

PRAYER BEFORE READING THE BIBLE

SHINE within my heart, Loving Master, the pure light of Your Divine knowledge, and open the eyes of my mind that I may understand Your teaching. Instill in me reverence for Your commandments, so that having conquered my sinful desires, I may pursue a spiritual way of life, thinking and doing all those things that are pleasing in Your sight. For You, Christ our God, are my light and my life, and to You we render glory together with Your Eternal Father ✠ and Your All-Holy Spirit, now and always, and forever and ever. Amen.

The Woman at the Well

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1. Review

2. The Samaritan Woman

3. Healing of the Official's Son

[The Second Sign]



[Colossians 3:5 RSV]

Put to death therefore
what is earthly in you:
fornication, impurity,
passion, evil desire,
and covetousness, which

[Ephesians 4:22-25 RSV] Put off your old nature which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful lusts, and be renewed in the spirit of your minds, and put on the new nature, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness. Therefore, putting away

[Galatians 2:20 RSV] I
have been crucified with
Christ; it is no longer I
who live, but Christ who
lives in me; and the life
I now live in the flesh I
live by faith in the Son

[Romans 6:11 RSV]

So you also must
consider
yourselves dead to
sin and alive to

[Luke 9:23-24 RSV] And he said to all, "If any man would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it; and

[John 3:30 RSV]

He must

increase, but I

must decrease."





[John 1:12-13
RSV] But to all
who received him,
who believed in
his name, he gave
power to become
children of God;
who were born,
not of bloods nor
of the will of
the flesh nor of

[John 3:20-21, 30 RSV] For every one who does evil hates the light, and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed. But he who does what is true comes to the light, that it may be clearly seen that his deeds have been



Two of far nobler shape, erect
and tall,
Godlike erect, with native
honour clad
In naked majesty seemed lords of
all:
And worthy seemed; for in their
looks divine
The image of their glorious
Maker shone,
Truth, wisdom, sanctitude severe
and pure,
(Severe, but in true filial
freedom placed,)
Whence true authority in men;
Or somewhere earlier in the epic,
it says

By wondrous birth; be thou in
Adam's room

The head of all mankind



[John 18:36 RSV]
Jesus answered,
"My kingship is
not of this
world; if my
kingship were of
this world, my
servants would
fight, that I
might not be
handed over to



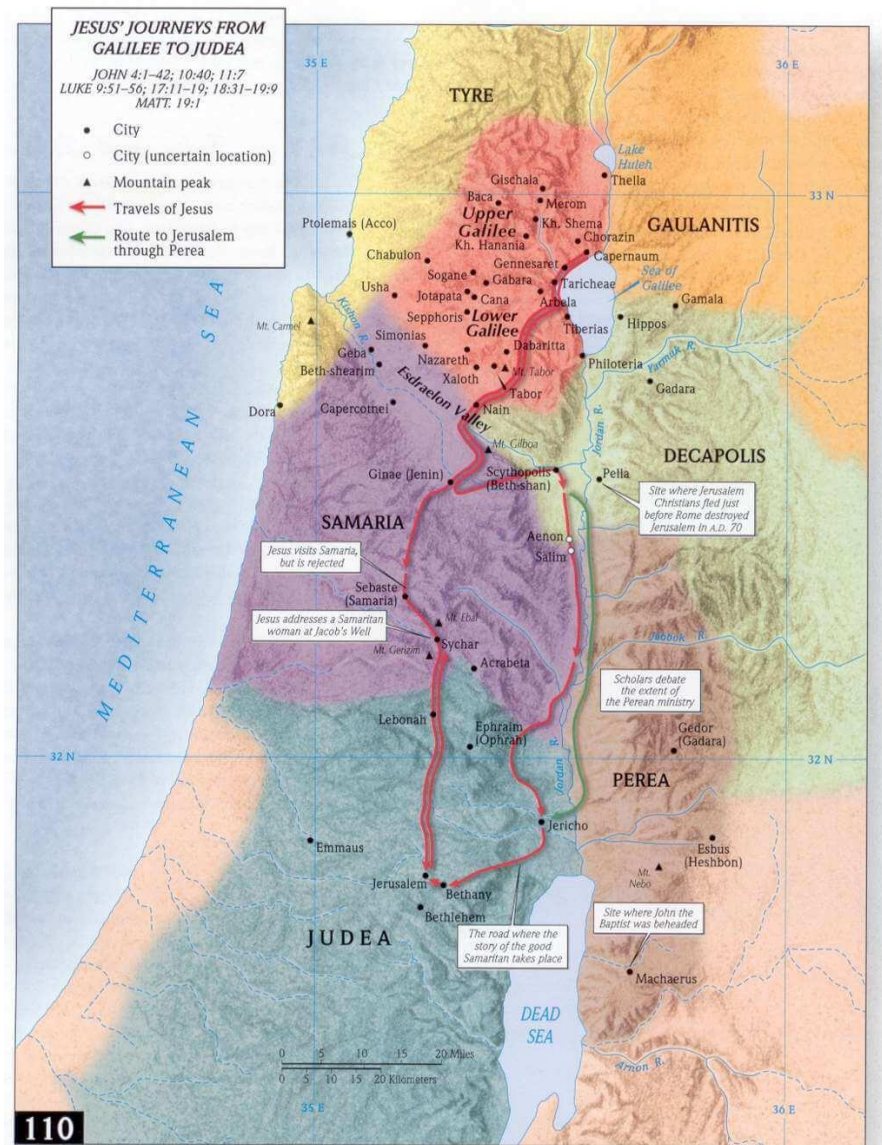
[John 3:20, 30, 36 RSV] For every one who does evil hates the light, and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed. . . . He must increase, but I must decrease." . . . He who believes in the Son has eternal life; he who does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God rests upon him.

