

John 4:25-38

Verses 25-26

Even though the Samaritans did not believe in anything past the Pentateuch or that Jerusalem was the holy city where God chose to have His temple, they did believe in a Messiah that was to come. Jesus has stated in verse 10 of this chapter that if she knew who it was that she was talking to, she would have asked Him for living water and He would have given it to her. Jesus has slowly been revealing Himself to her in this conversation, but He is to declare who He really is: the Messiah, Yahweh! Any Samaritan should have been familiar with the story of Moses and the burning bush as is found in Exodus 3. In Exodus 3:14, God declares He is "I AM." The words for I AM in Hebrew is "eh-yeh." This is translated in the Greek Septuagint as "ego eimi." This is the title that Jesus uses of Himself in His announcement of who He is to this Samaritan woman. Jesus is stating He is Yahweh and He is also the Messiah.

Verses in the Bible declares Himself to be ego eimi: **Mark 6:50, John 8:24, John 8:58, John 13:19, John 18:5-6**

Verse 27

His disciple returned from getting food in the city and find Jesus talking with this Samaritan woman. They are amazed that He is talking to her for few reasons. The first reason is that in this culture a man was not to talk in public to a woman who was not his wife or related. They were also amazed that Jesus was talking to not only a woman, but a Samaritan woman as they understood the hostility between the Jews and the Samaritans.

Verses 28-30

The Samaritan woman had come to the well with a waterpot as she had been doing every day. However, after learning who it was that she was talking to, she left the waterpot. She was overwhelmed with excitement and joy, and she immediately went into the city to tell of the news. She went to share the news with the same people she had been trying to avoid because of her reputation. Her honesty, attitude, and sincerity stirred something in them to go and see for themselves. However, so often people with hard, dark, and painful pasts that become Christians are doubted and questioned because of their pasts. Sometimes in the life of the apostle as many questions his salvation and ministry at first as they remembered his past and how radically different he had become after he had received living water.

There is also symbolism in her leaving her waterpot. She has continued day after day to come to the well for physical water. Jesus had been telling her that anyone who drinks of the living water He gives will never thirst again. After receiving the living waters of Christ, she left her worldly waterpot which would never satisfy her thirst since she her thirst had been quenched and she was satisfied in Christ.

Verses 31-34

After His disciples returned, they were trying to get Jesus to eat as they had gone into the city to get food. His answers baffles them as He tells them He has food that they don't know about. The disciples much like the Samaritan woman thinks Jesus is talking about physical things, as Jesus is talking about spiritual things.

Jesus says that His food is to do the will of the Father. This verse summarized Jesus and His work on earth: to do the will of the Father!

- **Deuteronomy 8:3** He humbled you and let you be hungry, and fed you with manna which you did not know, nor did your fathers know, that He might make you ^[a]understand that man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by everything that proceeds out of the mouth of the Lord.
- **Matthew 6:9-10** "Pray, then, in this way: 'Our Father who is in heaven, Hallowed be Your name. ¹⁰ 'Your kingdom come. Your will be done, On earth as it is in heaven.

- **John 6:38** For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me.
- **John 8:28-29** So Jesus said, “When you lift up the Son of Man, then you will know that ^[a]I am He, and I do nothing on My own initiative, but I speak these things as the Father taught Me. ²⁹And He who sent Me is with Me; He ^[b]has not left Me alone, for I always do the things that are pleasing to Him.”
- **John 17:4** I glorified You on the earth, ^[a]having accomplished the work which You have given Me to do.
- **Luke 22:42** saying, “Father, if You are willing, remove this cup from Me; yet not My will, but Yours be done.”

Let our hearts and lives reflect this same attitude, that what consumed us and our desire it to do the will of God.

Verses 35-38

There are usually 4 months between the sowing and the reaping of the harvest. He is speaking in physical terms in this context which is one that the disciples would understand. He is using the example of the physical harvest to describe the spiritual harvest of converts to Christ that is of the utmost urgency. He is telling them that fields of people that have heard the gospel are ripe for the harvest of souls and they as labors in the harvest are needed and needed with great urgency. Jesus also tells them that those who reap and sow are both important and they can rejoice together in the gathering of the harvest of souls. There is great importance on the sower and reaper and they are both rewarded by God for their efforts. Jesus tell His disciples that are getting ready to harvest that which they have not sowed. Those before them (Old Testament scriptures/prophets, John the Baptist, Jesus) had sowed the seed of the gospel and now they are sharing in the joy of the labor of those before them.

The seed is the Word of God:

- **Luke 8:11** “Now the parable is this: the seed is the word of God.
- **1 Peter 1:23** for you have been born again not of seed which is perishable but imperishable, *that is*, through the living and enduring word of God.

The sower and the reaper in of themselves do not have the power to bring about conversion and salvation but are used by God as instrumental causes by God to bring about His divine purposes.

- **1 Corinthians 3: 5-9** What then is Apollos? And what is Paul? Servants through whom you believed, even as the Lord gave *opportunity* to each one. ⁶I planted, Apollos watered, but God was causing the growth. ⁷So then neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but God who causes the growth. ⁸Now he who plants and he who waters are one; but each will receive his own ^[b]reward according to his own labor. ⁹For we are God’s fellow workers; you are God’s ^[c]field, God’s building.
- **Matthew 9:37-38** Then He *said to His disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. ³⁸Therefore beseech the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into His harvest.”

There will be a harvest on the Last Day at the end of the age. Those who are not born again will be gathered and thrown into the furnace of fire where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. However, the righteous will shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who as ears, let him hear(**Matthew 13:36-43**).