

The Fountain of Life

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Transcript

My soul, my soul thirsteth, thirsteth for God. Psalm 42 verse 2. My soul, my soul thirsteth for thee in a dry and thirsty land where no water is, where no water is. Psalm 63 verse 1. Oh, the tragic bankruptcy.

Oh, the tragic bankruptcy of truth in most pulpits across the world today. Not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing of the words of the Lord. Amos 8 verse 11 says, They shall run to and fro to seek the word of the Lord, and shall not find it.

God prophesied to this man, But my soul thirsteth for God. If any man, if any man thirst, if any man thirst, let him come, let him come unto me. John 7 verse 37.

The fountain of life, the fountain of life, that is of spiritual life. Psalm 36 verse 9. Every one, every one that thirsteth, come, come ye to the waters. Isaiah 55 verse 1. That is the spiritual waters of God.

Whosoever drinketh of this water shall thirst again, shall thirst again. But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst. But the water that I shall give him shall be in him as a well of water, springing up, springing up into everlasting life, Christ promised.

John 4 verse 13. The unsaved, the unsaved in their masses, in their masses tragically thirst after filthy water from the corrupt springs, that is the defiled, polluted springs in the sinful world. Proverbs 25 verse 26 says, They search out iniquity.

Psalms 64 verse 6. They drink iniquity, that is sin, like water. Job 15 verse 14. Are you one of them? Now you need to answer God.

What are you doing here? What are you doing here? If you're not going to answer God, are you one of them? Depart from iniquity. 2 Timothy 2 verse 9. Depart from iniquity, God cries. In 2 Timothy 2 verse 9. Blessed, blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they shall be filled, literally they shall be satisfied with God's satisfaction.

And he who made you knows the only thing you will ever find true satisfaction. In blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they Christ promised or lied shall be filled. They shall be satisfied.

Matthew 5 verse 6. Wherefore do ye thirst for that which satisfies not? Isaiah 55 verse 2. God's asking you a question. God's asking you a question, not me. I thirsted in the barren land of sin and shame and nothing satisfying there.

I found to the blessed cross of Christ one day. I came where springs of living water did abound. O sinner, won't you come today to Calvary? A fountain there is flowing deep and wide.

The Savior now invites you to the water free, where thirsting spirits can be satisfied. And then, then for the rest of your life, for the rest of your life draw water out of the wells of salvation. For the rest of your life draw water out of the wells of salvation daily.

Isaiah 12 verse 3 urges, building up, building up yourselves on your most holy faith. Jude verse 20, that ye may grow from strength to strength, that ye may grow spiritually from strength to strength. Psalm 84 verse 7, to be strengthened, to be strengthened with might by his spirit in the inner man.

Ephesians 3 verse 16, so that the inward man is renewed day by day. 2 Corinthians 4 verse 16. Beloved, we are commanded by God to draw water, that is spiritual drink.

Exodus 17 verse 5, daily 2 Corinthians 4 verse 16. Primarily, primarily from the word of God. Psalm 18 verse 2, which is able to build you up, which is able to build you up spiritually.

Acts 20 verse 32, seek ye out of the book of the Lord and read Isaiah 34 verse 16. Desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby. 1 Peter 2 verse 2, meditate therein day and night.

Psalm 1 verse 2, for man doth not live, he cannot live or survive by bread alone, that is food alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God. Matthew 4 verse 4, for faith, faith cometh by the word of God. Romans 10 verse 17, and hope, remember the word unto thy servant upon which thou hast caused me to hope.

Psalm 119 verse 49, I have hoped in thy word. Psalm 119 verse 74, and for comfort, comfort cometh by the word of God, beloved. Mine eyes fail for thy word, saying, when wilt thou comfort me? Psalm 119 verse 82, this is my comfort in my affliction, in my troubles, thy word.

Psalm 119 verse 50, thy comforts delight my soul. Psalm 94 verse 19, and for healing from the wounds, we will all suffer in this cruel unjust world, don't doubt it, not one of you. For healing from the wounds, we will all suffer in this cruel and unjust world.

He hath sent forth his healing word, God says. Psalm 107 verse 2, and for peace, great peace, God promises, O Lyde, great peace have they which love thy law. Psalm 119 verse 165, and for guidance, guidance, thy testimonies, that's thy commandments, also are my counselors.

