

Welcome to Plymouth First Baptist Church

The Lord's Day, October 17, 2021

But now Lord, what do I look for? My hope is in you. Psalm 39:7

9:45 AM Sunday School

10:50 AM Church Family Announcements

11 AM Morning Worship

Prelude		B.J. Lyle
Welcome		Pastor Paul
*Responsive Reading		Hymnal # 547
*Praise Songs	<i>“Come, Now Is the Time to Worship,” “I Sing Praises”</i>	
Prayer		Pastor Paul
Ministry in Music	<i>“Fill My Cup Lord”</i>	
*Hymn and Presentation of Offerings	<i>“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”</i> vv. 1,2,3	Page 11
Pastoral Prayer		
Sermon	The Woman at the Well	Pastor Paul
*Closing Hymn	<i>“Wherever He Leads I’ll Go”</i> vv. 1,4	Page 598

“*” indicates the congregation should stand.

You are welcome to use the church wi-fi! The password is– psqvcvk4xr3cf5

Sermon: The Woman at the Well (part 1)

Scriptures: John 4:1-28; Prov. 16:9; 20:24; Is. 53:1-3,6-7; John 7:37-39; Jer. 2:11-13.

The story of the woman at the well is one that is so very familiar to many Christians. When this event occurs, it is early in Jesus’ ministry and his “star is on the rise”. He decides to travel north to Galilee- however on the way, there I divine appointment for a woman and he and the disciples.

Jesus became weary from his journey. This is Jesus seen as fully human. Yes he is fully God- but he is also fully human.

Samaria- politically united with Israel at the time, yet considered by the Jews to be half-breeds, compromisers. The Samaritans even had their own temple on Mt. Gerizim until 400 BC.

Sychar (Shechem)- Location of many Biblical events. In between mt. Ebal and Gerizim.

Jews who held to tradition over God’s law believed that Samaritan women were ceremonially unclean from birth and continually thereafter, with no remedy available. They could not be made acceptable to God. Jesus however was on earth to tear down this and other evil teachings and show there was remedy for the uncleanness of all people. He brought living water to cleans and refresh!

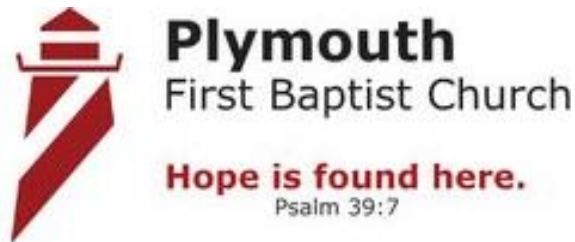
In every encounter Jesus has had with people thus far in this gospel he has shown the brokenness and inadequacy of humans to find satisfaction in this life, or salvation for the next. He was showing step by step how broken the world is- and how broken people are in their seeking fulfillment and life in this broken world. The prophet Jeremiah spoke from the Lord concerning this: Jeremiah 2:11-13 God’s people had turned away from Him the spring of living water to broken cisterns.

Where then do you get that living water? - John 4:11 by Oswald Chambers

"The well is deep"- and even a great deal deeper than the Samaritan woman knew! Think of the depths of human nature and human life; think of the depth of the "wells" in you.

Have you been limiting, or impoverishing, the ministry of Jesus to the point that He is unable to work in your life? Suppose that you have a deep "well" of hurt and trouble inside your heart, and Jesus comes and says to you, "Let not your heart be troubled . . ." (John 14:1). Would your response be to shrug your shoulders and say, "But, Lord, the well is too deep, and even You can't draw up quietness and comfort out of it." Actually, that is correct. Jesus doesn't bring anything up from the wells of human nature- He brings them down from above. We limit the Holy One of Israel by remembering only what we have allowed Him to do for us in the past, and also by saying, "Of course, I cannot expect God to do this particular thing." The thing that approaches the very limits of His power is the very thing we as disciples of Jesus ought to believe He will do. We impoverish and weaken His ministry in us the moment we forget He is almighty. The impoverishment is in us, not in Him. We will come to Jesus for Him to be our comforter or our sympathizer, but we refrain from approaching Him as our Almighty God.

The reason some of us are such poor examples of Christianity is that we have failed to recognize that Christ is almighty. We have Christian attributes and experiences, but there is no abandonment or surrender to Jesus Christ. When we get into difficult circumstances, we impoverish His ministry by saying, "Of course, He can't do anything about this." We struggle to reach the bottom of our own well, trying to get water for ourselves. Beware of sitting back, and saying, "It can't be done." You will know it can be done if you will look to Jesus. The well of your incompleteness runs deep but make the effort to look away from yourself and to look toward Him.



Senior Pastor – Rev. Paul T. Harrington
Choir Director – Scott Bradshaw
Organist – B.J. Lyle
Office Administrator- Danita Davis
Deacon of the Month- Tony Dail

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