

mind, for, in fact, what had she else ?), what does the Lord do ? "Go, call thy husband and come hither." "I have no husband." "Thou hast well said," replied the Lord, "'I have no husband;' thou hast had five husbands and he whom thou now hast is not thy husband; in that speakest thou truly." Now a ray of light breaks in. "Sir, I perceive that thou art a prophet." The word of God, by the Lord, has divine authority in her heart, because it has reached her conscience. She has found a man who has told her all that ever she did. Who knew that ? The prophet's word has divine authority. Yet she does not yet get to wells of water. The divine communications made to her were quite unintelligible; but much was done. He, who knew all her life, all her sin, had been sitting there in grace, willing to be helped by her. Grace was there as well as truth. She had found the Christ, and leaves her water pot and her care with it, and becomes a messenger of that which is good news for all. Gerizim and Jerusalem are all alike, and alike nothing. The Father is seeking worshippers in spirit and in truth.

Now, here we find a picture of the opening of a soul to understanding and the reception of divine things. The presenting of divine things of the highest character in grace does not do it. The natural heart remains closed. Even when there are moral wants and cravings, divine