

“Water Turned into Wine”

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When you have heard of the wonderful miracle that Jesus did at the marriage feast in Cana, have you not sometimes wished that you could have sat at that table, and tasted “the good wine” which He provided near the close of the feast?

Yet you have often sat at your own table, and the water that has been changed into wine by His power, without a thought of Him. Are you surprised to hear that you have done this, and wondering how it can be? Let us see.

Every miracle that Jesus did was, like the wonderful works of God when He led His people through the wilderness, to teach us His ways, to open our eyes to see what He is doing for us all the time.

When He opened the eyes of the blind man, it was to show that He is “the Light of the world” the One who gives light and sight to all the people in the world.

When He called Lazarus from the tomb, He was showing that He is the Resurrection, because He is the Life, the One in whom we all “live, and move, and have our being.”

When He fed the five thousand with the multiplied bread, He was teaching that all the bread in the world comes from Him, whose power multiplies the grain, and gives the yearly harvest.

When the water gushed from the dry rock in the wilderness, God was teaching that all the water in the world flows from Him, “the Fountain of living waters.”

And as Jesus looked upon the water that He had given, and changed it by the power of His glance into rich, sweet wine, like the fresh juice of the grape, He was teaching that it is His presence that makes the earth bring forth and bud, and the light of His countenance that makes that mysterious change in the water that the plant draws from the soil, changing it into “the new wine” that “is found in the cluster.”

For you know that it is the influence of the sunlight that makes this change. By its power the juices of the fruit are sweetened and enriched, and changed into life-giving food. And this light is a gleam from the glory of His face who is “the Light of the world.”

To-day, as at the wedding feast, He looks upon the water stored in the little vessels He has provided for it, the beautiful fruits hanging on the trees and bushes, and in the light of His countenance the water blushes into wine. So in the growth and ripening of the fruits year by year, we can see a constant repetition of the miracle at Cana, Jesus changing water into wine.

As you taste the sweet fruits that He is thus providing for you continually, and are refreshed and strengthened by their juice, think of Him, the Fountain of living waters, and the Light of the world, and it will seem to you just as wonderful and as sacred as that which He provided for the wedding feast.

In his account of this miracle John says, "This beginning of miracles did Jesus in Cana of Galilee and manifested forth His glory." In doing this He was showing the people His glory.

But He is, as we have seen, doing the same thing for us all the time, so He is always in this way showing forth His glory. Do you want to see the glory of the Lord? Then learn to see Him always and everywhere, by His very presence, from the fulness of His own life, providing for the needs of all that He has made. Then you will know that where He is (and He fills heaven and earth) there can be no want, no lack, for in Him "all fulness dwells."

"For that Thy name is near Thy wondrous works declare." "And they that know Thy name shall put their trust in Thee."