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Penetrating Love

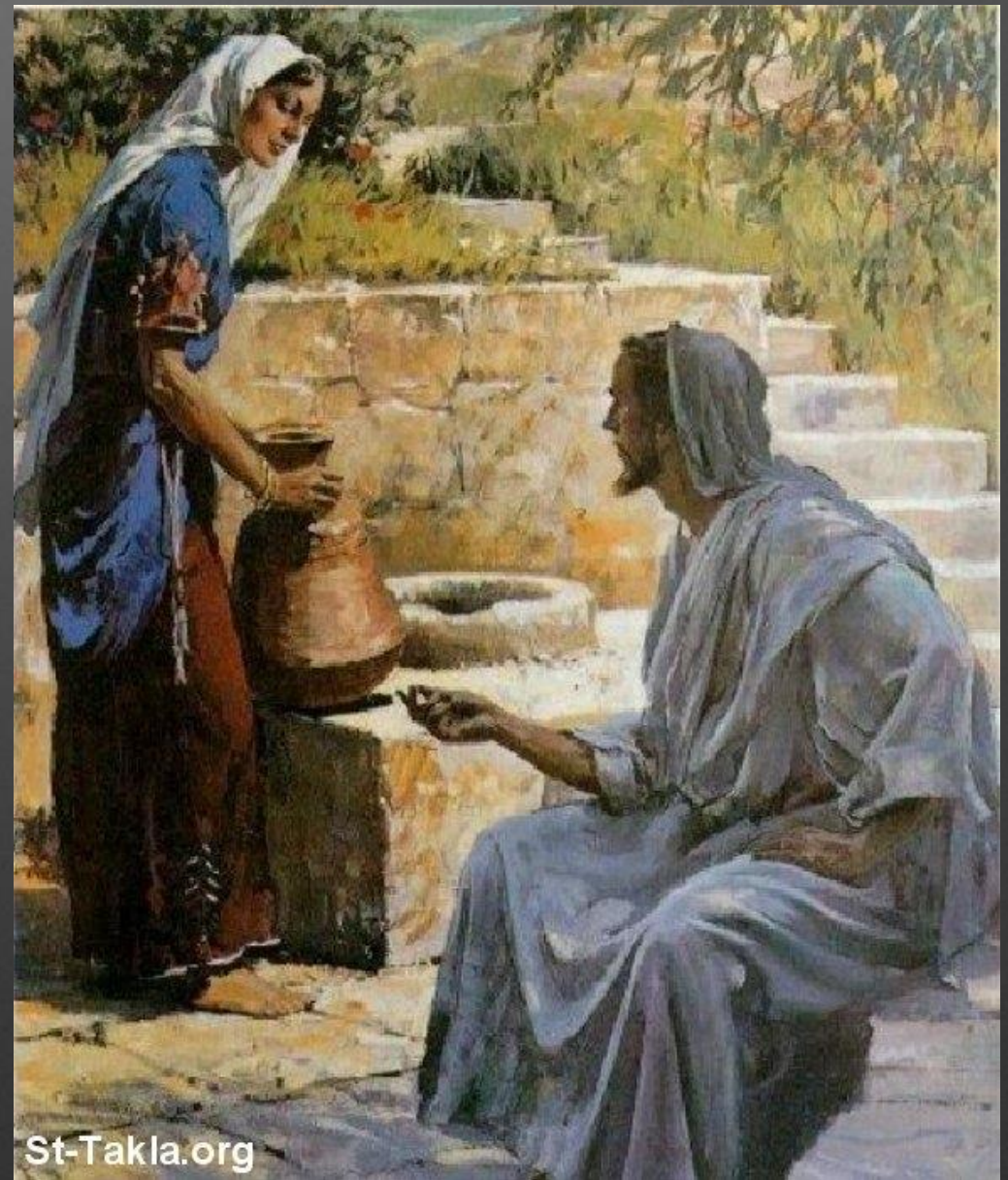
1. He spared no expense

- The Lord Christ traveled a long way to meet her
- He created a quiet environment
- She could have rejected Him
- No excuse was sufficient to spoil His intention to meet her



2. He humbled Himself

- The Lord Jesus made it seem as though He was in need of her
- “Give Me a drink.” (Jn. 4:7)
- This brings relief
- *“You have no need of my servitude, but rather I had need of Your Lordship.”*
(Gregorian Liturgy)



3. He valued her

- “How is it that You, being a Jew, ask a drink from me, a Samaritan woman?’ For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.” (Jn. 4:9)



The woman of Samaria by Harold Copping

4. His focus was on the gifts of God

- He doesn't bring up the issue of her sins
- “If you knew the gift of God, and who it is who says to you, ‘Give Me a drink,’ you would have asked Him, and He would have given you living water.” (Jn. 4:10)
- “Sir, You have nothing to draw with, and the well is deep. Where then do You get that living water? Are You greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well, and drank from it himself, as well as his sons and his livestock.” (Jn. 4:11-12)
- “Whoever drinks of this water will thirst again, but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst. But the water that I shall give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life.” (Jn. 4:13-14)

5. He was focused on whom she could become

- “I have no husband.” (Jn. 4:17)
- “You have well said, ‘I have no husband,’ for you have had five husbands, and the one whom you now have is not your husband; in that you spoke truly.” (Jn. 4:17-18)
- The Lord Christ is not interested in who you are but in whom you can become.
- “You are all fair, my love, And there is no spot in you.” (SS 4:7)

6. God's knowledge of our sin does not change our value

- The Lord Christ made her repentance easy
- “For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you.” (Matt. 6:14)
- “Sir, I perceive that You are a prophet. Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, and you Jews say that in Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship.” (Jn. 4:19-20)



7. He respected her

- “**Woman**, believe Me, the hour is coming when you will neither on this mountain, nor in Jerusalem, worship the Father. You worship what you do not know; we know what we worship, for salvation is of the Jews. But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; **for the Father is seeking such to worship Him**. God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.” (Jn. 4:21-24)
- Addressed her respectfully
- Respected her freedom

8. God proposed to her

- “But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him.” (Jn. 4:23)
- “I know that Messiah is coming” (who is called Christ). “When He comes, He will tell us all things.” (Jn. 4:25)



Summary

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