The question is often asked, whether the Holy Spirit was given by the baptism of the disciples; when below it is said, The Holy Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified. We reply, that the Spirit was given, though not in so manifest a way as he was after the Ascension, in the shape of fiery tongues. For, as Christ Himself in His human nature ever possessed the Spirit, and yet afterwards at His baptism the Spirit descended visibly upon Him in the form of a dove; so before the manifest and visible coming of the Holy Spirit, all saints might possess the Spirit secretly. Our Lord left Judea also mystically, i.e. He left the unbelief of those who condemned Him, and by His Apostles, went into Galilee, i.e. Into the fickleness of the world; thus teaching His disciples to pass from vices to virtues. The parcel of ground I conceive to have been left not so much to Joseph, as to Christ, of whom Joseph was a type; whom the sun, and moon, and all the stars truly adore.



[Ephesians 5:24-27, 29-30 RSV] As the church is subject to Christ, so let wives also be subject in everything to their husbands. Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish. ... For no man ever hates his own











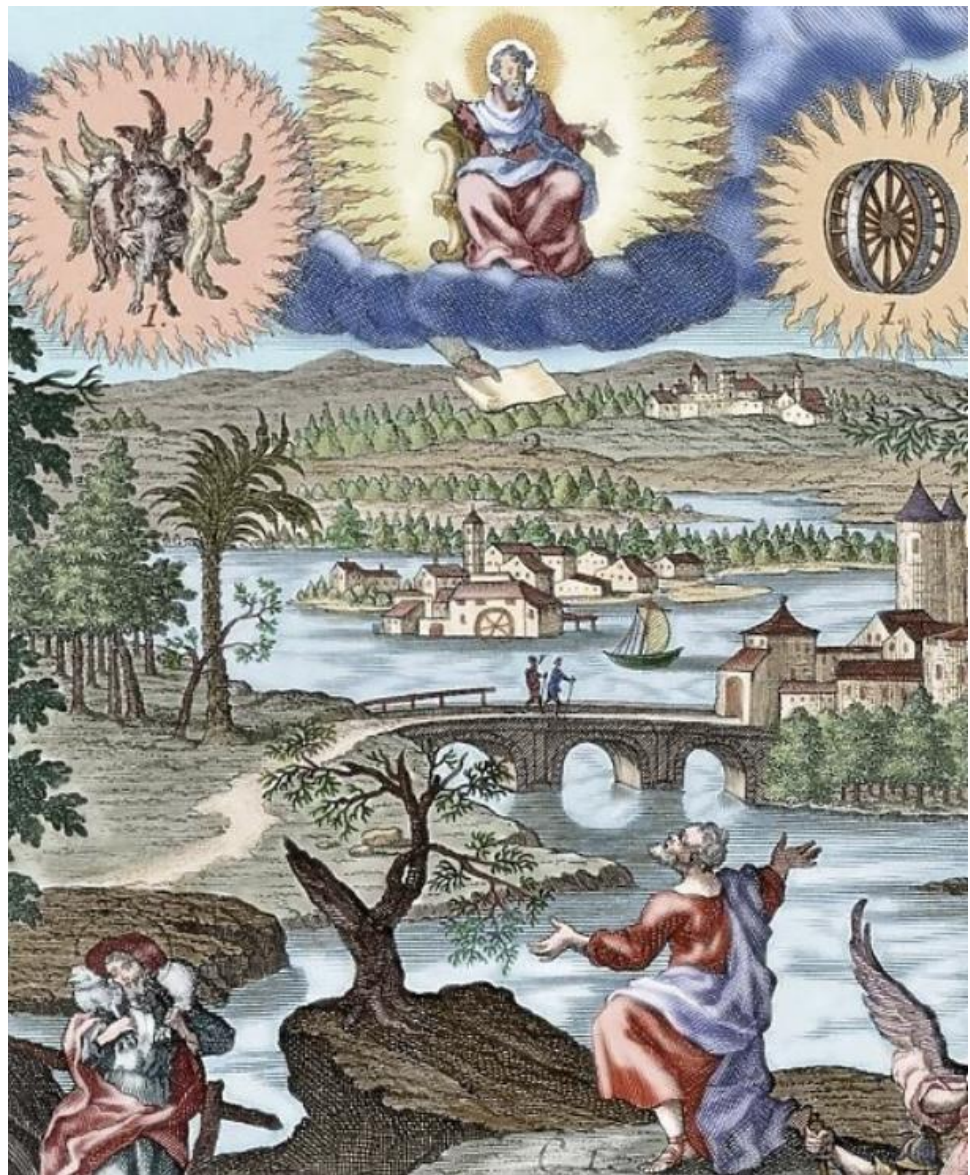


Psalms 36:7-9 declares:

“They will feast on the abundance of your house, and you will give them drink from the river of your delights. For with you is the fountain of



because God is their salvation, "with joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation" (Is 12:3). Likewise, God promises that "I will pour water on the thirsty land, and streams on the dry ground; I will pour my Spirit upon your descendants, and my blessing on your offspring" (Is 44:3). And again Isaiah exhorts, "everyone who thirsts, come to the waters" (Is 55:1; see also 58:11).



[John 4:6-8 RSV] Jacob's well was there, and so Jesus, wearied as he was with his journey, sat down beside the well. It was about the sixth hour. There came a woman of Samar'ia to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink."



[John 4:9-10 RSV] The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samar'ia?" For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans. Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he



[John 4:11-12 RSV] The woman said to him, "Sir, you have nothing to draw with, and the well is deep; where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the

well, and drank himself, ^{ἔχ} and his sons, ^{καὶ τῶν υἱῶν αὐτοῦ} and his cattle?" ^{καὶ τὰ βόδια αὐτοῦ} ^{ἔχ} ^{ἔχεις τὸ ὕδωρ τὸ ζῶν}

[John 4:13-14 RSV] Jesus
said to her, "Every one who
drinks of this water will
thirst again, but whoever
drinks of the water that I
shall give him will never
thirst; the water that I
shall give him will become



"Therefore, to render clearer to her what He had said, and to make evident His own superiority, He added the words: 'He, however, who drinks of the water that I will give him shall never thirst.' By this statement, as I have said, He demonstrated His superiority, and also by the words which follow, for ordinary water has none of these qualities. Now, what are the words which follow? 'It shall become in him a fountain of water, springing up unto life everlasting.' For, just as a man who had a fountain located within him would never be overcome by thirst, so also is this the case with him who possesses this water. Moreover, the woman at once believed, and appeared wiser than Nicodemus; indeed, not only wiser, but even stronger. For, though he heard

[John 4:15 RSV]

The woman said to
him, "Sir, give me
this water, that I
may not thirst,



[John 4:16-18 RSV] Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here." The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; for you have had five husbands, and he whom



[John 4:19-20 RSV] The
woman said to him, "Sir, I
perceive that you are a
prophet. Our fathers
worshiped on this mountain;
and you say that in
Jerusalem is the place

[Proverbs 27:7 RSV]

He who is sated
loathes honey, but
to one who is hungry
everything bitter is

[John 4:21-24 RSV] Jesus said to her,
"Woman, believe me, the hour is coming
when neither on this mountain nor in
Jerusalem will you worship the Father.
You worship what you do not know; we
worship what we know, for salvation is
from the Jews. But the hour is coming,
and now is, when the true worshipers will
worship the Father in spirit and truth,
for such the Father seeks to worship him.

[John 4:25 RSV] The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ); when he comes, he will show us all things."

[John 4:26 RSV] Jesus said

λέγει αὐτῇ ὁ Ἰησοῦς **ἐγώ εἰμι ὁ**
λαλῶν σοι

καὶ εἶπεν ὁ θεὸς πρὸς Μωυσῆν **ἐγώ εἰμι ὁ ὢν**

[John 4:27 RSV] Just then his disciples came. They marveled that he was talking with a woman, but none said, "What do you wish?" or, "Why are you talking with her?"

[John 4:28-30 RSV] So the woman left her water jar, and went away into the city, and said to the people, "Come, see a man who told me all that I ever

[John 4:31-32 RSV]

Meanwhile the
disciples besought
him, saying, "Rabbi,
eat." But he said to
them, "I have food to

[John 4:33-38 RSV] So the disciples said to one another, "Has any one brought him food?" Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me, and to accomplish his work. Do you not say, 'There are yet four months, then comes the harvest'? I tell you, lift up your eyes, and see how the fields are already white for harvest. He who reaps receives wages, and gathers fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may





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come to the aid of those entrusted
to your care, and all who flee to
your protection. Intercede for us
in our need, and help us through
your prayers, example, and
teaching, to proclaim the truth of
the Gospel to all we meet. And
when we have reached the
fullness of our years, we beseech
you to guide us home to heaven,
to live in peace with you, Our
Mother Mary, and Our Lord
Jesus Christ. Amen.

