

## God Is Our Source Of Living Water

'On the last and greatest day of the Passover Feast, Jesus stood up and cried out loudly, "If anyone is thirsty, let them come to Me and drink! Those who believe in Me as the Scripture has said, from within them will flow rivers of Living Water." Jesus said this about the Holy Spirit Whom those believing in Him were to receive, for the Holy Spirit was not yet given because Jesus was not yet glorified' (John 7:37 to 39).

'With joy you will draw (Living) Water out of the Wells of Salvation' (Isaiah 12:3). 'I will pour (Living) Water on those who are 'thirsty' and streams on the dry ground. I will pour My Holy Spirit on your descendants and My blessing on your offspring. They will spring up among the grass as willows by the watercourses' (Isaiah 44:3 & 4). 'Listen everyone who thirsts (for God), come to the Waters and those who have no money (those who are Spiritually poor), come, buy and eat (accept salvation) yes come, buy drink (of Spiritual Water) and milk (The Living Word) without money and without price. Why do you spend money for what is not (Spiritual) bread? Why labour for what does not (Spiritually) satisfy? Listen diligently to Me and eat what is good and let your soul delight itself in (Spiritual) abundance. Turn your ear and come to Me. Hear and your soul will live' (Isaiah 55:1 to 3). 'God will guide you continually and satisfy your soul in dry places, and make strong your bones. You will be like a watered garden and like a Spring of (Living) Water whose Waters (their relationship with God) do not fail' (Isaiah 58:11).

Our Creator God, Jesus, the Bible, Truth, Righteousness, Salvation and the Holy Spirit are all synonymous with 'Living Water', Spiritual 'thirst' or 'Fountains of Water', and all of these represent our salvation. These phrases are symbolic Spiritual terms for the new life in God we can enjoy when we accept Jesus as our Saviour. Living Water represents the merciful, unmerited gift of eternal life, which is God's will for all of mankind. In the above verses, we can read how the Lord God, Father of humanity is calling out to all people to accept His free gift of salvation. Once people accept the blood sacrifice of Jesus and are filled with the Holy Spirit, Scripturally, they should live as though they have a constant stream of pure Spiritual Living Water emanating from them. Living Water is symbolic of having been Spiritually cleansed and having our sins washed away by the blood of Jesus. There is nothing on earth more exhilarating, than to know all of our sins have been forgiven and we are able to stand face-to-face with God to 'drink' and 'soak' in His presence. Being forgiven means we do not have to face Judgement Day with fear because Jesus took our Judgement and penalty on His blood-soaked cross.

We need to open our hearts to be able to understand and fully comprehend the fact we are completely forgiven, and we can genuinely stand in the actual presence of God our Creator and our Saviour. That knowledge is refreshing, calming, peaceful, healing, delightful, almost euphoric, which is an intense feeling of well-being, joy and excitement. There is nothing on earth that can compare with those feelings. Once we enter into the intense joy of the Lord we will find it hard to be bothered with trivial earthly things like washing clothes, doing dishes or repairing the car, because the things of the Lord are so perfect and fulfilling. When we draw close to the Lord, He truly comes down to be close to us (James 4:8). When we spend time alone with the Lord and touch heaven in this way, it is hard to come back to doing earthly chores. Jesus truly is our eternal future and without Him we have no future. Genuine believers are already Spiritually seated in heavenly places, even though we are physically on earth. 'You have come to Mount Zion, to the city of the Living God, the heavenly (new) Jerusalem and to innumerable multitudes of holy angels, to the general assembly and assembly of the Firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, to God the Judge of all, to the spirits (and souls) of just men (and women) made perfect (in death), to Jesus, the Mediator of a New Covenant' (Hebrews 12:22 to 24).

The only way this intense closeness to God can be achieved is by shutting everything out and focusing on praise, worship and prayer. Not a prayer list but worshipful prayer in stillness and meditation on the Bible (Joshua 1:8). We need to, "Be still and know I am God. I will be exalted among the nations. I will be exalted on the earth." The Lord God of Heavenly Armies is with us. The God of Jacob/Israel is our refuge" (Psalm 46:10 & 11). Showing kindness and mercy are just two ways this Living Water can be outwardly evident. There are many verses symbolising Salvation through faith as being like people who have taken in Living Waters from God Who is our only Source of Living Water. One day Jesus will enter Jerusalem as our Lord and King. 'The Lord my God will come and all the holy ones with You. It will happen on that day, there will not be light, cold or frost. It will be a unique day which is known only to God, not day and not night but it will come to pass at evening time there will be light. It will happen on that day, Living Waters will go out from Jerusalem, half of them toward the eastern sea (Arabian Sea, Ezekiel 47:8) and half of them toward the western sea (Mediterranean Sea, Ezekiel 47:20) in summer and in winter will it be. The Lord (Jesus) will be King over all the earth' (Zechariah 14:5 to 9).

