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Think with me of what a well means to those in the desert and realize that it represents what a good marriage should do for us as well. In each of these areas consider not only the union with an earthly spouse but meditate on these things in light of

your covenant with Jesus, your spiritual Bridegroom.

It's a place that represents life and joy.

To come upon a well in the desert means life; without water, one would perish. The weary traveler experiences increasing joy as he sees the well, draws near it, and finally partakes from this life-giving source. A good marriage often reproduces life and those in that union experience great joy. How much more does this apply to Jesus who is the source of life and joy (Jn. 14:6; 15:11). Without Him we would perish (Jn. 3:16) and we are called to reproduce spiritually, reconciling others to the Father (2 Cor. 5:18-19)

It's a place of rest and refreshment.

When one finds a well in the desert one stops, rests, and refreshes oneself. A good marriage is a place where we rest in our covenantal union with one another; we find refreshment in our spouse. When

the world is harried and our emotional bank seems to be drying up, we come home to commune and to find the refreshing of our heart and mind in one another. A good marriage is a haven of rest. This same truth applies to our Heavenly Bridegroom; He calls us to rest in Him. "Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls." (Matt. 11:29)

It's a place to give thanksgiving, praise, and worship to God.

When the weary traveler comes to a well there is no more appropriate response than to give God thanks and to worship Him; He has provided in our time of need. When one is blessed with a good marriage, one shouldn't take it for granted; praise God for your spouse and worship the Lord with him or her. If a couple would thank God for the other and worship Him in the midst of trouble or disagreement, how much quicker would those hard feelings dissipate as we

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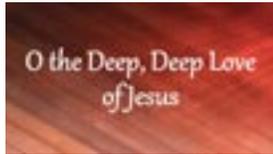
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draw closer to God in worship instead of focusing on our own hurt. Love and joy are not merely emotions; they are choices. So much the more ought men to “praise the LORD for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men (Ps. 107),” when we consider all He has given to us in mercy and grace in the Person of our Lord, Jesus Christ, our Husband. (Hos. 2:16)

It’s a place that represents hard work.

Although a well is a place that represents rest, joy, and all the above; it is a place of hard work. The water doesn’t just jump out of the well and into your cup. Those women listed at the beginning of this article were there to draw water, which was hard work. Rebekah even offered to draw for all the servant’s camels, which would be no small task. A good marriage takes hard work; but it’s worth it to

drink from the cool waters of love drawn from a deep well. Such love caused it to be said that those seven years of work for Rachel seemed as though a few days (Gen. 29:20). If we are to enjoy Jesus it takes work. We are called to be rooted and built up in Him, established in the faith (Col. 2:7). We read the Word, communing with Him in prayer. We must “mortify,” “put off,” and “put on;” the task is simple, yet not easy. (Col. 3)

It’s a place that requires protection.

One specific way in which we work hard is by protecting our well; we must remain vigilant and in prayer (Matt. 26:41). With water being such a precious commodity the well must be protected. Some might try to poison the well or steal it; while others, in Biblical times, would stop the wells or fill them in, undoing the hard work that gave a refreshing supply of water (2 Ki. 3:25; Gen. 26:15, 19-21). A good marriage must be protected from those who would try to poison, steal, or stop it up; such a threat could come from within or

without. How often have we callously or unknowingly poisoned our own well or stopped up the outflow of affectionate feelings by an unkind word or a thoughtless action? As we protect the well of our temporal marriages, let us strive to keep the flow of our spiritual affection toward Christ strong. He calls us to prove our love for Him by keeping His commands (Jn. 14:15). This is more than mere obedience; it’s to guard them, holding Jesus with highest esteem in our heart and mind. Colossians 2:8 warns, “Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ.” Yes, our relationship with Jesus takes great effort.

Don’t leave this point fearfully though; the deep well of love that our Bridegroom has for the true believer is not broken. Nothing is deeper, wider, more expansive, and surer than His love for you. Swim meditatively in the cool, refreshing, waters of Romans 8:35-39 and be blessed by the truth of His deep love.



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