Psalm 119 verse 24, and for victory over Satan and sin, I pray not that thou shouldst take them out of the world, but that thou shouldst keep them from the evil. John 17 verse 15, verse 17, sanctify them, keep them from the evil through thy truth, thy word is truth, thy word have I hid in mine heart that I might not sin against thee. Psalm 119 verse 11, and for survival, for survival, unless, unless thy law had been my delight.

When he wrote that, that was all he was, that God refers to as the law, unless thy law, now we have the full revelation of God that no man dares add to or take away from, unless thy law had been my delight, I should then have perished in my affliction, in all my trouble. Psalm 119 verse 92, for survival, beloved, therefore, therefore with joy shall ye draw water, all these things, out of the wells of salvation. Isaiah 12 verse 3, with joy shall ye draw water out of the wells of salvation.

But if you neglect, if you neglect to be renewed in the inner man day by day, be careful, for you will swiftly renew your thirst for the sins of your past, I guarantee you. If you neglect to be renewed as the greatest discipline and single discipline that nothing will ever keep you or divert you from, that Satan or man could ever do to keep you from, and that is gloriously possible when God is first, sir. He stays first by this.

If you neglect to be renewed in the inner man day by day, be careful, for you will swiftly renew your thirst for the sins of your past, oh, we need to be very careful here, beloved. This daily discipline is imperative, it's vital for our survival spiritually. Now, tonight, I want to take us all on a fearful, fearful study through the Old Testament, to carefully and prayerfully consider God's dealings with his people.

And we must always remember when opening the page of the Old Testament that these things were written and preserved for us, for us, for our spiritual protection. Romans 15 verse 4, for whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we, through patience, that's perseverance and comfort of the Scriptures, might have hope. All these things happened unto them for examples, and they were written for our admonition, that's instruction, our instruction and protection.

1 Corinthians 10 verse 11, these things were examples to the intent that we should not lust again after evil things, as they also lusted. 1 Corinthians 10 verse 16, these things were our examples to the intent that we should not lust again after evil things, as they also lusted. 1 Corinthians 10 verse 6, in their hearts, their hearts turned back again into Egypt.

Isn't that tragic? All God can deliver you from with the greatest miracles of a mighty God ever heard in history, and in their hearts they turned back again, they turned back again into Egypt. That's possible. These things are written for you, not for our interest, not for recorded history, for you and me to not lust back to what God saved you from.

In their hearts, they turned back again to Egypt. Acts 7 verse 39, in Exodus 14 verse 15, God cried, God cried, speak to the children of Israel, that they go forward, but they went backward and not forward.

Jeremiah 7 verse 24, they went backward and not forward.

Have you? Have you? Answer God, please, if he means anything to you, being here tonight. Have you? They tragically looked back, they looked back to what God had mercifully delivered them from. Exodus 16 verse 3, the children of Israel said, would to God we had died in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the flesh parts, and when we eat and eat bread to the full.

This, of course, grieved God greatly. Be careful here. Remember Lot's wife.

Remember Lot's wife. Luke 17 verse 32 warns, if any man look back, he is not fit for the kingdom of God. No man, having put his hand to the plow, looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God.

Luke 9 verse 62, thou callest to remembrance the lewdness of thy youth, the lewdness of thy youth. Thou callest to remembrance the lewdness of thy youth. Ezekiel 23 verse 21, bringing iniquity to remembrance, bringing iniquity to remembrance.

Numbers 5 verse 15, even preachers, let us be careful here, lest after I have preached to others, I myself should be a cast away. 1 Corinthians 9 verse 27, when Israel was a child, that's a youth, I called him out of Egypt. Hosea 11 verse 1, but my people tragically are bent on backsliding.

Hosea 11 verse 7, bent to perpetual backsliding. Jeremiah 8 verse 5, my people, my people have committed two evils, two evils. They have forsaken me, the fountain of living waters, and hewed them out cisterns, broken cisterns that can hold no water.

Jeremiah 2 verse 13, nothing that could ever satisfy you. The devil's a liar. If you go back, you'll be in misery and shame.

You will not be happy. I guarantee every one of you now, don't play the fool with God's words, sir. If you're guilty of this, that God is addressing tonight, they've hewed them out cisterns, broken cisterns that can hold no water.

Now, you need to answer God right now, have you? Have you? I dare you to answer God. I dare you to answer yourself honestly. Then think about God.

