

“The Savior of the World Has Come!”

John 4:27-42

Jesus Christ begins the world-wide harvest.

1. The Savior’s Zeal and Delight in the Work of Redemption vv. 27-34

(1) Much is Going On!

*“The woman then left her waterpot,
went her way into the city, and said to the men,
‘Come, see a Man
who told me all things I ever did.
Could this be the Christ?’”*

-1- The beginning of a great work!

-2- The Samaritans about to flood to Christ!

*“Then they went out of the city
and came to Him.”*

(2) The Disciples “Clueless”

“they marveled that He talked with a woman”

- Why is He talking with this woman?”

- blinded by their prejudice:
their view of the Samaritans
their view of women

- blinded by their too little view of God’s redeeming purpose

- What’s for lunch?

(3) Our Lord’s Deep Satisfaction in His Redeeming Work

- Wonderfully “preoccupied”!

“I have food to eat of which you do not know.”

- His soul satisfied in doing the will of the Father

*“My food is to do the will of Him
who sent Me, and to finish His work.”*

(1) No waiting between sowing and harvest! (35-36)

-1- The ‘norm’ expressed in a well-known proverb

- i.e., “We *just* sowed. Patience!”
“We’ve got a long way to go ‘til harvest!”

*“Do you not say,
‘There are still four months
and then comes the harvest’?”*

-2- Look! The harvest is already here!

- “I just sowed, and we’re about to reap!”

*“Behold, I say to you,
lift up your eyes and look at the fields,
for they are already white for harvest!”*

- Crowds of Samaritans were approaching across the fields!

-3- Sower and Reaper meet! And rejoice together!

- So it is when the Savior of the world has come!

(2) “You have entered into the ‘Final Harvest!’” (37-38)

-1- A proverb that in this case does apply!

*“For in this the saying is true:
‘One sows and another reaps.’”*

-2-“Yours is the privilege of reaping in the ‘super-harvest!’”

- All of the promises of God to redeem are now coming into their own
- All that the prophets had foretold in this regard; all for which they had waited!

Further Application:

2. The Savior’s Encouraging Words about the Harvest vv. 35-38