

John 4:27-42 – My Food Is To Do the Father’s Will

Introduction

1. John 3-4 is an Illustration of John 1:11-13
 - a. Nicodemus, a Jew, Rejected the Light
 - b. The Samaritan Woman/Samaritans Receive the Light
2. Jacob’s Well – the place where Grooms meet their Bride
 - a. Abraham’s servant finds Rebekah for Isaac at a well
 - b. Jacob finds Rachel; Moses meets Zipporah at a well
 - c. The Old Testament narratives provide a scenario where a bride is wooed for her husband
 - d. Jesus asks the Samaritan Woman – *Call your husband*, she has had 5, and the current man is not her husband
3. Jesus is the 7th Man – a Perfect Man, a Greater Man:
 - a. Jesus’ Main Goal: To do the Father’s Will, which is to win a harvest – a Bride: From Heaven he came and sought her
 - b. He woos the Woman at the Well, and Revival Breaks out
 - c. She bears witness of Jesus to her people (**John 4:39**)

Main Idea Jesus’ food is to do the Will of His Father which is to give eternal life (Himself) in order to have a harvest from the nations. The believer has the responsibility to bear witness to Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.

The Sowers’ Testimony/Witness, Part 1 (vv 27-30)

1. Jesus breaks through barriers to win the heart of the woman
 - a. The Gender Barrier was noticeable by the disciples
 - b. They were sent to get food (**v 8**) and found Jesus talking to the Samaritan Woman
 - c. Jesus is willing to talk to anyone, including rejected sinners
2. Jesus is the Sower who testifies about Himself – He is a better Messiah than the Samaritan *Taheb*
 - a. The Samaritans expected a great teacher/prophet called the *Taheb* who would reveal truth about many things
 - b. Jesus confronts the woman in order to fulfill her longing
 - c. He quenches her thirst – more than just a Samaritan *Taheb*
3. The Woman becomes a Sower – testifying about Jesus
 - a. She is an instrument of God, pointing to Jesus: *Come, See*
 - b. She tells what Jesus did for her – *He told me everything*
 - c. She is Transformed and Transparent with the townspeople
 - d. She shares – she becomes a witness for Christ
 - e. Transparency & Transformation does not always guarantee conversions & revival, for this is God’s business (**1 Cor 3**)

The Disciple’s Blindness (vv 31-33)

1. Four Illustrations of Spiritual Blindness in the Gospel of John
 - a. John 2:19 – The Jews – *Destroy this temple*
 - b. John 3:3 – Nicodemus – *You must be born again*
 - c. John 4:10 – Samaritan Woman – *I give living water*
 - d. John 4:31 – Disciples – *I have food you know nothing of*
2. Jesus thinks of heavenly things, the disciples think earthly

Jesus’ Food: A Divine Disclosure of the Father’s Will (vv 34-38)

1. The Messianic Age has begun – the Kingdom of God has been ushered in – The Samaritans are the First Fruits
2. The Prophets foretold of the Sower/Reaper working in tandem and rejoicing together (**Amos 9:13**)
3. We sow, water; God causes the Growth: there might be delay
 - a. Ch 3: Nicodemus does not believe, Ch 19: He honors Jesus
 - b. Seed might be dropped on the path, on rocky ground, among thorns and thistles – some will find fertile soil
4. God gave the growth in Samaria and the disciples experienced a glorious harvest from the labor of Jesus & the Woman
5. God sought out the Samaritans to worship Him (**John 4:23**)
6. Jesus’ Food is Giving Eternal Life (**John 17:4, 12:49-50**) in order to gather a harvest of people who will worship Him
 - a. Jesus is the food and the life: the way, truth, and life
 - b. Jesus is the life, the Living Water, the Bread of Heaven
 - c. We are God’s instruments, sowing & watering testifying the way of eternal life in Christ
7. The Sam. Woman loved much she had been Forgiven for much
 - a. Unless you feel your need for mercy, you will never sense the sweetness of God’s Grace
 - b. Unless you see the darkness of your sin, you will never desire the light of God’s grace in the face of Jesus Christ
 - c. Her water was Jesus, Her food was Jesus

The Sowers’ Testimony/Witness, Part 2 (vv 39-42)

1. An entire community was transformed by the witness of the Samaritan Woman – no programs or methods were used
 - a. Her word led others to faith in Jesus
2. Jesus harvested Sychar. Giving them eternal life by the Grace of God, and grafted them into the vine
 - a. He gives them living water – He quenches their thirst
3. How? How does He give eternal life and quench thirst?
 - a. Jesus entered into the hour of His death on the Cross
 - b. He said “I thirst” – He became thirsty in order to quench our thirst; He got what we deserved
4. Those who believe in Jesus find out He is indeed the Savior