Being 'dry wells' or 'broken cisterns' represent people who have turned away from God after salvation or those who have never accepted salvation. Not everybody accepts God's way of salvation but it will continue

to be offered to all people. People who know God then turn away from Him are considered to be broken water cisterns who cannot hold Living Water and have cut themselves off from Him. 'My people have committed two evils. They have forsaken Me their Spring of Living Waters and have cut for themselves broken cisterns that cannot hold water' (Jeremiah 2:13). 'Those who depart from God will be written on the earth because they have forsaken the Lord, the Spring of Living Waters' (Jeremiah 17:13). 'Do not refuse God who speaks. If they did not escape when they refused Noah who warned on the earth, how much more will we not escape who turn away from God Who warns from heaven' (Hebrews 12:25).

There are many promises regarding God's watery analogies and symbolism, but we need to understand what He means. God is not talking about the water we drink daily, He means Spiritual Salvation, Spiritual peace for our souls and the blessing of Salvation for our children. See also the miracle described in Ezekiel 47:1 to 12. This is how Jesus explained it to the Samaritan lady at Jacob's Well. Jesus was the fulfilment of Isaiah 44:3 & 4, and inferred this to the Samaritan woman. 'Jacob's Well was there. Jesus being tired from His journey sat down by the well. It was about the sixth hour (12 noon, lunch time). A Samaritan woman came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give Me a drink." ... The Samaritan woman said to Him, "How is it that You being a Jew, ask me a Samaritan woman for a drink?" (Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God (meaning Salvation) and Who it is Who asks you to, 'Give Me a drink,' you would have asked Him and He would have given you Living Water (Salvation)." The woman said to Him, "Sir, You have nothing to draw water with and the well is deep. From where do You have that Living Water? Are You greater than our forefather Jacob, who gave us the well and drank of it himself, as did his children and his livestock?" Jesus answered, "Everyone who drinks of this water will thirst again but whoever drinks of the Water I will give them will never (spiritually) thirst again. The Water I will give them will become in them a Well of Living Water springing up to eternal life." The woman said, "Sir, give me this Water so I do not get thirsty, neither come all the way here to draw ... Sir, I perceive You are a prophet. Our forefathers worshiped at this mountain and you Jews say Jerusalem is the place where people ought to worship." Jesus said to her, "Woman believe Me, the time will come when neither at this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. You worship what you do not know. We worship what we know for Salvation comes from the Jews. The time is now when the true worshippers will worship the Father in Spirit and Truth (sincerity), for the Father seeks such people to be His worshippers. God is Spirit and those who worship Him must worship in Spirit and Truth." The woman said to Him, "I know the Messiah comes and when He has come He will declare to us all things." Jesus said to her, "I am He, the One Who speaks to you" (John 4:6 to 26).

There are false religions from where their followers claim to experience 'enlightenment' but that is a false sense of peace from the evil one to draw people away from the Truth of the Gospel and away from the real Living Water of Salvation. People who claim false peace are called wicked. "There is no peace," says my God, "for the wicked" (Isaiah 57:21). Only God of the Bible can bestow true peace that surpasses the emotions and understanding of humanity. 'Being justified by faith we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus' (Romans 5:1). 'May the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, guard your hearts and your thoughts in Jesus' (Philippians 4:7).

Spiritual Water is symbolic of eternal life. Eternal life can only come through accepting the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross as the Saviour and the holy Lamb of God. Jesus is the one and only Way, Truth and Eternal life humanity can ever have. Nobody can be saved unless they accept Him and nobody can approach God unless they know Jesus first (John 14:6). There is no other way to save our souls (James 5:20). 'These are the ones who came out of the great tribulation. They washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb (they accepted Jesus). They are before the throne of God, they serve Him day and night in His Temple. He Who sits on the throne will spread His tabernacle over them. They will never be hungry nor thirsty any more ... for the Lamb Who is in the midst of the throne shepherds them and leads them to Springs of Waters of life. God will wipe away every tear from their eyes' (Revelation 7:14 to 17). 'Jesus said, "It is done! I am the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End. I will give freely to those who are thirsty from the Spring of the Water of life"' (Revelation 21:6). 'The holy angel showed me a river of Water of Life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb ... The Holy Spirit and the Bride (collectively, all genuine born-again believers who have accepted Jesus) say, "Come!" Those who hear let them say, "Come!" Those who are thirsty, let them come. Anyone who desires, let them take the Water of Life freely' (Revelation 22:1 & 17).

Amen and God bless you.

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