

"...but the water that I will give him will become in him
a well of water springing up to eternal life,"
John 4:14.

WELL

(oh, well)

"Well," he said, raising an eyebrow in interest upon hearing God's word. His head tilted and a slight nod could be noticed, as interest seemed to peak. Perception was beginning to set in. But, just when the heart was ready to receive truth, the flesh rose up, disquieting all excitement about discovering God's love.

"Oh, well," he uttered, walking away. He was never seen again.

Man, dead in sin, has little time for spiritual truth. At any sign of change, man gives up and sighs, "oh, well." Fleshly reasoning rejects the moment, offering a shallow response of, "What is meant to happen will happen."

But, we have heard the response over and over again. It is much like the rich young ruler of Mt 19. Even, when people have a desire for spiritual truth, the flesh swells up to block the light of Christ.

Worldly treasures are so bound up in the heart - so tightly held by the flesh, that the hand can not let go of them.

The ladle may lay empty, but the well remains ever full, attested by those **"who have tasted the good word of God;"** especially, **"the powers of the age to come"** (Heb 4:5). Believers continue to drink from the WELL that never runs dry.

'WELL,' is always "WELL" for believers. It might vary in estimation, but there is always a "WELL" of joyous interest. It might come out, "Oh! What a WELL," now and then. But, never is heard, "Oh, well." With each drink there's excitement, causing a "Well" to follow each potential, and every truth received. Each prayer, reading and meditation about God is like the farm boy with a strong southern draw. We are always exclaiming, "L I B" (well, I'll be!).

God's truth not only raises an eyebrow of interest, the written word becomes the living word, springing up within us. We're like "bobble heads," nodding in

glorious affirmation, as each representative image is transformed into blessed understanding. Glory to God!

It's what believers do! Their heart just loves spiritual perception - truth; which, is what Jesus meant,

"Blessed are your eyes, because they see; and your ears, because they hear,"_Mt 5:16.

A believer may express it differently, at times. He might lengthen "well" to "W-e-l-l" or, he might say, "Well, I'll be jiggered." The word "well" may be sounded in a higher pitch - depending on the level of understanding, coming out, "WELL" or, "WELL!"

But, that's our growing process which keeps us going on and digging into the Word. In extreme cases, enrollment in a Greek Class is pursued. Not, necessarily completed, but studied, anyway. We love to learn all we can about our Creator; that God is the same yesterday and today and, more than that, we want to know "WHY."

Sipping from the cup that Jesus offers brings eternal satisfaction. With every drink, there is direction and strength to "Go" and complete the journey of the narrow way.

Which is it for you? "WELL" or "oh, well?" Well, we might enhance our appreciation for spiritual water by studying the many great "WELL" events that took place at actual water sites of the Old Testament.

Beer-lahai-roi is translated:

"The well of the living one who sees me," Gen. 16:14. Here, Hagar was told to return to her mistress, Sarah and submit. God may appear around us every day, but awareness of His presence shall surely come when we drink from the well, ready to receive its directed truth.

Later, we see Hagar's desperate situation of Genesis 21. The water that Abraham gave her was used up (v 15). She and the lad, Ishmael, were about to die. But,

"God opened her eyes and she saw a well of water," v 19.

Every sinner should internalize the Hagar account. That's where every lost person sits: Under a tree, without water. It is a sad and desperate situation. Aware of their need, perhaps they would look over there - where they never look, and see the life sustaining well of Jesus. They could live by one drink.

One of my favorite "well accounts" is 2 Sam 23:15. It records the actions of three of David's thirty chief men. They were so loyal that they risked the lives when David craved water from the well of Bethlehem. Moved by their actions, David poured the water on the ground. His words were, "**Shall I drink the blood of the men who went in jeopardy of their lives?**"

Pastors of local churches are affected the same way by loyalty. An entire church full of mighty brothers and sisters, attending every service? "WELL!"

Over the years, our "Well" seems to deepen. But, it's really just an echo of God's initial blessing resounding within the heart. After all, there is nothing deeper - nothing more profound, than understanding God's love that was dispensed on man's behalf at Calvary.

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