

Welcome friends to another broadcast of “Morsels for Zion’s Poor”

The LORD had an appointment in Samaria with a woman who would come to a well to draw water. Therefore, *“he must needs go through Samaria.”* So the LORD prepared the spot (where HE would come face to face with her), many years before she was born. The LORD prepared the woman and gave her a desire to come to this well, as she, no doubt, had done many times. She had no idea what awaited her in this particular hour and it was impossible that anything could arise that would keep her from being at this exact spot at this exact time. *“And I will bring the blind by a way that they knew not; I will lead them in paths that they have not known: I will make darkness light before them, and crooked things straight. These things will I do unto them, and not forsake them.”* Since the LORD would never forsake HIS own HE must needs go through Samaria because HE would minister life to one of HIS own who was yet dead in trespasses and sins. That she was a wicked woman there is no doubt according to the LORD’s testimony and her own admission of guilt. Such are all of those whom the LORD is pleased to save. *“I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.”*

Every step this woman had taken since she first drew breath, was designed and ordered by HIM who would not only insure her presence at that spot on that day, but also cause her to recognize the truth whenever HE spoke it. Even HIS request for water was a demonstration of HIS purpose to call this woman to HIMSELF as HE drew her with cords of love that could not be broken. HE spoke to her of LIVING WATER and soon she was the one who was thirsty as she said, *“Sir, give me this water, that I thirst not, neither come hither to draw.”* Yet she would not be allowed to drink of it until first HE had brought her to repentance. *“Jesus saith unto her, Go, call thy husband, and come hither.”* She replied, *“I have no husband”*, all the while hoping not to have to face the real truth. But HE who loved her from before the foundation of the world would in no wise leave her to her own devices nor let her hide in her sin. *“Jesus said unto her, Thou hast well said, I have no husband: For thou hast had five husbands; and he whom thou now hast is not thy husband: in that saidst thou truly.”*

Yes indeed HE must complete the work HE came to this well to perform. *“He is the Rock, his work is perfect: for all his ways are judgment: a God of truth and without iniquity, just and right is he.”* She was confronted with her sin and shame and tried to hide her guilt by turning to religion saying *“Our fathers worshiped in this mountain; and ye say, that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship.”* But no, that mountain is no hiding place, nor will HE, who has begun a good work, abandon it until HE has finished it. HE stripped away all of her refuges as the GOD of TRUTH who said, *“But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshipers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him. God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth”*. HE then revealed HIMSELF to her, saying, *“I that speak unto thee am he.”* Essentially what HE said was, “I AM”. A drastic change took place in her that cannot rightly be explained by the purveyors of “free will”. This is that which the LORD spoke to Nicodemus about saying *“Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.”* Suddenly she “saw” the kingdom of GOD and HIM who is the KING of it.

She had now begun to drink long draughts from that WELL which she knew absolutely nothing about just a few moments earlier. A river of WATER which issued forth from the throne of GOD now swirled around her and overwhelmed her yet she lived, and every thing she longed for was now supplied. CHRIST is the LIVING WATER which fills the river of LIFE. This WATER is that which supplies life to all who are planted by the shores of the river. *“And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.”* HE is the VINE and we are the branches. We are HIS workmanship. HE is that WELL of WATER springing up into everlasting life. The river is sometimes deeper or shallower according to the amount of WATER that flows in it but whether deep or shallow it is still the WATER that gives life and not the shape of the river which adds anything to the WATER.

“When the poor and needy seek water, and there is none, and their tongue faileth for thirst, I the LORD will hear them, I the God of Israel will not forsake them. I will open rivers in high places, and fountains in the midst of the valleys: I will make the wilderness a pool of water, and the dry land springs of water. I will plant in the wilderness the cedar, the shittah tree, and the myrtle, and the oil tree; I will set in the desert the fir tree, and the pine, and the box tree together: That they may see, and know, and consider, and understand together, that the hand of the LORD hath done this, and the Holy One of Israel hath created it.” Have you drunk of this WATER?

“Thy free grace alone,” #11 **If you would like a free transcript of this broadcast email us at forthe poor@windstream.net**