

DOES YOUR LIFE'S SUPPORT LEAK?

John 4:11-14

(Not entirely original with me)

Introduction: Most people build their lives upon undependable, unreliable, temporary, even false ideas and ways. They have to constantly make changes in their lives as what they have based their lives upon are so changeable. What God offers is a permanent, everlasting, sure way of life and the bible calls it "A Well of Living Water" and what the alternative is is but a "Broken Cistern." When Jesus was talking with the woman at the well, she didn't understand that what Jesus was offering her was far better than what she thought she had. She kept talking about actual water, Jacob's well, and Jesus was talking about spiritual water-life. Like this woman, countless people are confused about what Jesus offers and what they are accustomed to in living day by day.

I. WHAT THE WORLD OFFERS IS LEAKY, UNRELIABLE, TEMPORARY

1. *"..Jesus answered and said unto her, Whosoever drinketh of this water shall thirst again."*
2. What the soul needs cannot be satisfied by the things of this world.
 - Wealth
 - Physical strength, beauty
 - Power, position, influence.
 - Learning, education
 - Even one's family and friends.
3. There is within every person an emptiness, a void which the things of the world can never fill.
 - Jesus is telling this woman that all who "drink from a worldly 'well'" cannot ever be satisfied.
 - What the world offers can only give temporary, momentary satisfaction.
 - Rituals, ceremonies, services, sacrifices, etc.

II. WHAT GOD OFFERS THROUGH JESUS IS AN EVERLASTING LIFE

1. *"..But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him/her shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him/her shall be in him/her a well of water springing up into everlasting life..."*
2. That which God gives is a GIFT .
 - This gift comes to sinners only through the Lord Jesus Christ.
 - If one's source of support, life, is not that which God offers, then that person is living a false, empty, useless life.
 - What God offers must be received personally, only through the Lord Jesus Christ.
3. That Gift which God gives satisfies the yearning, cravings, needs of one's soul.
 - *"..Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.." (Romans 5:1)*
 - There is immediate satisfaction.
 - Conscience is satisfied.
 - Redemption and reconciliation accomplished
 - Pardon and peace received.
 - Divine approval and acceptance.

- There is continuous satisfaction.
 - What God puts within the believer is inexhaustible, the Holy Spirit.
 - ***John 7:37-39; Colossians 1:12; 2:9-10; 1 Corinthians 1:30; 3:21-23***
- There is everlasting satisfaction.
 - That which God gives lasts throughout all eternity. The only change one who receives the Gift of God is when he/she lays aside his/her earthly body.

CONCLUSION:

1. From where/what do YOU base your life upon.
2. How has your life been living on what the world has to offer?
 - Are all your needs, wants, thirsts met? Is your heart at peace?
 - Is all well with your soul?
 - ***Jeremiah 6:16***
 - ***Matthew 11:28-30***
3. Does what you have been basing your life upon feed your soul?
 - Does Jesus Christ live within you? Do you walk with the Holy Spirit?
 - Do you live by faith in Jesus Christ alone?
 - Is your life support on the inside or outside? Worldly or Spiritual?
4. When you pray, why do you pray?
 - When you sing, praise and worship, why do you?
 - Does your obedience to God come out of fear or from you love?
5. ***"...I am crucified with Christ; nevertheless I live, yet not I, but Christ liveth in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me..." (Galatians 2:20)***
6. So, which "well" do you draw your needs from? The world's well which leaks or from God's well which is everlasting?