

## Bible Class Notes – From John’s Gospel– Lesson 38

### The ‘I AM’ Sayings of the Lord Jesus Christ.

**This week** we start a series of lessons which teach the almighty saving power of Jesus Christ.

*Whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life*  
John 4 v10

**Bible Readings for this week:**

*(Choose a regular time each day to read the bible and pray whether it be when you first wake up or just before you go to sleep)*

Day	Bible Reading	Tick When Read
Sunday	Luke 3 v1-18 (John The Baptist heralds Christ’s coming)	
Monday	John 4 v1-14 (Jesus meets the Woman of Samaria)	
Tuesday	John 4 v14-26 (Jesus seeing her sin, offers her life)	
Wednesday	John 4 v27-42 (Salvation comes to Samaria)	
Thursday	Isaiah 12 v1-6 (Joy from the wells of salvation)	
Friday	2 Corinthians 5 v1-21 (New Life in Christ)	
Saturday	Revelation 22 v1-21 (Christ, The I AM, Living Water)	

**Important Lesson for us Today:** *The Old Testament uses the term I Am only when it speaks of the eternal, self-existing God. (Exodus 3 v 14). The Lord Jesus Christ’s ‘I Am’ sayings prove that He is God. Genesis 2 v 7 teaches that we are made in the image of God; made with a soul, (our spiritual dimension). We know the right diet to satisfy our body, but it is our soul that gets mal-nourished by using worldly entertainment and distractions, resulting in discontentment, unhappiness and anxiety. Come and hear these lessons over the next few weeks as they will teach us that we can only have real soul satisfaction if we seek it from God Himself, provided through the Saviour, Jesus Christ.*

This week’s hymn verses tells of the peace found for our souls in The Lord Jesus Christ: (432)

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| <p>1. I heard the voice of Jesus say,<br/>‘Come unto Me and rest;<br/>Lay down, thou weary one, lay down<br/>Thy head upon My breast.’<br/>I came to Jesus as I was,<br/>Weary, and worn, and sad;<br/>I found in Him a resting-place,<br/>And He has made me glad.</p> | <p>2. I heard the voice of Jesus say,<br/>‘Behold, I freely give<br/>The living water; thirsty one,<br/>Stoop down, and drink, and live.’<br/>I came to Jesus, and I drank<br/>Of that live-giving stream;<br/>My thirst was quenched, my soul revived,<br/>And now I live in Him.</p> |
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## Jesus Christ ‘The Living Water of Eternal Life’

- **The Importance of Wells in Jewish Culture.**
  - Fresh drinking water came from either a spring or a deeply dug well.
  - As water is vital for life, especially in a hot eastern land, the source of water was a central meeting place and most would go early, or late, in the cool of the day.
  - It was usually the women’s job and was a very sociable occasion - a time of joy.
- **The Well of Sychar, just outside the city of Samaria.**
  - The Lord Jesus came at the hottest time of day when only the outcasts came.
  - The Woman of Samaria came then, as she was shunned for her sinful life. She was surprised to find the Lord, a Jew, asking for a drink from her, an outcast.
  - She wondered what The Lord Jesus meant when He spoke of ‘Living Water’?
- **Some Water does not satisfy our thirst. No Soul Satisfaction.**
  - Clean water is essential for a healthy life. Salty water makes us thirstier.
  - This woman was not satisfied - repeatedly wanting another husband.

*We too are discontented, always wanting more and never satisfied. Only the Lord Jesus Christ, The Living Water, gives soul satisfaction and contentment.*

- **Water is important to wash and keep us clean.**
  - Everything we have gets dirty and needs to be repeatedly washed clean.
  - The Lord knew this woman better than she knew herself. She had had many husbands, compounding her misery by sinning more and more.
  - This world offers a variety of distractions to make us ‘forget’ our sin, **but** these do not resolve our deep rooted sin problem, or give us any peace.
- There is only one solution - The Lord Jesus had to die in our place on Calvary to take away the guilt of our sin. Only He, The Living Water, can ‘wash’ us clean!*
- **Water refreshes, especially in hot weather.**
  - The woman felt refreshed in the heat by washing her feet and taking a cool drink. We too are refreshed by a wash or shower and a drink on a hot day.
- Jesus Christ, The Living Water, is the only One to refresh us; He changes our hearts so we hate our sin and repent, giving us the faith to love and obey Him.*
- **This Living Water comes down from on high - a free gift from God.**
  - The Lord Jesus came down from Heaven. He is God’s free gift to us.
  - He makes no charge for His mercy, forgiveness, and eternal blessings.
- **Will we realise Who the Lord Jesus is and ask for Living Water?**
  - The woman believed He was The Messiah, and trusted Him as Saviour.
  - She witnessed – ‘**Come see this Man, Is not this The Christ**’. (See John 4 v29).

**Do you realise Who the Lord Jesus is and what He has done to save you? Repent, seek Him now.**

*“Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy, and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price”. Isaiah 55 v1*