

The Israelites wanted Moses to give them water in the desert. The Samaritan woman wanted to get water from Jacob's well, and after talking to Jesus, wanted the water that He could give. Why should anyone want the water that Jesus could give? He says, "...*whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst; the water I shall give will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.*"

But we still do not know what this water is. Jesus does not explain. Perhaps we should try our own interpretation. What will "well up in us" is our goodness, which we have and exercise by the grace of God. I would expect that the water that Jesus can, and does give us, is the grace of God. The blessings and abilities we are given can well up to our and others eternal life, when we use them for the good of others.

The Samaritan woman asked, "*Sir give me this water....*" There is no overt sign that anything was given, yet the woman went off and spoke of Jesus to her townfolks. "*Come and see a man who told me everything I have done. Could He possibly be the Christ?*" "*They went out of the town and came to Him.*"

The grace and blessings we receive are not visible. They are real. They are powerful. They are to be used for the good of all.

If we cannot see them, or feel them, or know we have them, how can we use them? It is our inspirations, our inclinations that move us to action and grace is there to help us in all our good endeavors. Don't look for the help first to move you to action. Act, and help (grace) will be there.

Trust in God to lead the way and to provide the grace and help necessary. That is what Moses did. God said, "*Strike the rock and water will flow from it for the people to drink.*" Yeah, right! That might be our response. But Moses saw a significant number of previous marvels to help his complete trust in the Lord.

Our trust should be no less. We live with so many marvels, we do not even recognize them. Our existence, our family, our well-being, our friends and so much more!

Ask for all the water you need to well up to eternal life.