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The scriptures tell us that the LORD inhabits eternity and that HE "only hath immortality, dwelling in the light which no man can approach unto; whom no man hath seen, nor can see: to whom be honour and power everlasting." Thus, it is utterly amazing when we discover that HE took upon HIMSELF, human flesh and became obedient unto death just as any other man in the flesh. Just as surely as we are born as an infant of a span, so too was HE wrapped in swaddling clothes and laid in a manger. Do we not marvel that HE who created time and marks out every moment of every day since the beginning, did humble HIMSELF and become a servant of time, just as every son of Adam. In this human body "when he had offered up prayers and supplications with strong crying and tears unto him that was able to save him from death, and was heard in that he feared; Though he were a Son, <u>yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered;</u> And being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him. We are struck dumb with amazement at such a revelation and must fall upon our faces in adoring wonder. We can but say with the Psalmist, "Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high, I cannot attain unto it."

In the limitations of time, which HE imposed upon HIMSELF, HE kept every appointment which HE marked out from before the foundation of the world. We see just such an appointment with a Samaritan woman who had never met HIM nor had any inkling of who HE was. Thus "he must needs go through Samaria." Her name was in HIS appointment book but HIS was not in hers. This event could only have taken place according to HIS purpose and not hers. This was no random meeting but was prescribed to take place at the "sixth hour". This "sixth hour" would have been about twelve noon as we would reckon it. The evening had ended at sunrise and the day had begun. The sun was at its "zenith", and the glory of the sun was shining in all of its strength, when the LORD of glory, who made the seas and rivers, asked this adulterous woman for a drink of the water which HE had placed in a well which HE ordained men to dig. This well could have been no where else upon the earth, just as this woman could not have been in another location at this particular time. Little did she know that it was HE who would give her a drink of WATER, which would forever satisfy her thirst. Thus, we see the demonstration of the LORD's mercy exhibited as HE sought HIS lost sheep and led her in a path which she had not designed or contemplated. HE told her of HIS intent to give her "LIVING WATER", though she had no understanding of that of which HE spoke. She was intrigued with HIS words and in her flesh (as many religious folks do) she asked for this WATER. Yet the LORD must strip her of her supposed righteousness in order that she might rightly desire it. She sought to skirt the issue of her "husband" (just like the politicians do), yet the LORD broke down her excuses and laid her adultery bare before her eyes. "For thou hast had five husbands; and he whom thou now hast is not thy husband." She was rendered without excuse.

Yet she was not yet fully broken, however, because we see her appealing to her religion, "*Our fathers worshipped in this mountain.*" I can almost hear someone singing "Give me that old time religion." But the LORD would not abandon HIS lost sheep even though she was clinging to the brambles which she had become entangled in, all the while thinking that they offered her comfort and hope. HE spoke words of truth to her, as HE described the nature of true worship, "God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth." Then HE made her to be a true worshipper. "the Father <u>seeketh</u> such to worship him." We see that illustrated as the SAVIOR <u>sought</u> HIS lost sheep. HE revealed HIMSELF to her, "I that speak unto thee am he." She believed and went on her way with the testimony of CHRIST upon her heart and lips. This all took place in the sixth hour.

Our blessed LORD had another appointment which HE would undertake at a particular time and place, which HE gladly kept, though the burden HE bore was greater than any other man has or could ever bear. HE made HIS soul an offering for sin. "And it was about the <u>sixth hour</u>, and there was a darkness over all the earth until the <u>ninth hour</u>." "And when Jesus had cried with a loud voice, he said, Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit: and having said thus, he gave up the ghost." The GIVER of LIFE, yea even LIFE itself, died a sinner's death. Well did the sun in darkness hide and shut his glories in, when GOD the MIGHTY MAKER died for man, the creature's sin. Has there ever been love like this? Can we do any less than fall upon our faces in adoration and worship? "Thy free grace alone,"#11 If you would like a free transcript of this broadcast email us at forthepoor@windstream.net