

John # 52

“Whoever Drinks The Water I give Them Will Never Thirst.” *John 4:7-9*

**The Pharisees from the Hebrew *perusim* meaning separated ones or separatists were usually associated the Scribes and Sadducees a.k.a. the Herodians; all of whom always were corporately in opposition to the Lord Jesus Christ.**

The Pharisees rejected the fatalistic ‘Why bother’ teaching of the Essenes as well as the complete free-will ‘We control everything’ doctrine of the Sadducees; the Pharisees believed in the resurrection of the dead, along with angels, eternal rewards and punishment.

*So, what’s the Apostle John’s point? The Lord Jesus didn’t have to compete with John the Baptist or the Pharisees or anyone else but He knew that the so called and self-proclaimed religious leaders of Israel were extremely competitive and therefore extremely jealous of anyone else’s spiritual success with the people.*

**Self-centered jealousy breeds self-pity, egotistical irrationality, gossip, slander and the vilifying of others.**

This is prideful preoccupation with self with a reaction that combines the emotional sins with the arrogant sins and jealousy is related to both and jealousy often has a reaction called guilt when the jealous person regrets and feels guilty about what he’s done.

*Guilt is failure to recognize our own sins and failures in proper perspective which is that Jesus Christ was judged for our sins on the cross and post-salvation, we are responsible to acknowledge or name our sins to God the Father.*

**Jealousy removes all happiness from the believer.**

You can change locations, jobs, husbands, wives, friends or churches but you will never find happiness as long as you carry mental attitude sins with you.

*Jealousy is the cruelest of all sins.*

Jealous people make all people around them miserable.

Jealousy destroys the relaxed mental attitude.

The Pharisees were always jealous of the Lord Jesus *Matt 27:18 “For he knew it was out of self-interest that they had handed Jesus over to him.”*

*The Lord Jesus leaves the area because one cannot minister to a jealous congregation.*

**Q: How could Jesus (a Jew) go in this direction?**

**The most effective evangelism takes place one on one.**

***Q: Who spoke first?***

**Q: What about background?**

**They had:**

**1. Racial antagonism and 2. A religious antagonism.**

**Q: What did Jesus need?**

**The Lord Jesus illustrates salvation to the woman at the well by demonstrating His human helplessness.**