

**I. RECAP OF CHAPTER 4**

**A. Jesus had a special appointment with a sinner who would be Saved by Grace!**

1. Vs. 4 – He must needs go through Samaria
  - a. A place no self-respecting Jew would go
  - b. A land the Jews would go the “long way” to avoid
  - c. But He must NEEDS go through Samaria
  - d. Aren’t you glad He didn’t come down off that cross?
  - e. Heb. 12:2 – “Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.”
2. Vs. 6 – He was wearied with His journey
  - a. Yes, He is God!
  - b. Isaiah 9:6 – “For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.”
  - c. God, very God, and yet Man, very Man!
    - i. He was wearied with His journey
    - ii. He cried! He suffered pain! He knew sorrows!
    - iii. Heb. 4:15 – “For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.”
    - iv. Man of Sorrows, what a name! For the Son of God who came – Ruined sinners to reclaim! Hallelujah! What a Savior!
3. Vs. 8 – His disciples were gone away to buy meat
  - a. He had grown weary and they had immediately acted with CARE
  - b. He asked for a drink but gave all who came Living Water!
  - c. They went to buy Him food, but He gave the Bread of Life freely!
  - d. He had been weary, but now He gave others REST!

**B. Master, eat!**

1. The disciples came back and didn’t know what to do at first (vs. 27)
  - a. Now the city folk start to arrive and they STILL don’t know!
  - b. Here they all come! All of these Samaritans! (vs. 30)
  - c. They were coming to see Jesus!
    - i. Come see a man, which told me all things that ever I did!
    - ii. Is not this the Christ?
    - iii. Led by a woman of low reputation?
    - iv. Certainly! Who but the sick need a doctor?

- v. Who but a sinner needs a Savior?
- 2. In the mean while (vs. 31)
  - a. What do we do with our time?
    - i. Each moment is a precious gift from God to spend wisely
    - ii. Money is a currency that cannot be saved only invested!
  - b. The disciples didn't know what to do with all the Samaritans
    - i. But Jesus did!
    - ii. And He loved them. Told them how to be Saved
    - iii. Let us never be without the Gospel on our lips!
  - c. I have meat to eat that ye know not of (vs. 32)
    - i. The Lord was seeking to Save
    - ii. That's His business!
    - iii. Luke 19:10 – "For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost."
    - iv. He was worried about feeding the Soul not the Body
    - v. He wasn't speaking of physical food
  - d. Uh... so what are you saying? (vs. 33)

### C. His Food

- 1. To do the WILL of Him that sent Him (vs. 34)
  - a. II Peter 3:9 – "The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance."
  - b. That is God's will
    - i. God is not WILLING
    - ii. But He also gave US free will
    - iii. He is not willing, but we must also not be willing to perish!
  - c. He has a hunger to do His Father's Will
- 2. To finish His work
  - a. His work was only just begun in His earthly ministry
  - b. But there would be a day when He would FINISH it
  - c. John 19:30 – "When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, It is finished: and he bowed his head, and gave up the ghost."
    - i. That leaves nothing left for us to do!
    - ii. If the glass is full, another drop makes a mess!
    - iii. If the masterpiece is complete another brushstroke ruins it
    - iv. His work of Redemption is complete on the cross
    - v. If He had only done "His" half, it wouldn't be finished
    - vi. If we still had our "half" to do, it wouldn't be finished
    - vii. But He said, It IS FINISHED!
  - d. He had a hunger to finish the work
- 3. We too should have a hunger to serve God
  - a. That's called a burden

b. He has a burden for the lost – He carried it up Golgotha hill!

## II. WORDS ON REAPING (VS. 35)

- A. Don't you know the saying? Are you saying it right now?
  - 1. Grew up on a farm (plowing, ripping, disking, planting, fertilizing)
  - 2. Reap what you sow, you reap more than you so, you reap AFTER you sow
  - 3. Corn grows so fast you can hear the stalks cracking on a still night
  - 4. Four months!
- B. Context
  - 1. You disciples believe we are just beginning!
  - 2. You're not even sure you want to sow these fields in Samaria
  - 3. Maybe you think we still need to break up the fallow ground
  - 4. Maybe you think we're just beginning to plant
- C. BEHOLD! Lift up your eyes
  - 1. You're missing the harvest
  - 2. It's ready, and it's ripe, and it's right in front of you!
- D. The mission field is all around us
  - 1. It's the soul you pass on the street
  - 2. It's your neighbor next door
  - 3. The co-worker, the friend – they're EVERYWHERE
  - 4. Dying without hope!
  - 5. Come see a man!

## III. WAGES FOR RECEIVING (VS. 36)

- A. Wages? Well, those are a just recompense for one's deeds
  - 1. Now we know that the wages of sin is death
  - 2. That's just what we earn – what we DESERVE as a sinner
  - 3. But the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord
  - 4. This is a reward too, but one of grace!
- B. I Peter 5:4 – “And when the chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away.”
- C. John 15:16 – “Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you.”
- D. I Corinthians 9:17 – “For if I do this thing willingly, I have a reward: but if against my will, a dispensation of the gospel is committed unto me.”
- E. James 5:20 – “Let him know, that he which converteth the sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins.”
- F. Matthew 9:37-38 – “Then saith he unto his disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few; (38) Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest.”

- G. Revelation 14:13 – “And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them.”

#### **IV. WORKING AND REJOICING**

- A. Teaching Good Works? Yes!
1. But not to be Saved – no one can Save themselves
  2. Our righteousnesses are as filthy rags
  3. Not for Salvation but Good Works BECAUSE of Salvation!
- B. James 2:18 – “Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: shew me thy faith without thy works, and I will shew thee my faith by my works.”
1. I don’t know the heart of a man – I can’t tell if someone is Saved
  2. But as Pastor Gray used say – I can be a fruit inspector. Why?
  3. Matthew 7:20 – “Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them.”
- C. Psalms 126:6 – “He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him.”
1. I am happy in the service of the King! I am happy, oh so happy!
  2. I have peace and joy that nothing else can bring, in the service of the King
- D. Vs. 37 – This saying is true
1. One soweth and another reapeth
  2. And he that REAPETH receiveth wages (vs. 36)
  3. Doesn’t seem fair, does it?
  4. Well, the Lord knows!

#### **V. WONDERFUL RECORDING (VS. 38)**

- A. You bestowed no labor
1. Other men labored
  2. And you came in after and get to do the reaping
- B. Who were they?
1. John the Baptist
  2. The prophets
  3. The priests
  4. Moses
  5. Abraham
  6. Enoch
  7. All the preachers that have gone on before us!
- C. They preached the Gospel and planted the seed, and now you disciples can reap
- D. Look on the fields! They are white unto harvest!

#### **VI. WANTING REDEMPTION**

- A. If you don't know the Lord in Salvation
- B. Today is the day!
- C. The seed has been sown!
- D. Come to Him today!