it is our prayer with this exposition today that your eye will be open to see that what was done at the cross.

So you are going to look up from your poison, you are going to look up from the pain and agony because it might be a shame for some people, just because of the biting, the scotching pain and agony, they are not looking up.

So many people are going through their daily activities today because of the agony, the biting and the bitterness of the water, the death producing water that is coming out of their life. So they are not looking up at all from these stinks. They are not looking up at all to see.

That is why the Jesus was directing the woman's gaze to say you need to know who he is, you need to see what is on the cross. You need to see that thing that is being made a shame, the open mockery of it, in Colossians 2: 14, 15

And that is what we call you today to know who it is that is giving the water. It is not enough to know that there is a life giving water, but to know who it is, and how he has done it.

So till next time we will coming your way, we want you to live this truth out. We want you to share it. We want you to be a living witness to this as you live your daily life, people want to be reading this that somebody has encountered the living water. Somebody whose eye has opened, somebody who keeps seeing that the serpent is still hanging lifeless, that the source of death...

As you begin to see it, people look at your life and see somebody who is seen it. People need to see somebody who full understand this gift of God, and who it is that said it.

So should you have any questions or comments or anything that need clarification, you know where to go on our page.

So till we see you next time, we want to say keep looking and see this.

Amen

God bless you

Bye!!