

Sermon ~ Sunday, May 8, 2022, by Pastor Dwight Benoit

Text: John 2: 1-11 (v. 5)

Title: "A Mother's Gift!"

KJV – "HIS mother saith unto the servants, whatsoever HE saith unto you, do *it*."

NLT – "But HIS mother told the servants, 'Do whatever HE tells you.'"

Amplified – "HIS mother said to the servants, whatever HE says to you, do it."

Considering Mother's, who are always *giving*, I thought to use (in English Grammar, a *Superlative Adjective* and say) "Mother's Greatest Gift!"

Mothers give great gifts. (*Positive*)

Mothers give greater gifts. (*Comparative*)

Mothers give the greatest gifts. (*Superlative*, indicating the *Ultimate*)

--Nine months, *She* carried you growing and crawling inside of *her*. You, then the same for your brother(s); You, then the same for your sister(s)...

--The number of nights, *She* set up with you. Doctored you through your fevers and colds...

--The time and times, *She* prayed and prays for you...

--The sweat and the tears, through all your years...

--The cost, as *She* scuffled and scuffles to pay, just because you felt or fill you had to have it...

--The nights filled with grey and the *worries* because you don't talk or do not call...

--All the advice and knowledge and the cost for your College...

--The clothes, Oh the clothes from head to toe and the wiping of your nose...

--And, and, and, when you add it all up, the real cost for a Mothers love is, "No Charge!"

I will use that "*Superlative Adjective*" and say, "A Mother's Greatest (Ultimate) Gift!"

From this text, The Greatest (Ultimate) Gift a Mother can give is JESUS CHRIST!

There is none *comparative* that anyone can give on any Day... Birthdays; Because I Love You Days; Sweet Teen Days; Graduation Days; the Day of your Marriage, etc.

Surely, you want wait to offer HIM, till times of sorrows and no hopes for tomorrow.

If you are, then, stop thinking of JESUS CHRIST, only when face to face with *death* and *sorrow*.

Any Day is a Good Day to give The Greatest (Ultimate) Gift—JESUS CHRIST!!!

One of the lessons taught from this text, is "How the sinner is saved from sin!"

Yes, "For all have *sinned*, and come short of the glory of GOD." (Romans 3: 23)

But the lesson to be learned on how to be saved is 'Through The Word of GOD—JESUS CHRIST!' [JESUS' Mother was Saved!!!]

"In the beginning was The WORD, and The WORD was with GOD, and The WORD was GOD.

The same was in the beginning with GOD. All things were made by HIM; and without HIM was not any thing made that was made.

And The WORD was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld HIS glory, the glory as of the only begotten of The FATHER) full of grace and truth." (John 1: 1-3, 14)

Note, the *reality revealed* in the text,

1. A Thirsty Crowd. A clear picture of this morning and of the *lost* in this world.

--so many complaints and complaining yet, they go right along enjoying the *pleasures of sin*, but they are never satisfied. So thirsty, yet they keep running out...

--**The BIBLE** repeatedly invites *sinners* to come to **JESUS CHRIST**...

NLT – John 4: 13, 14, “**JESUS** replied to the woman at the well, ‘**People soon become thirsty again after drinking this (well) water. But **The WATER I** give them takes away thirst altogether. It becomes a perpetual spring within them, giving them Eternal Life.**’”

NLT – John 7: 37, 38, “On the last day, the climax of the festival, **JESUS** stood and shouted to the crowds, ‘**If you are thirsty, come to ME! If you believe in ME, come and drink!**’”

For **The SCRIPTURES declares that rivers of **LIVING WATER** will flow out from within.’”**

2. Note, The Empty Waterpots. Picturing the *human heart*. Which can be *hard* and *empty*.

The *sinner’s* life looks lovely on the outside, but **GOD** sees its empty and hard, and hopeless without a *Divine Miracle* from **JESUS CHRIST**.

[This Mother could see the answer to the problem because her heart was right.]

3. JESUS’ Request (v. 7). “Filled the pots with water.” *Water* in **The BIBLE** symbolizes,

The WORD of GOD! John 15: 3, “**Now ye are clean through **The WORD** which I have spoken unto you.**”

All the *servants* (not masters) had to do was, do what **JESUS** said do... fill the empty waterpots with water... all the *humble* in heart must do is fill their unbelieving hearts with **The WORD of GOD**. And, believe *it*, obey *it*, and keep *it*. And *The Miracle* will take place.

[It not mine to save your soul... its mine to fill you with **The WORD of JESUS CHRIST**, and **JESUS** performs *The Miracle of Salvation*.]

4. JESUS turns the Water into JOY. I want debate with you, but I know, *The Miracle* is

JESUS WORD brings JOY! **JESUS** could, but **HE did not** have to turn water into wine. It was **The WISEST MAN WHO** said, “*Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging: and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise.*” (Proverbs 20: 1)

So, when the *sinner’s heart* has been filled with **The WORD, JESUS CHRIST**, then **JESUS** can perform *The Miracle* that transforms he or she with **JOY**.

5. Note, this was on “the third day,” (John 2: 1a). This always speaks of **JESUS’ Resurrection**—on **Resurrection** grounds... [Oh if Mothers would stay on **Resurrection** Grounds!]

6. Note also, this was “the beginning of Miracles, (John 2: 11a). *Salvation* is the beginning of *Miracles*. After *Salvation* **GOD** through **JESUS** performs **Miracles** after **Miracles** and they *Glorify GOD!!!*

7. Note, this Mother’s Greatest (Ultimate) Gift...

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