

Where Do You Get that Living Water

John 4:10-14

10 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." 11 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? 12 "Are You greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well, and drank from it himself, as well as his sons and his livestock?" 13 Jesus answered and said to her, "Whoever drinks of this water will thirst again, 14 "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."

Two thousand years ago a thirsty woman went to a well because she was thirsty for water. There she met the Savior that offered her a different water, living water. At first she did not want to talk to Him but finally He got her to listen and she drank of the water of life freely and would never thirst again.

But what is this water that Jesus was talking about, the living water that bubbles up in the soul and never runs dry. This water that becomes a fountain, springing up into everlasting life. If you have drank of that water that only Jesus can offer you know what the woman experienced that day. But if you have not come to the well thirst and left eternally satisfied then it sounds like we are talking in riddles this morning. You are probably just as confused as the woman was. Where would this stranger get this water for He had not bucket, no rope with which to reach the water about 100 feet below.

And how could this man who now is thirsty Himself and asking the woman for a drink promise water that would end all thirst. It sounded like one of those too good to be true things.

But it wasn't that at all. It was a real genuine offer for all those who had a thirst. For those who longed for more than this world had to offer. It was true and it was right there in front of her. And she took it by faith. She drank deeply, so deeply that immediately that water became a fountain of water that could not be contained. The first thing she does is runs back to the city and finds the men, you know which men I am talking about. Her message is simple, come see a man that told me everything I ever did, is this not the Messiah. And they too came and drank and many thirsty souls were satisfied that day. All from the fountain of the woman who, because of her sinful past, was too ashamed to go the well when the other women of the city did.

But you know even the disciples were confused by what happened that day. They did not understand the power that Jesus had. They thought that these Samaritans were far beyond the scope of even the salvation that Jesus offered. They marveled that Jesus spoke to the woman. It was something they would not have done.

But then after the woman is gone Jesus tells them of the power He has to change a soul and of the coming flood of Samaritans that would that day be rescued from the jaws of death, the power of Satan and swept into the kingdom. He told them of a great harvest they were about to behold and the flood of grain that would soon flow into the storehouse of God for His eternal glory.

But let us examine this passage more today. Let us see if we can glimpse this wonderful working of

God.

I. What is this living water that Jesus spoke of.

A. It is something spoken of all the way back in the Old Testament.

1. Jer 17:12 A glorious high throne from the beginning Is the place of our sanctuary. 13 O LORD, the hope of Israel, All who forsake You shall be ashamed. "Those who depart from Me Shall be written in the earth, Because they have forsaken the LORD, The fountain of living waters."
2. Ps 36:9 For with thee is the fountain of life: in thy light shall we see light.
3. Isa 44:3 For I will pour water on him who is thirsty, And floods on the dry ground; I will pour My Spirit on your descendants, And My blessing on your offspring;
4. Isa 55:1 ¶ "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.
5. Zec 14:8 ¶ And in that day it shall be That living waters shall flow from Jerusalem, Half of them toward the eastern sea And half of them toward the western sea; In both summer and winter it shall occur.

B. The best explanation is what Jesus will later say about it later in John's gospel.

1. Joh 7:37 On the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. 38 "He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water."

C. What is going on here?

1. This was the last day of the feast when the Jews would try to symbolize the outpouring of the God's Spirit on the nation as prophesied in the book of Joel.
2. They would have a chain of priests lined up from the pool of Siloam to the temple mount, each one with a picture of water. They would carry the water to the temple and there pour it out as a continual river of water.
3. It was to symbolize the outpouring of God's Spirit on the nation.
 - a. It is interesting how that we can use symbols to replace what we need in reality.
4. So it is at this time that Jesus stand there next to this great procession and says, "If anyone thirst, let him come to Me and drink.
5. Jesus claims to be the fulfilment of this great prophecy.

- II. Notice the nature of the water spoken of here.
- A. Never failing water.
1. Never failing, for it shall be in him a well of water. He that has at hand only a bucket of water needs not thirst as long as this lasts, but it will soon be exhausted; but believers have in them a well of water, overflowing, ever flowing. The principles and affections which Christ's holy religion forms in the souls of those that are brought under the power of it are this well of water. [a.] It is springing up, ever in motion, which bespeaks the actings of grace strong and vigorous. If good truths stagnate in our souls, like standing water, they do not answer the end of our receiving them. If there be a good treasure in the heart, we must thence bring forth good things. MHC
- B. Springing up.
1. "Spring (or fountain) of water leaping (bubbling up) unto life eternal." Present middle participle of *allomai*, old verb, in N.T. only here and #Ac 3:8; 14:10. RWP
 - a. Ac 3:8 So he, leaping up, stood and walked and entered the temple with them——walking, leaping, and praising God.
 - b. Ac 14:10 said with a loud voice, "Stand up straight on your feet!" And he leaped and walked.
- C. Never thirsty again.
1. The double negative οὐ μὴ is used with either the future indicative as here or the aorist subjunctive, the strongest possible negative. RWP
- III. Jesus is referring to the Holy Spirit that indwells every believer.
- A. Rom 8:5-11 5 For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit. 6 For to be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. 7 Because the carnal mind is enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can be. 8 So then, those who are in the flesh cannot please God. 9 But you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. Now if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not His. 10 And if Christ is in you, the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. 11 But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you. NKJV
- B. 1 Cor 3:16 Do you not know that you are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you? NKJV
- C. 1 Cor 6:19-20 Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit

who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? 20 For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's. NKJV

- D. 2 Cor 1:21-22 Now He who establishes us with you in Christ and has anointed us is God, 22 who also has sealed us and given us the Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee. NKJV
- E. Gal 4:6-7 And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, "Abba, Father!" 7 Therefore you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ. NKJV
- F. "Jesus is as necessary for spiritual life as water is for physical life." Boice

If you do not have a thirst for this water, then heaven has no appeal for you.

Re 7:17 "for the Lamb who is in the midst of the throne will shepherd them and lead them to living fountains of waters. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Re 21:6 And He said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. I will give of the fountain of the water of life freely to him who thirsts.

Re 22:1 ¶ And he showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding from the throne of God and of the Lamb.

Re 22:17 And the Spirit and the bride say, "Come!" And let him who hears say, "Come!" And let him who thirsts come. Whoever desires, let him take the water of life freely.