

## **Repentance & Healing: John 4:27-54.**

### **I. Repentance: 27-38.**

The woman, excited by Jesus' statement about Himself and because of the arrival of the disciples, left and went to the village. In her joy of discovery she left her water jar. Just as Jesus had captured her attention by curiosity, so she raised the people's curiosity.

- i. It's impossible to know Jesus and remain silent about it; share the joy.

**Luke 5:32** - *"I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners, to repentance."*

Food and drink were not important to Him as passing out the message of salvation, doing the Father's will. His priority is spiritual, not material. He uses a material illustration of spiritual reality; crops waiting ripening and harvest, the Samaritans had waited enough for the Messiah and now it's time for their harvest, Samaritans were coming out to receive and believe in Him. As reapers, the disciples had the great and rewarding privilege of leading people to faith in Christ. Others in the OT and John the Baptist had already done the work of sowing.

- ii. All those who serve Jesus get their reward and rejoice together.

**1 Corinthians 3:7-9** - *So then neither he who plants is anything, nor he who waters, but God who gives the increase. Now he who plants and he who waters are one, and each one will receive his own reward according to his own labour. For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, you are God's building.*

**1 Corinthians 15:58** - *Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.*

### **II. Healing: 43-54.**

The certain royal official is not identified. Possibly he was a Jew because Jesus included him among the people who desire signs and wonders. His son had been sick, and undoubtedly he had exhausted all the local means at his disposal. Failure of position and money to solve his problem drove him from Capernaum to the village of Cana, 20 to 25 miles away, hoping that the Healer would save his son from death.

Jesus' address to him, though sharp, was necessary. A faith built only on miraculous signs is not a complete faith. Jesus told him, *"You may go. Your son*

*will live.”* If the official really believed that Jesus could make a difference in Capernaum, he must also believe Him now in Cana. So he took Jesus at His word and left.

The man's faith grew, and he brought his entire household to faith. The lesson of this incident is that Jesus' power is able to save from death even at a great distance. His Word has power to work; people are simply to believe His Word.

**Hebrews 11:6** - *But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.*

**Psalm 27:13-14** - *I would have lost heart, unless I had believed that I would see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living. Wait on the LORD; Be of good courage, and He shall strengthen your heart; wait, I say, on the LORD!*

**Psalm 147:3** - *He heals the broken-hearted and binds up their wounds.*

**Psalm 103:3** - *Bless the LORD, O my soul; and all that is within me, bless His holy name! Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits: who forgives all your iniquities, who heals all your diseases,*