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Readings : 1 John 4 v 14  
John 4 v 3-42

Subject: The Samaritan Woman

This incident illustrates that God loves you and Christ died for you. He had said, "Whosoever believeth on Him should not perish but have everlasting life."

The journey involves one of the "Musts" of the Lord Jesus Christ

"As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness even so MUST the son of man be lifted up" (John 3:14)

It was a costly, seeking, loving journey. "He MUST needs go by Samaria". He had come to the well weary from His journey. It shows how He "MUST be about His fathers business" ( Luke 2:49)

He sat on the well. This is the One of Whom Isaiah said, "He that sitteth on the circle of the earth" (Isa 40:22). We can grasp the contrast, yet we know that "Great is the mystery of Godliness" (1 Tim 3:16)

He went further "for the suffering of death" (Heb 2:9) Men said of Him, "What manner of man is this that even the winds and the sea obey Him" (Mark 4:41)

"He came to seek and to save that which was lost" (Luke 19:10)

The woman at the well had come at midday because of her sinful state. The Samaritans did not have any dealings with Jews but the Gospel has no racial barriers it has no discriminations at all.

The Lord had said of Israel, "My people have forsaken me the fountain of living waters" (Jer 2:13), but now He can invite all, "If any man thirst let him come unto me" (John 7:37) Oh the deep deep love of Jesus - The well of His pardon is deep. The well of His love is deep.

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten son that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life" (John 3:16) "Behold what manner of love the father have bestowed upon us that we should be called the sons of God" (1 John 3:1).

The Lord tactfully and gently asked the woman at the well about her personal situation. We do well to remember that "He knoweth our frame" (Psalm 103:14) The hairs of our head are numbered. The Lord knows everything that we are going through.

This woman at the well had a history of broken relationships this takes us back to the garden of Eden where another relationship was broken. The relationship between God and man. "By one man sin entered into the world and death by sin" (Romans 5:12). Now, "All have sinned and come short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23). In contrast, we see the Lord Jesus Christ Who did not sin and could not sin

He gives an everlasting hope. The woman could say to the people "Come see a man who knew all things that ever I did is not this the Christ" Can everyone say we have found Him or He has found us?

"How shall we escape if we neglect so great salvation?" (Hebrews 2:3)

Neglect is procrastination. Regret and putting off. "What is your life? Even a vapour". (James 4:14)

Today is the day of grace and the day of opportunity. "Harden not your heart"

When the roll is called up yonder will you be there?