

20200814 – THE FILLING OF A SERVANT

Calvary Road #2 – Colossians 3:15

Challenge: After we are emptied of self, we must be FILLED with Him!

Points: Samaritan Woman, Selfish Well, Simple Way, Sincere Wants, and the Savior's Wishes

I. SAMARITAN WOMAN

A. John 4:7-14 – The Living Water

1. Jesus teaches us so many things from this passage
 - a. Repentance, Salvation to Jew first but ALSO to the Greek
 - b. Futility of Works for Salvation (nothing to draw with)
 - c. Salvation isn't hereditary, no matter who dug the well
 - d. Salvation's Gift, free and clear!
 - e. Eternal Security, Worship God in Spirit and in Truth, etc.
 - f. But verse 14 has a but that often gets overlooked
2. First thing: The drinker of the Water of Life shall never thirst
 - a. In this sinful desert of world, only THIS water can satisfy
 - b. Jesus says that WHOSOEVER drinketh of THIS
 - c. Shall NEVER thirst again!
3. BUT, there's another thing
 - a. That water becomes a WELL of water springing up!
 - b. For the purpose of everlasting life – it's an eternal spring
 - c. But why? If we never thirst? Could it be for others?
 - d. Seems like it worked that way in this woman's life!
 - i. She immediately began to witness to others (vs. 29)
 - ii. And they LISTENED! (vs. 30)
 - iii. And she didn't stop! (vs. 39-42)

B. Left her water pot (vs. 28)

1. Symbolic: No need for the works of the flesh any longer
 - a. That physical water – it's okay, after all. This sinful body needs it.
 - b. But that SPIRITUAL Water that God gives. That's BETTER!
2. I love it when the Bible tells us that someone LEAVES something
 - a. Blind Bartimaeus left his garment
 - b. Peter left his fishing
 - c. Elisha left his farming
 - d. God has given us something BETTER!
3. Don't accept the devil's counterfeit
 - a. Don't accept a counter-offer!
 - b. It may look innocent, but if you know what God wants
 - c. Then rest assured – the devil will try to make you a deal

C. Do you remember what it was like when God Saved you?

1. I'm not mixing up the Bible facts with emotion
 - a. If all you have is a memory of emotion without His presence

- b. Then may I humbly beg you – allow the Holy Spirit to show you
- c. Get it SETTLED! Ask God!
- d. You cannot receive THAT filling to overflowing with Salvation
- 2. I'm talking about being FILLED to OVERFLOWING!
 - a. Try this on for size: "Revival is the state in which one can say Amen to God about anything."
 - b. Revival has only one answer: "Yes, Lord"
 - c. And doesn't even need to know the question or the destination!
 - d. Personal Revival is peace with God
 - i. A cessation of conflict
 - ii. A complete absence of battle
- 3. Ruled by Peace
 - a. Colossians 3:15, 22-24
 - b. Let Peace BE your master (15) and then OBEY your master (22)
 - c. Philippians 4:7 – "And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus."

II. SELFISH WELL

- A. We are finite
 - 1. Of course, we understand that we are limited humans
 - a. But that ALSO means that we only have so much capacity
 - b. Call it time, means, resources, strength, whatever
 - c. We only have a little space to fill
 - d. And I'll repeat it from before
 - 2. There's only a little room in our cup
 - a. So, if we want to be filled with the Holy Spirit of God
 - b. We cannot be filled with self.
 - c. We cannot be filled with sin.
 - 3. We have to keep our cup CLEAN
 - a. Luke 11:39 – "And the Lord said unto him, Now do ye Pharisees make clean the outside of the cup and the platter; but your inward part is full of ravening and wickedness."
 - b. It's oil and water – the two WILL not mix
 - c. Ask yourself – Will YOU use a dirty cup?
- B. Sin dirties your cup
 - 1. If the Holy Spirit convicts you about it – your prayer life will suffer
 - a. James 4:3 – "Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts."
 - b. Psalms 66:18 – "If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me:"
 - c. Remember: "Revival is the state in which one can say Amen to God about anything."

