

John 2:1-12, Water into Wine

I. The identity of Christ with his fellow man.

II. The care of Christ toward his mother.

- A. **John Calvin**, whenever the Lord holds us in suspense, and delays his aid, he is not therefore asleep, but, on the contrary regulates all His works in such a manner that he does nothing but at the proper time.
- B. **George Hutchison** Even when Christ is about to manifest himself, yet our time when we would have him work and his time wherein he will work are often very different; we are hasty, and would be through [the] straits without any humbling exercise and trial of grace.
- C. **George Hutchison** Whatever our desires be ...Christ will not manifest his help when it would please us best, but when his glory in working would be best seen, and particularly when our emptiness without his help is more sensibly seen...Christ's hour was not come, till the want was better known and felt, and by his so doing he looks more to setting forth of his own glory than to saving the credit of a creature.

III. The concern of Christ for his friends.

IV. The power of Christ over nature.

- A. **Matthew Henry** Here is *wine, that makes glad the heart*, refreshes the spirits, and exhilarates them, when it is soberly and moderately used, that we may not only go through our business, but go through it cheerfully. It is a pity that that should be abused to overcharge the heart, and unfit men for their duty, which was given to revive their heart and quicken them in their duty.
- B. **John Calvin** when God daily gives us a large supply of wine, it is our own fault if his kindness is an excitement to luxury; but, on the other hand, it is an undoubted trial of our sobriety, if we are sparing and moderate in the midst of abundance
- C. RPCNA church history

V. The glory of Christ in his miracles.

VI. The veiling of Christ to the world.

- A. **George Hutchison** Ignorance of Christ's hand in a work makes men to ascribe it to others, and so take Christ's glory from him.

VII. The love of Christ for his people.

- 1. **Matthew Henry** Observe the honour which Christ hereby put upon the ordinance of marriage, that he graced the solemnity of it, not only with his presence, but with his first miracle; because it was instituted and blessed in innocence, because by it he would still *seek a godly seed*, because it resembles the mystical union between him and his church
- 2. **Ephesians 5:25-33**