What are you thirsting for when you're not with Christians for satisfaction? Can you please answer God, every one of us? What are you doing here if you're not going to? But God chastened them sore. Don't play the fool with God, child of God. Don't tell me two-thirds of the whole Bible is recorded history.

It is God's heart, God's cry, God's warning. Yes, contextually we know to whom, but to you, if it's in this book, what wouldn't be in this book? God's chastened them sore as a nation, Jeremiah 2, verse 14 to 16. And then he asked them in verse 17, has thou not procured this unto thyself? Didn't you bring it upon yourself? Do you not deserve this? In that thou hast forsaken the Lord thy God, in that thou hast forsaken the Lord thy God, Psalm 80, verse 6, thou feedest them with the bread of tears and givest them tears to drink, Psalm 80, verse 6, to Chronicles 33, verse 9, the Lord spoke to Manasseh and to his people, but they would not hearken.

Is that you? When I walk out of this door, God says that of you also. Do you think he's only speaking these words, recording his words, because of your interest in history? The Lord spoke to Manasseh and the people, but they would not hearken. To Corinthians 33, verse 9, verse 11, wherefore all these things came

upon them, God says.

Verse 12, and when he was in affliction, when he was in affliction, he sought the Lord, he sought the Lord his God. To Corinthians 7, verse 10, godly sorrow worketh repentance not to be repented of. God knows what he's doing.

We say it's the devil, all this coming against me. Is it not God? Look at your life, and then answer God. Is it not God? In Proverbs 14, verse 14, God warns us that the backslider in heart shall be filled with his own ways, that is, with his own futile reasoning, with futile thoughts.

Psalms 94, verse 11. Malachi 3, verse 14, ye have said it is vain to serve the Lord. Malachi 1, verse 13, ye said also, behold what a weariness it is, and ye have snuffed at it.

Have you? Have you? How real are you? O despise not thou the chastening of the Lord. Hebrews 12, verse 5 says, God is not unrighteous. Hebrews 6, verse 10, verse 29, yet saith the house of Israel, the way of the Lord is not equal, that is, literally is not righteous.

Ezekiel 18, verse 29, are not your ways unrighteous? God says, are not your ways unequal, unrighteous? Verse 30, therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways. And when he slew them, when he slew them, then they sought him, and they returned and inquired. Early after him, Psalm 78, verse 34, when he slew them, then they sought him, and they returned and inquired early, that is, they sought him diligently, literal Hebrew.

Psalms 78, verse 34, in their affliction, in their affliction, they will seek me early. Hosea 5, verse 15, God said, they rebelled and grieved his Holy Spirit, vexed his Holy Spirit, therefore he was turned to be their enemy, and he fought against them. Isaiah 63, verse 10, the Lord was as an enemy, an enemy.

Lamentations 2, verse 5, I have wounded thee with the wound of an enemy, with the chastisement of a cruel one, for the multitude of thine iniquity of your sins. Jeremiah 30, verse 14, and when he slew them, then they sought him. Psalm 78, verse 34 says, it is good for me that I have been afflicted, it is good for me that I have been afflicted.

Psalms 119, verse 71, before I was afflicted, I went astray, but now, now have I kept thy word. Psalm 119, verse 67, remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, remember therefore from whence thou art fallen. Revelation 2, verse 4, look unto the rock whence thou art hewn, to the hole, that's the pit whence thou art digged.

Isaiah 51, verse 1, look back, look back and remember, God says, the day thou was born. Ezekiel 16, verse 4, of course, contextually is speaking about Israel and to Israel in grief, but he's speaking to you, sir, to you, lady, to me, through these words. But they wouldn't be in the Bible, sir.

God's not interested in your understanding of history, full stop. He's interested in your hearing his voice through everything in this book, from Genesis 1, verse 1 to Revelation. Look back, God says, not to the nation tonight, but to you, trust me, and remember the day thou was born.

Ezekiel 16, verse 4, verse 5, none I pitied thee to have compassion upon thee, thou was cast out to the loathing of thy person. Verse 6, and when I passed by thee and saw thee polluted, that is defiled, and struggling in thine own blood, I said unto thee, live, live. Verse 8, yea, I swear unto thee, and entered into a covenant with thee, and thou became as mine.

Verse 9, then washed I with water, yea, I thoroughly washed away thy blood from thee, and anointed thee with oil. Verse 10, I clothed thee also. Verse 19, verse 14, and thy renown, thy renown went forth among the heathen for thy beauty, for it was perfect through my comeliness, my working in you.

