

## IV. CHRIST'S TARRYING WITH THE SAMARITANS (John 4:39-44)

### A. The Testimony of the Woman (John 4:39-40)

1. The power of her testimony (John 4:39a) – “many...believed on him.”
2. The plainness of her testimony (John 4:39b) – “all that ever I did”
3. The plea that He tarry (John 4:40)

### B. The Truth of His Own Words (John 4:41-42)

1. The faith that comes by hearing (John 4:41; Romans 10:17)
2. The fullness of His witness (John 4:42)
  - a. He is the Christ.
  - b. He is the Saviour of the world.

### C. The Trip to Galilee (John 4:43-44)

1. The leaving of Samaria (John 4:43)
2. The lesson of His success (John 4:44); so much greater than He had in His own country (Matthew 13:54-58)

## V. CHRIST'S TESTING OF THE NOBLEMAN (John 4:45-54)

### A. The Nobleman's Request (John 4:45-47)

1. The popularity of the Saviour (John 4:45)
  - a. Received by the Galileans
  - b. Remembered for His works
2. The problem of sickness (John 4:46)
  - a. The place of a past miracle
  - b. The need for a new miracle
3. The plea for a son (John 4:47)
  - a. He heard that Jesus had come.
  - b. He asked the Saviour to come down.
  - c. He feared the coming death of his son.

### B. The Saviour's Reply (John 4:48-50)

1. Signs and wonders are not the foundation of faith (John 4:48).
2. The Lord's physical presence is not the foundation of faith (John 4:49).
3. The word of the Lord is the foundation of faith (John 4:50; Matthew 4:4; Romans 10:17).

### C. The Nobleman's Response (John 4:50-54)

1. The faith of the nobleman (John 4:50)
    - a. Jesus gave His word.
    - b. The nobleman believed.
    - c. The nobleman went his way.
  2. The confirmation of his faith (John 4:51-53a)
    - a. The good news from the servant (John 4:51)
    - b. The time of the healing (John 4:52-53a)
      - (1) At the seventh hour of the day before (John 4:52)
      - (1) At the time Christ spoke the word (John 4:53a)
  3. The salvation brought by faith (John 4:53b)
    - a. The faith of the nobleman
    - b. The faith of his entire family (Acts 16:14-15, 30-34; Acts 18:8)
- D. Seven Lessons Concerning Faith (John 4:43-54)
1. Familiarity hinders faith (John 4:44; Malachi 1:13; Isaiah 43:22).
  2. Experience increases faith (John 4:45; Genesis 30:27; Romans 5:3-5).
  3. True faith leads to action (John 4:46-47; James 2:17-26).
  4. Weak faith seeks evidence (John 4:48-49; Judges 6:36-40).
  5. Strong faith accepts God's word (John 4:50; Romans 4:16-22).
  6. God responds to our faith (John 4:51-53; Matthew 17:14-21).
  7. Faith bears fruit and multiplies (John 4:53; Mark 9:24).