

John 4:19

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

The woman saith unto him, Sir, I perceive that thou art a prophet.

Analysis

The woman's recognition 'Sir, I perceive that thou art a prophet' shows spiritual awakening—she moves from seeing Jesus as a Jewish man (v. 9) to recognizing Him as God's spokesperson. This progression illustrates how the Spirit uses conviction of sin to open eyes to Christ's identity.

Historical Context

Prophets were understood as those with divine insight into hidden things. The Samaritans, who accepted only the Pentateuch, still expected prophets and the Prophet like Moses (Deuteronomy 18:15-18).

Related Passages

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

1 John 4:8 — God is love

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

Study Questions

1. How does personal encounter with Christ's knowledge transform our understanding of His identity?
2. What is the relationship between conviction of sin and revelation of Christ's glory?

Interlinear Text

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saith	unto him	G3588	The woman	Sir	I perceive	that	a prophet
G3004	G846		G1135	G2962	G2334	G3754	G4396

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Additional Cross-References

John 6:14 (Prophecy): Then those men, when they had seen the miracle that Jesus did, said, This is of a truth that prophet that should come into the world.

Luke 7:39 (Prophecy): Now when the Pharisee which had bidden him saw it, he spake within himself, saying, This man, if he were a prophet, would have known who and what manner of woman this is that toucheth him: for she is a sinner.

John 9:17 (Prophecy): They say unto the blind man again, What sayest thou of him, that he hath opened thine eyes? He said, He is a prophet.

Luke 7:16 (Prophecy): And there came a fear on all: and they glorified God, saying, That a great prophet is risen up among us; and, That God hath visited his people.

Matthew 21:11 (Prophecy): And the multitude said, This is Jesus the prophet of Nazareth of Galilee.

John 7:40 (Prophecy): Many of the people therefore, when they heard this saying, said, Of a truth this is the Prophet.

Luke 24:19 (Prophecy): And he said unto them, What things? And they said unto him, Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, which was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people:

2 Kings 6:12 (Prophecy): And one of his servants said, None, my lord, O king: but Elisha, the prophet that is in Israel, telleth the king of Israel the words that thou speakest in thy bedchamber.

2 Kings 5:26 (Parallel theme): And he said unto him, Went not mine heart with thee, when the man turned again from his chariot to meet thee? Is it a time to receive money, and to receive garments, and oliveyards, and vineyards, and sheep, and oxen, and menservants, and maidservants?

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