

# JESUS – NAME ABOVE ALL NAMES

Phil. 2:9 Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him,  
**and given him a name which is above every name:**

10 That at **the name of Jesus** every knee should bow,  
of *things* in heaven, and *things* in earth, and *things*  
under the earth;

11 And *that* every tongue should confess that Jesus  
Christ *is* Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Psa. 9:10 **And they that know thy name will put their  
trust in thee:** for thou, LORD, hast not forsaken them  
that seek thee.

This evening we continue studying the names of the Lord Jesus Christ found throughout the Word of God. We will see how the various names are descriptive terms describing various characteristics of the Lord Jesus.

❖ We began with “The Advocate,” followed by “I Am,” Zachariah – “The God Who Remembers,” and “the Creator.” Last week we considered “Immanuel – God with us.” Tonight, we look at...

“The Water of Life”

Jn. 4:14 But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a **well of water springing up into everlasting life.**

Rev. 21:6 And he said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will **give unto him that is athirst** of the fountain of **the water of life** freely.

Rev. 22:17 And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And **let him that is athirst come.** And whosoever will, let him take **the water of life** freely.

Considering that the Scriptures designate that Jesus is the “water of life” or “living water,” let’s look at the application implications for us. We begin by looking at water’s generic traits.

❖ **Water** is a substance composed of the chemical elements hydrogen and oxygen and existing in gaseous, liquid, and solid states. It is one of the most plentiful and essential of compounds. A tasteless and odorless liquid at room temperature, it has the important ability to dissolve many other substances. Indeed, the versatility of water as a solvent is essential to living organisms. <https://www.britannica.com/science/water>

- ❖ Water is at the core of sustainable development and is critical for socio-economic development, healthy ecosystems and for human survival itself. It is vital for reducing the global burden of disease and improving the health, welfare and productivity of populations. <https://www.unwater.org/water-facts/>
- ❖ The Gospel is available to all mankind. Unfortunately, not all the world puts their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Globally, there is sufficient water to produce food for everyone, but food and nutritional insecurity remains widespread. <https://www.unwater.org/water-facts/water-food-and-energy/>

- ❖ It goes without saying that the human race wouldn't last very long in a world without water. The same can be said of all animals and plants, as well, since H<sub>2</sub>O constitutes one of the building blocks necessary for life to thrive.

<https://www.envirotech-online.com/news/water-wastewater/9/breaking-news/what-would-happen-in-a-world-without-water/42745>

- ❖ It also goes with saying that the human race will miss eternity with Christ unless faith is in the Living Water, the Lord Jesus Christ.
- ❖ We will consider the account of the Samaritan woman at the well who learned the importance of the “Living Water.”

# I. THE MISPERCEIVED THIRST

## A. The Rational Misunderstanding, Jn. 4:7-8

Jn. 4:7 There cometh a woman of Samaria to draw water: Jesus saith unto her, Give me to drink.  
8 (For his disciples were gone away unto the city to buy meat.)

- ❖ The Samaritan woman came to the well for its water.
- ❖ She had thirst or anticipated a need to quench her thirst in the future.



- ❖ She assumed that Jesus was asking for the well water.
- ❖ The two of them were alone, a Samaritan woman and a Jewish man.
- ❖ The natural divisions are too often distractions from spiritual truth.

1 Cor. 2:14 But **the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God**: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know *them*, because they are spiritually discerned.

## B. The Racial Misunderstanding, Jn. 4:9

Jn. 4:9 Then saith the woman of Samaria unto him, How is it that thou, being a Jew, askest drink of me, which am a woman of Samaria? for the Jews have no dealings with the Samaritans.

- ❖ The Samaritan woman was well aware of racial differences between Samaritans and Jews.

Eph. 2:11 Wherefore remember, that ye *being* in time past Gentiles in the flesh, who are called Uncircumcision by that which is called the Circumcision in the flesh made by hands;

12 That at that time ye were without Christ, **being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel**, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world:

13 But now **in Christ Jesus** ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ.

14 **For he is our peace**, who hath made both one, and **hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us**;

## C. The Religious Misunderstanding, Jn. 4:10

Jn. 4:10 Jesus answered and said unto her, **If thou knewest the gift of God**, and **who it is** that saith to thee, Give me to drink; thou wouldest have **asked of him**, and he would have given **thee living water**.

❖ Spiritual ignorance is framed by Jesus in three areas:

1. The Gift of God;
2. Who Jesus is;
3. The availability of the living water.

## II. THE MISPERCEIVED TOOLS

Jn. 4:11 The woman saith unto him, Sir, thou hast nothing to draw with, and the well is deep: from whence then hast thou that **living water**?

12 Art thou greater than our father Jacob, which gave us the well, and drank thereof himself, and his children, and his cattle?

A. The Confusion: Searching for the Source, v. 11 –  
“...**from whence** then hast thou that living water?”

❖ Logically, the well is deep and the Samaritan woman notices that Jesus has nothing with which to draw the water.

## B. The Comparison: Substituting the Source, v. 12

Jn. 4:12 Art thou greater than our father Jacob, which gave us the well, and drank thereof himself, and his children, and his cattle?

- ❖ Religious people compare truth to what they have already learned whether or not it is accurate.

## C. The Clarity: Stating the only Source, vs. 13-1

Jn. 4:13 Jesus answered and said unto her, Whosoever drinketh of this water shall thirst again:

14 But **whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life.**

❖ Jesus gave a plain, succinct and simple answer:  
HE IS THE SOURCE OF THE LIVING WATER!

### III. THE MISPERCEIVED TEST

- A. The Choice, v. 15 – “...Sir, give me this water, that I thirst not, neither come hither to draw.”
- B. The Calling, v. 16 – “ Jesus saith unto her, Go, call thy husband, and come hither.”
- C. The Cover-up, v. 17 – “The woman answered and said, I have no husband. Jesus said unto her, Thou hast well said, I have no husband:’
- D. The Confrontation, v. 18 – “For thou hast had five husbands; and he whom thou now hast is not thy husband: in that saidst thou truly.



## E. The Circumvention, vs. 19-20

Jn. 4:19 The woman saith unto him, Sir, I perceive that thou art a prophet.

20 Our fathers worshipped in this mountain; and ye say, that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship.

## F. The Crux, vs. 21-24

Jn. 4:21 Jesus saith unto her, Woman, **believe me**, the hour cometh, when ye shall neither in this mountain, nor yet at Jerusalem, worship the Father.

22 **Ye worship ye know not what:** we know what we worship: for salvation is of the Jews.

23 But the hour cometh, and now is, when the **true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him.**

24 **God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship *him* in spirit and in truth.**

❖ The Crux of the matter is vital to know the following:

- Trust Christ for the truth, v. 21a;
- Recognize the exclusive limitation for worship, v. 21b;
- Some ignorantly worship, v. 22;
- True worshippers must worship in Spirit and in Truth, v. 23a;
- The Father seeks worshippers who follow His plan, v. 23b;
- True worship is focused upon Him, v. 24.

## G. The Confession, vs. 25-26

Jn. 4:25 The woman saith unto him, I know that  
Messias cometh, which is called Christ: when he is  
come, he will tell us all things.

26 Jesus saith unto her, **I that speak unto thee am *he*.**

Summary

Thirst

strong or eager desire; craving:

<https://www.dictionary.com/browse/thirst>

❖ The living water is available to those whose souls thirst for God.

Psa. 42:1 As the hart panteth after the water brooks, so **panteth my soul after thee, O God.**

2 **My soul thirsteth for God**, for the living God: when shall I come and appear before God?

Psa. 63:1 O God, thou *art* my God; early will I seek thee: **my soul thirsteth for thee**, my flesh longeth for thee in a dry and thirsty land, where no water is;

2 To see thy power and thy glory, so *as* I have seen thee in the sanctuary.

Psa. 143:6 I stretch forth my hands unto thee: **my soul thirsteth after thee**, as a thirsty land. Selah.

❖ Sinners and saints are NOT to quench the Lord,  
“the fountain of living waters;”

Jer. 2:13 For my people have committed two evils;  
**they have forsaken me the fountain of living waters,**  
*and* hewed them out cisterns, broken cisterns, that  
can hold no water.

Jer. 17:13 O LORD, the hope of Israel, all that forsake  
thee shall be ashamed, *and* they that depart from me  
shall be written in the earth, because **they have  
forsaken the LORD, the fountain of living waters.**

## Conclusion

❖ The invitation is given to the thirsty:

Isa. 55:1 **Ho, every one that thirsteth**, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy, and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.

Rev. 22:17 And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And **let him that is athirst come**. And whosoever will, let him take **the water of life** freely.