

A Distorted Image of God

4th Sunday of the Holy Great Fast
Samaritan Woman Sunday

Introduction

- Who are the Samaritans?
- Why does the Lord Christ make reference to them?
- Sin distorted the image of God



We can satisfy ourselves

- “A woman of Samaria came to draw water.”
(John 4:7)



God wants to take from me

- **“Bring all the tithes into the storehouse, That there may be food in My house, And try Me now in this,” Says the Lord of hosts, “If I will not open for you the windows of heaven And pour out for you such blessing that there will not be room enough to receive it.”**
(Mal. 3:10)
- **“And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or lands, for My name's sake, shall receive a hundredfold, and inherit eternal life.”** (Matt. 19:29)



God's love is not limitless

- **“How is it that You, being a Jew, ask a drink from me, a Samaritan woman?” For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans. (John 4:9)**



God's ability

- **“Sir, You have nothing to draw with, and the well is deep. Where then do You get that living water? Are You greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well, and drank from it himself, as well as his sons and his livestock?”**
- **“The Lord is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer; My God, my strength, in whom I will trust; My shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.”**
(Psalm 18:2)



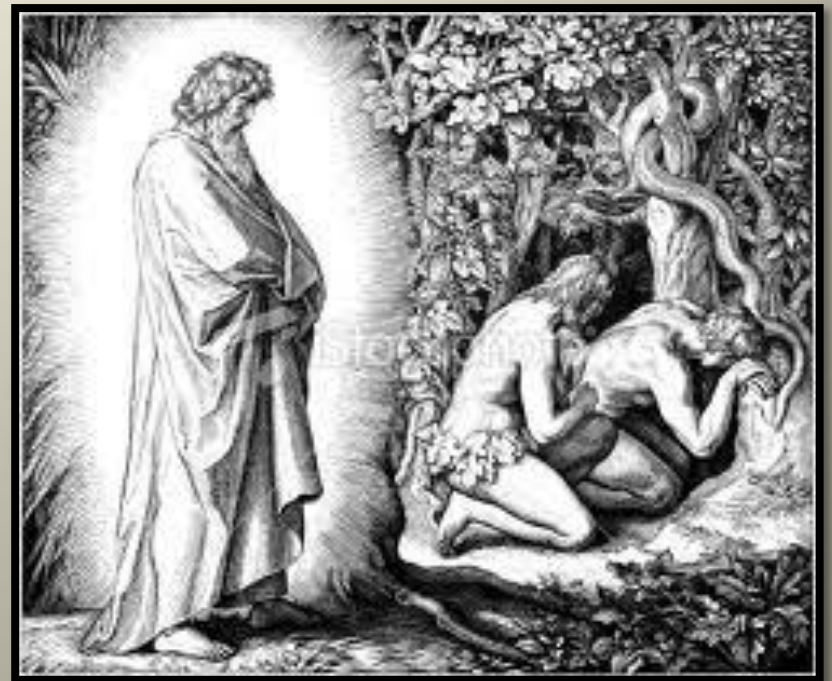
God's gifts are earthly

- **“Sir, give me this water, that I may not thirst, nor come here to draw.”**
(John 4:15)
- **“Then many of the Jews who had come to Mary, and had seen the things Jesus did, believed in Him.”**
(John 11:45)



If I cannot see Him, He cannot see me

- **“I, the Lord, search the heart, I test the mind, Even to give every man according to his ways, According to the fruit of his doings.”**
(Jeremiah 17:10)
- We cannot hide anything from God



The Lord Jesus is a Prophet

- **“Sir, I perceive that You are a prophet.”**

