



## DESIRING WHAT “HE” DESIRES

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**JOHN 4:14 NKJV – (14)** but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst. But the water that I shall give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life.”

Jesus' comments here present some interesting facts about the nature of salvation. In order to get literal water from a well, a person has to lower a bucket, then haul up the full container. This has to be repeated as often as required in order to get more water. The water Jesus promises will become a permanent spring within the person.

In fairly direct terms, Jesus is pointing out that salvation is neither obtained nor kept through works. In fact, Jesus is contrasting the nature of salvation with the nature of human efforts. One is temporary and requires work. The other is eternal and is obtained only as a gift. Twice, in fact, Jesus refers to this "living water" as something He will give. This is not something a person could draw for themselves, even if they wanted to.

**MATTHEW 5:6 READS** - “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

Only Jesus can offer righteousness. Only He can fulfill your thirst or hunger. Looking at the Samaritan woman's history, it seems she was looking for comfort in relationships (**John 4:17–18**). Sadly, that quest led her to live an immoral and unsatisfying life. Relationships are important but not if they are not guided by the righteousness of Christ.

The Samaritan woman desired what Christ had to offer. How about you?

**SCRIPTURE READING: PROVERBS 21:3**

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:** Righteous is the one who was able to demonstrate compassion in the face of human suffering.