

THIRST

Greetings precious ones, this week we are going to look at the subject of "Thirst". Thirst is something we can all relate to whether we have been running a race, working hard on a hot day, or just gone a long time without any water to drink. But I would like to address another type of thirst, not of the body but of the soul.

We read in the Word of God the Bible, "If anyone **thirsts**, let him **come to Me** and **drink**. He who **believes in Me**, as the Scripture has said, **out of his heart** will flow **rivers of living water**. But this He spoke concerning the **Spirit**. John 7:37-39

These words from Jesus provide another picture of what the fullness of the Spirit is all about, as well as how to walk in that spiritual abundance. His remarks are addressed to those who are thirsty: "If anyone **thirsts**." In this spiritual context, thirst can speak of the painful dryness that often accompanies need or lack. Pressures, responsibilities, busyness, disappointments, and preoccupation with earthly matters can dry out the soul of man. Corresponding to this need, thirst can refer to the eager yearning after those heavenly blessings that refresh and restore our inner life. Such thirsty conditions apply to all of us at various times.

Jesus tells us exactly how to remedy such thirst. "**Come to Me** and **drink**." We are to bring these needs to the Lord Jesus Christ and drink of Him. So often, we attempt to satisfy such thirsts by drinking at other wells. Thirsty people around the world attempt to find relief through education, work, religion, politics, entertainment, money, drugs, and more. They all encounter the truth that our Lord revealed to the Samaritan woman at the well. "*Whoever* drinks of this water will thirst again" John 4:13. We must take our spiritual thirsts to a person, to "the Person," the Lord Jesus.

Yet, how do we drink of the thirst-quenching resources of Jesus? He indicated the means in the next phrase: "He who believes in Me." When we bring our dry, thirsty needs to Jesus and believe that He can meet those needs, we are drinking from what the Lord alone can offer. We drink of Christ's resources by faith. Jesus included this insight earlier in His discourse on the bread of life. "He who **comes to Me** shall never hunger, and he who **believes in Me** shall **never thirst**" John 6:35.

Unquestionably, Jesus will always satisfy legitimate thirsts that are brought to Him. Yet, there is more available here. The spiritual water that Christ provides also works within the thirsty soul. "The **water** that I shall give him **will become in him a fountain** of water **springing up** into everlasting life" John 4:14. This Holy Spirit supply develops abundant life within the trusting heart. Ultimately, this fountain that grows within flows outward to others. "**Out of his heart** will flow **rivers of living water**." Dry, thirsty hearts that come to Jesus in faith, not only find satisfaction for the thirst, but eventually pour out life in the Spirit to others.

So what about you dear one, where are you drinking from? Is your soul satisfied with the thirst quenching water of the Lord Jesus Christ or are you dry and parched from the dust of the world? Know this dear one that only the Lord can satisfy the thirsting soul. Quit wasting your time chasing after the false promises of the world and turn with all your heart to Jesus Christ.

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