

John 4:15

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

The woman saith unto him, Sir, give me this water, that I thirst not, neither come hither to draw.

Analysis

The woman's request 'Sir, give me this water' shows emerging interest but continued misunderstanding. Her motive remains earthly comfort ('that I thirst not, neither come hither to draw'), yet Jesus works through mixed motives to bring spiritual awakening. God meets us in our partial understanding and draws us toward truth.

Historical Context

Daily water-drawing was laborious work, especially at midday heat. The woman's desire to avoid this task is understandable, revealing how Jesus' offer appeals to felt needs before addressing deeper spiritual necessities.

Related Passages

Psalms 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Study Questions

1. How does God work through our earthly desires to awaken spiritual hunger?
2. What 'toils' in our life might God want to replace with the satisfaction He provides?

Interlinear Text

λέγει	πρὸς	αὐτὸν	ἡ	γυνή	Κύριε	δός	μοι	τοῦτο
saith	unto	him	G3588	The woman	Sir	give	me	this
G3004	G4314	G846		G1135	G2962	G1325	G3427	G5124
τὸ	ὔδωρ	ἵνα	μὴ	διψῶ	μηδὲ	έρχωμαι	ἐνθάδε	ἀντλεῖν
G3588	water	G2443	G3361	I thirst	neither	come	hither	to draw
	G5204			G1372	G3366	G2064	G1759	G501

Additional Cross-References

John 6:34 (Parallel theme): Then said they unto him, Lord, evermore give us this bread.

Romans 8:5 (Parallel theme): For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit.

Psalms 4:6 (Parallel theme): There be many that say, Who will shew us any good? LORD, lift thou up the light of thy countenance upon us.

Romans 6:23 (Parallel theme): For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

John 6:26 (Parallel theme): Jesus answered them and said, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Ye seek me, not because ye saw the miracles, but because ye did eat of the loaves, and were filled.

1 John 5:20 (Parallel theme): And we know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding, that we may know him that is true, and we are in him that is true, even in his Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God, and eternal life.

James 4:3 (Parallel theme): Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts.