



Ultimate Satisfaction” (John 4:1-26)

The inconsolable human longing is very strong evidence that we were made to find ultimate satisfaction in the glory of God. When I seek ultimate satisfaction in created (temporal) things and don't find it I will... try harder, or become bitter, or realize I was made for another world. Every created (temporal) beauty is a gift from God meant to lead our affections to Him (James 1:16-17).

“Human history is the long terrible story of man trying to find something other than God which will make him happy.” – C.S. Lewis

ULTIMATE SATISFACTION...

→ Is available TO ALL. vv1-9

- God has no racial, gender, social or moral favorites. Luke 19:10; 2Pet.3:9
- We must be the good news before we share the good news. Luke 7:34; John 3:17
- Love by-passes barriers and captures hearts. John 13:34-35

→ Comes only IN CHRIST. vv10-14

- Argument – Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again. V13
- Offer – Drink of the water that I give you and you'll never be thirsty again. V14; John 7:37-39
- Challenge – It is a gift from God that we must ask Christ for. V10; John 14:6, 17:3

→ Must get below our DEFENSE MECHANISMS. 2Cor.10:3-5

- Pride – critical, condescending, and condemning. vv11-12
- Preoccupation – with our physical needs to the exclusion of other needs (soul and spirit). v15

- Pretense – she told the truth but not the whole truth. vv16-17a
- Pandering – to please other people by saying what you think they want you to say. vv17b-20

→ Is experienced through WORSHIPING CHRIST. vv21-26 The word worship is used 10x's in this text.

- We were made to worship. Ex.20:3; Rom.1:25
- We drink from the living water by worshiping God in spirit and truth. vv14, 24; Matt.15:8-9
- Worship is treasuring, assessing the value, and reflecting on the beauty and glory of Christ until my heart rests in Him and releases its grip on anything I think I can't live without.

“We are half-hearted creatures fooling with drink and sex and ambition when infinite joy is offered us. We are far too easily pleased.” – C.S. Lewis

Growing Notes

- 1) Why do you think that the inconsolable human longing is very strong evidence that we were made to find ultimate satisfaction in the glory of God? Every created (temporal) beauty is a gift from God, meant to lead our affections to Him (James 1:16-17). Explain.
- 2) Read John 4:1-26. Review the verses and points under Ultimate Satisfaction...Is Available to ALL. What does this say about the heart of God (Luke 19:10; 2Pet.3:9)?
- 3) Review the verses and points under Ultimate Satisfaction...Comes Only Through Christ. How is this living water (ultimate satisfaction/salvation) not a wage we earn but a gift we receive (v10)?
- 4) Review the verses and points under Ultimate Satisfaction...Must Get Below Our Defense Mechanisms. Which one of these four defense mechanisms do you struggle with the most?
- 5) Review the verses and points under Ultimate Satisfaction...Is Experienced Through Worshiping Christ. What does it mean to worship God in spirit and truth? What is God speaking to you through this study? Pray that Desert Breeze is a place that dispenses this living water to thirsty souls.