

John 2:7

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Jesus saith unto them, Fill the waterpots with water. And they filled them up to the brim.

Analysis

Jesus commands the servants to fill the jars 'to the brim'—complete fullness, maximum capacity. There's no hesitation or partial measure. When Christ provides, He provides abundantly. The servants obeyed completely—the text emphasizes 'they filled them up to the brim.' Full obedience precedes the miracle. Had they partially filled the jars, the miracle would have been proportionally limited.

Historical Context

The quantity of wine produced—120-180 gallons—far exceeded immediate need, demonstrating superabundant grace. This excess mirrors God's character throughout Scripture: 'exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think' (Ephesians 3:20). The servants' complete obedience models faithful response to Christ's commands.

Related Passages

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Study Questions

1. How does filling the jars 'to the brim' illustrate the relationship between obedience and blessing?
2. Where might partial obedience be limiting God's work in your life?

Interlinear Text

λέγει αὐτὰς ὁ Ἰησοῦς ἐγέμισαν τὰς ὑδρίας ὕδατος
saith them G3588 Jesus Fill G3588 the waterpots with water
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καὶ ἐγέμισαν αὐτὰς ἕως ἄνω
And Fill them to the brim
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Additional Cross-References

John 2:5 (Parallel theme): His mother saith unto the servants, Whatsoever he saith unto you, do it.

John 2:3 (References Jesus): And when they wanted wine, the mother of Jesus saith unto him, They have no wine.

1 Kings 17:13 (Parallel theme): And Elijah said unto her, Fear not; go and do as thou hast said: but make me thereof a little cake first, and bring it unto me, and after make for thee and for thy son.