

## THIRST (part 2)

Greetings precious ones, this week we are going to look again at the subject of “Thirst”. We will continue to consider thirst as it relates to the soul. First let’s understand what the Word of God the Bible means when the term “soul” is used. The soul is the real you which inhabits your physical body. One day your physical body will die and cease to exist but your soul will continue forever. The soul is that part of you that thinks; feels; loves; hates; etc.

The soul longs to be satisfied, for purpose and significance. Tragically, most people including many who profess to be Christians are looking for these in all the wrong places whether it is in relationships, recognition through various endeavors, achievements at work or school, giving, service, etc.

The people of Israel were guilty of this many times, one of which is recorded for us in Jeremiah 2:13, “For my people have committed two evils; they have forsaken me the fountain of living waters, and hewed them out cisterns, broken cisterns, that can hold no water.” God often typifies Himself as living water, in John 4:7-15, “A woman of Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, “Give Me a drink.”... Then the woman of Samaria said to Him, “How is it that You, being a Jew, ask a drink from me, a Samaritan woman?”... Jesus answered and said to her, “If you knew the gift of God, and who it is who says to you, ‘Give Me a drink,’ you would have asked Him, and He would have given you living water.” The woman said to Him, “Sir, You have nothing to draw with, and the well is deep. Where then do You get that living water?... Jesus answered and said to her, “Whoever drinks of this water will thirst again, but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst. But the water that I shall give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life.”

When a person forsakes God (living water) and follows after some other way to satisfy their soul it is like digging out a cistern that can not hold water. Water was and still is very important in the land of Israel. They receive just about as little rain as we do in southern California. In order to catch and store what little rain they have, they would find a huge rock that was imbedded in the ground and hollow out the inside to make a water storage tank. Then they would channel the rain water into this new storage container.

You can imagine the work that went into hewing out a giant boulder, it could take months to complete. Think of the utter disappointment you would feel as the water entered into this cistern and then see it seeping out the bottom. All that work for nothing.

This is what happens when man seeks after something or someone other than God. The prophet Amos spoke of a famine that would come into the land which I believe we are experiencing today. Amos 8:11-12, “Behold, the days are coming,” says the Lord GOD, “That I will send a famine on the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the LORD. They shall wander from sea to sea, and from north to east; they shall run to and fro, seeking the word of the LORD, but shall not find it.”

This is certainly happening in the world today but also in what is known as the “Church” as many are departing from the faith and seeking after warm fuzzy feelings rather than the TRUTH! Listen dear ones, only God can satisfy the longing soul. Psalm 143:6, “I spread out my hands to You; my soul longs for You like a thirsty land.” Psalm

63:1, "O God, You are my God; early will I seek You; my soul thirsts for You; my flesh longs for You

In a dry and thirsty land where there is no water."

And then in Psalm 107:9, "For He (God) satisfies the longing soul, and fills the hungry soul with goodness." Isaiah 55:1-3, "Ho! Everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat. yes, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend money for what is not bread, and your wages for what does not satisfy? Listen carefully to Me, and eat what is good, and let your soul delight itself in abundance. Incline your ear, and come to Me. Hear, and your soul shall live."

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