



LIVING
WATER

JOHN 7:37-39

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37 In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink.

38 He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.

39 (But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.)

Introduction

A. The Feast Of Tabernacles

1. The commandment from God

Leviticus 23:42-43

42 Ye shall dwell in booths seven days; all that are Israelites born shall dwell in booths:

43 That your generations may know that I made the children of Israel to dwell in booths, when I brought them out of the land of Egypt: I am the LORD your God.

2. The custom of man

3. The cry of Christ

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B. Reactions about Jesus by people at this feast

1. How does he know so much?

John 7:15

And the Jews marvelled, saying, How knoweth this man letters, having never learned?

2. Could anyone else could do more miracles?

John 7:31

And many of the people believed on him, and said, When Christ cometh, will he do more miracles than these which this man hath done?

Introduction

B. Reactions about Jesus by people at this feast –cont'd

3. Have you ever heard anyone speak like this before?

John 7:46

The officers answered, Never man spake like this man.

4. He is not who we expect

John 7:48

Have any of the rulers or of the Pharisees believed on him?

C. Now Jesus makes a statement

I. The Invitation To Those Desiring The Holy Spirit

“If any man thirst”

A. The unassuming conjunction

Choices have consequences

John 8:51

Verily, verily, I say unto you, If a man keep my saying, he shall never see death.

1 John 2:3

And hereby we do know that we know him, if we keep his commandments.

I. The Invitation To Those Desiring The Holy Spirit

“If any man thirst”

B. The universal call

Mark 4:23

If any man have ears to hear, let him hear.

John 10:9

I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture.

I. The Invitation To Those Desiring The Holy Spirit

“If any man thirst”

C. The unique craving

- 1. We can be thirsty for many things**
- 2. We often thirst for the wrong things**
- 3. We must be thirsty for the right things**

Matthew 5:6

Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.

II. The Instruction For Receiving The Holy Spirit

“Let him come unto me and drink”

A. Come to the source

B. Consider the call of Isaiah

Isaiah 55:1

Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy, and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.

II. The Instruction For Receiving The Holy Spirit

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C. Contemplate the last invitation in the Bible

Revelation 22:17

And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.

II. The Instruction For Receiving The Holy Spirit

“Let him come unto me and drink”

D. Comprehend “come unto me and drink”

1. To come to Him is to believe on Him

Romans 10:9

That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.

Hebrews 11:6

But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

II. The Instruction For Receiving The Holy Spirit

“Let him come unto me and drink”

D. Comprehend “come unto me and drink” - continued

2. To come to Him is to trust Him

Proverbs 3:5-6

5 Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.

6 In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.

II. The Instruction For Receiving The Holy Spirit

“Let him come unto me and drink”

D. Comprehend “come unto me and drink”- continued

3. To come to Him is to receive Him

John 1:12

But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:

James 1:21

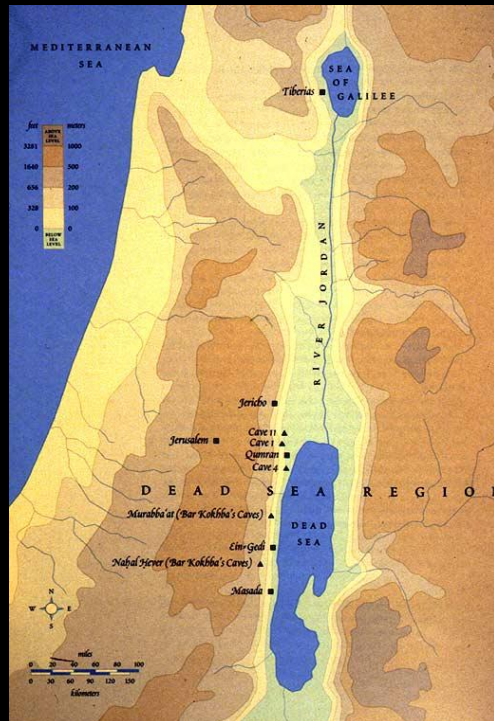
Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls.

III. The Inner Fountain That Flows Within Those Who Have Received Christ

“Out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water”

A. Belly = innermost being

B. We are not to be cisterns but rivers



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C. What will flow in these rivers?

- 1. The fruit of the Spirit will flow in these rivers**
- 2. The compassion of Christ will flow in these rivers**
- 3. Power to witness will flow in these rivers**
- 4. Faith will flow in these rivers**

Do You Thirst?

Will You Come To Christ And Drink?