Bible/College 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 4v10.***

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 3v1-18 (John the Baptist heralds Christ's coming)	
Monday	John 4v1-14 (Jesus meets the Woman of Samaria)	
Tuesday	John 4v14-26 (Jesus seeing her sin, offers her life)	
Wednesday	John 4v27-42 (Salvation comes to Samaria)	
Thursday	Isaiah 12v1-6 (Joy from the wells of salvation)	
Friday	2 Corinthians 5v1-21 (New Life is only in Christ)	
Saturday	Revelation 22v1-21 (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 3v14). The Lord Jesus Christ's 'I AM' sayings prove that He is God.*** **Genesis 2v7** *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 sinful worldly entertainment and distractions, resulting in discontentment and unhappiness.* ***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.***

Hymn 432 – telling us of the peace found for our souls in The Lord Jesus Christ: -

1. I heard the voice of Jesus say,
'Come unto Me and rest;
Lay down, thou weary one, lay down
Thy head upon My breast.'
I came to Jesus as I was,
Weary, and worn, and sad;
I found in Him a resting-place,
And He has made me glad.

2. I heard the voice of Jesus say,
'Behold, I freely give
The living water; thirsty one,
Stoop down, and drink, and live.'
I came to Jesus, and I drank
Of that live-giving stream;
My thirst was quenched, my soul revived,
And now I live in Him.

EDT Bible/College Class Take Home Sheet
This sheet is given to remind you of the lesson and to encourage you to read your Bible.

Jesus Christ 'The Living Water of Eternal Life'

- **The Importance of Wells in Jewish and Eastern 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 by others 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 - He spoke of ***'Living Water'***. **John 4v10.**
- **Some Water does not satisfy our thirst. Gives 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 can be discontented, always wanting something else to make us happy.
  - Our souls need Jesus Christ – without Him we are spiritually ***'thirsty***'.
- **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 as she sinned 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 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 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 and cool drink on a hot day.
  - The Lord knows our lives need refreshing. He will give us new hearts - hatred of sin, and He will bring us to repentance and faith - to love and obey Him.
- **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.
- **When we realise Who the Lord Jesus is we will ask His blessing.**
  - The woman believed He was The Messiah and trusted Him as her Saviour.
  - She witnessed – ***"Come see this Man, Is not this The Christ"***. **See John 4v29.**

Have you heard the gracious call of Christ to come to Him and receive all you need from Him?

Isaiah 55v1, ***"Ho, everyone 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".***