

Cities of the Bible

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Words to Find:

Damascus	Jericho
Ashdod	Jerusalem
Ashtaroth	Joppa
Beersheba	Petra
Bethel	Samaria
Bethlehem	Shechem
Byblos	Succoth
Dothan	
Ekron	
Gaza	
Gerar	
Gibeon	

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“Why should I tremble at the plough of my Lord, that maketh deep furrows on my soul? I know He is no idle husbandman, He purposeth a crop.” — Samuel Rutherford

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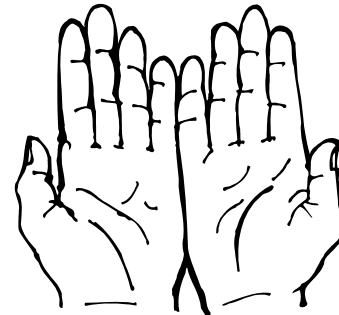



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Open Hands

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Dear Lord, there are so many lessons for me to learn as I walk along life's way; Eternal truths to guide me as I live for you each day. To pray-to learn-to obey your will; These are but a few And yet the most important thing is the very hardest to do.



For you see, I hold on much too tightly to things I should let go. To things that will soon fade away as does the melted snow. To people, whom although dear to me, Will one day be here no more.

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Going Through

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The Bible says in John 4:4, “And he must needs go through Samaria.” The Holy Spirit never places things in the Word of God without a reason; although it is true that we do not always know that reason.

In this particular passage, the Bible tells the story that has come to be called, “The Woman at the Well.”



As we read the passage, we find that Jesus had just left Judea. He was heading toward Galilee, where he would perform His first miracle. On the way, however, he had another mission to fulfill. There was a woman who needed a Saviour. Because of this, Jesus had to take a route through the place where the woman lived, Samaria. If Jesus had been unwilling to do his Father's will, he

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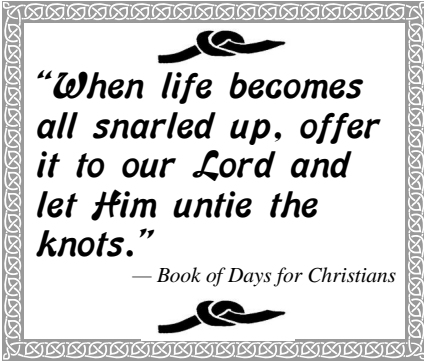
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might have taken a more direct path to his location. Yes, he would have gotten there sooner, but both he and the woman would have missed a tremendous blessing.

As Christians, there are times that we go through some things. The Bible says in I Corinthians 10:13, "There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it." Usually we like to read the word "escape", because we think we will be able to get out of a trial or testing. However, we neglect to see the words, "to bear it." In order to bear something, you have to go through it.

At times like that, we will have to trust our Father's judgment as to what He thinks we need in our life. It often is not what we think we need. Who among us would choose to go through: sickness, heartache, financial problems, or separation from loved ones? The



**"When life becomes
all snarled up, offer
it to our Lord and
let Him untie the
knots."**

— Book of Days for Christians

truth be known, probably none of us.

Just as Jesus had a purpose in going through Samaria, God also has a purpose in the paths he chooses for us. His plan is often two-fold. Not only do these situations teach us many things (obedience, compassion, and understanding, to name a few), but they also allow us to be a blessing to others. How many people do you know who have been saved because a Christian was in the hospital for surgery at the same time they were? How many have been saved at a funeral of one of God's choicest saints?

Remember the next time that it is your turn to go through some trial or tribulation, that God knows all about it. He will be with you all the way to the other side. Trust Him, and allow him to work his perfect plan in your life.

J*E*S*U*S

Bill Brinkworth

Jew — Jesus was born in the lineage of the house of David of the tribe of Judah. This was necessary to fulfill the prophecies concerning His being the Messiah.

"Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will raise unto David a righteous Branch, and a King shall reign and prosper, and shall execute judgment and justice in the earth." Jeremiah 23:5 Also: Isaiah 11:10, Revelation 5:5

"The most important question concerning any man living is this: Is he a saved soul or not? Is he a child of God or an heir of wrath?"

— Spurgeon

Everlasting — Although he was born in the manger as man, Jesus was God and had no beginning.

1 "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 The same was in the beginning with God. 14 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, 2, 14

Suffering — Jesus came to this earth for one reason only; that was to die on the cross for the sins of man. He had to die as a result of crucifixion in order to fulfill the scriptures. His death was one of much agony.

"Then did they spit in his face, and buffeted him; and others smote him with the palms of their hands," Matthew 26:67

"Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many." Matthew 20:28

Unaccepted — He was rejected by his own people, the nation of Israel. Many today hear of His love and sacrifice; yet, refuse to believe that it was for them he died.

"He came unto his own, and

his own received him not." John 1:11

Saviour — His sacrifice on the cross is the only payment for sin that is acceptable to God the Father. With this sacrifice Jesus became the Saviour of all men; however, each person alive must personally believe on the Lord Jesus Christ if they are to be saved.

"Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." John 14:6

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Position, fame, and wealth, they
glitter as the gold;

And yet, they all will one day
soon lose their value and grow
cold.

The things that come into my life,
come only for a season;
And the "what", "why" and
wherefore's" only you know the
reason.

Lord, teach me to trust your
judgment and to live on
heaven-standard time.

To know that all belongs to you,
and none of it is mine.

May I hold lightly both the joys
and sorrows of this world;

My hands ever open, not around
them tightly curled.

For when at last on heaven's
portal, I will someday stand;
The blood of Jesus is all that I
will need to be holding in my
hand.