- i. What would it be like to let God be in complete control?
 - ii. What could God do through you if you just said Amen?
 - 2. What about my attitude?
 - a. Worry, fear, irritability
 - b. Fruits of our sinful flesh NOT the results of our trust in God
 - i. How can they be?
 - ii. How can I worry when all of my care is cast upon Him?
 - iii. How can I be fearful when He careth for me?
 - iv. How can I be irritable when I am crucified with Christ?
 - 3. Even these attitudes are sinful and will dirty the cup
 - a. And Jesus won't fully use a dirty cup
 - b. If you want to be used, you have to give all of that to Him
 - c. Trust Him
- C. Accountability
 - 1. You are here at a single's conference – you're probably over 18
 - a. Let me disabuse you of one critical mistake:
 - b. The rules DO apply to you
 - i. Don't be alone with an unrelated member of opposite sex
 - ii. Don't test the limits of God's protection
 - iii. Don't expect ANYTHING from the world but hard knock
 - c. If you don't dip your toe in the water, you can never get swept out to sea!
 - 2. Maybe you were around here when I preached Technology for Families
 - a. So, you're 18.
 - b. Young men, find an accountability partner TONIGHT
 - i. A godly man in the church, your father, someone!
 - ii. And let THEM install Covenant Eyes on your computer
 - iii. And on your phone
 - iv. And on your tablet
 - v. And DON'T LET THEM TELL YOU THE PASSWORD!
 - c. They will get a report every morning WITH SCREEN SHOTS
 - d. You have to have to do it!
 - e. Why? Because you have to keep yourself clean!
 - f. Girls, you need it too.
 - 3. We've seen the Samaritan Woman and the Selfish Well, now let's see:

III. SIMPLE WAY

- A. The Holy Spirit's Alarm
 - 1. How do you keep the cup clean? By being attentive
 - 2. How often do we hear the alarm bells going off but refuse to listen?
 - 3. He so clearly says: Don't
 - a. He even said He will make sure you have a clearly marked exit

- b. 1 Corinthians 10:13 – “There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.”
 - c. That’s when we sometimes shush Him into silence
 - i. And then we take control
 - ii. I’ve got this
 - iii. It’s sin.
 - B. We must become attuned to His voice
 - 1. His Spirit communes with the Christian’s spirit
 - 2. And when you hear Him speak
 - 3. Say AMEN!
 - C. 1 Thessalonians 5:19 – “Quench not the Spirit.”
 - 1. Read inscription from Bro. Moore
 - 2. May our precious Lord lead you closer to Himself.
 - 3. May the Holy Spirit gain more control of your life.
 - 4. And may we become more thankful to the Wonderful Father that allowed His Son to make such a sacrifice for the likes us.
 - 5. He followed with this verse: Philippians 3:10 – “That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death;”

IV. SINCERE WANT

- A. Joshua 14:12 – “Now therefore give me this mountain, whereof the LORD spake in that day; for thou heardest in that day how the Anakims were there, and that the cities were great and fenced: if so be the LORD will be with me, then I shall be able to drive them out, as the LORD said.”
 - 1. Perhaps you know the story – only two men were left alive
 - 2. Everyone over 20 God judged responsible except for Joshua and Caleb
 - 3. And he wanted his mountain and was ready to fight to get it!
- B. The Promised Land
 - 1. So many times, we sing songs like “On Jordan’s stormy banks I stand”
 - 2. I think we understand what the song is trying to say
 - 3. But the Jordan is not the river Styx. The Promised Land is NOT heaven
 - 4. The Promised Land is a picture of the Christian Walk!
 - 5. How do I know? Well, there are no battles in heaven
 - 6. But boy did they ever have some in the Promised Land!
- C. Here’s the thing:
 - 1. God told them to drive out the inhabitants of the land
 - 2. But they didn’t and then they had battles ever after
 - 3. Drive the old inhabitants out of your life!
 - a. Old habits, pet sins, bad attitudes, worry – kick them OUT!

- b. Clean up your cup
- c. Let Him fill it up!

V. SAVIOR'S WISHES

- A. John 13:10 – “Jesus saith to him, He that is washed needeth not save to wash his feet, but is clean every whit: and ye are clean, but not all.”
 - 1. Obviously talking about Judas here
 - 2. The one of the 12 who was not Saved
 - 3. So, what does the Savior want?
- B. Be Saved
- C. Then STAY clean
- D. And you will STAY FILLED!