Verse 16, but, verse 22, thou has not remembered the days of thy youth when thou was naked, and bare, and was polluted, and struggling in thine own blood. Thou has tragically forgotten the horror, the sadness, and emptiness of your unsaved life. Verse 43, and because thou has not remembered the days of thy youth, but has fretted me, that's grieved me, and angered me, therefore I also will recompense thy way upon thy head, because ye have made your iniquity, your past sins, to be remembered.

Ezekiel 21, verse 24. Verse 43, therefore, I also will recompense thy way upon thy head. Verse 59, I will deal with thee as thou has done, which has despised the oath, the breaking, in breaking the covenant.

Verse 61, then shalt thou remember thy ways, and be ashamed, and confounded, that's disgraced literary, for all that thou has done. Verse 63, Ezekiel 23, verse 27, for I will make thy lewdness to cease from thee, so that thou shalt not remember Egypt any more. Now, tonight, I would compassionately ask every one of you, have you also foolishly forgotten the shame, the tragic state, the emptiness of your unsaved life, the sorrow and shame of it? But beloved, be careful here.

There is a terrible warning held out before all of us in Proverbs 15, verse 10. Correction, correction is grievous unto him that forsaketh the way. Is it? He hateth reproof.

Do you? Even this message? The people turneth not unto him that smiteth them. What more can God do? His harshest blows love, perfect love, if it's God wanting to make you stop, come to your senses and get back to the only fulfillment and true joy you'll ever know in life, or waste your life in rubbish. The people turneth not unto him that smiteth them.

It's a terrible, terrible statement. Isaiah 9, verse 13, they hearkened not, Jeremiah 7, verse 24, nor received correction. Verse 28, Proverbs 29, verse 1, he that being often reproved and hardeneth his neck.

God had pled with them. God had pled with them in Jeremiah 6, verse 16, stand ye in the ways and see and ask, ask for the old paths. Where is the good way? And walk therein, and ye shall find rest, peace for your souls.

God promises. But they said, we will not walk therein. Do you say that subconsciously tonight? You know you're going to walk out there and not go through with God, no matter what he says.

They said, we will not walk therein. Jeremiah 31, verse 22, how long wilt thou go about thou backsliding, daughter? Return, thou backsliding Israel, saith the Lord. Jeremiah 3, verse 12, and I will heal thee, I will heal thee of thy backsliding.

Hosea 14, verse 4, only acknowledge thine iniquity. That costs, doesn't it, to acknowledge it to yourself, first of all, not justify your compromising with Satan. And the world, who do you think you'll compromise it? Only acknowledge, acknowledge thine iniquity.

Jeremiah 3, verse 13, declare thou, declare thou that thou mayest be justified, Isaiah 43, verse 26. Whoso confesseth and forsaketh, his sins shall have mercy. Proverbs 28, verse 13, God promises, take with you words, and turn to the Lord, say unto him, take away all iniquity, all, so that iniquity shall not be your ruin.

What a warning from God. What do you think these words don't apply to you? Humble yourselves therefore in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up, he promises. James 4, verse 10, turn thou us unto thee, O Lord, turn thou us unto thee, and we shall be turned.

Renew our days of old as they were. Lamentations 5, verse 21, turn us again, O God. Psalm 80, verse 3, I remember the days of old.

Psalm 143, verse 5, restore unto me, restore unto me the joy of thy salvation, O God. Psalm 51, verse 12, you may be sitting here tonight in hopelessness, that no one else but God knows, and Satan. You may be sitting here tonight in hopelessness and despair, as Hagar did, but God mercifully opened her eyes in one moment, and perhaps through this sermon, perhaps through this sermon, he has mercifully opened your eyes here tonight to give you hope again.

We read in Genesis 21, from verse 1 to 20, of Hagar's despair and sorrowful resignation for her and her son's death. Resignation to death. Verse 14, Hagar was cast out and wandered in the wilderness of Beersheba.

Verse 15, and the water, the water was spent, used up. Verse 16, and she sat down and lift up her voice and wept. Is that where you are spiritually right now in honesty? But God heard her cry, beloved, and he will hear yours also here tonight, if you're willing to cry.

Verse 17, and the angel of God called to Hagar out of heaven. Fear not. What wonderful words.

Friend, does God not call down to you out of heaven right now through this sermon? Be honest with yourself now, no one else. Verse 10, God then mercifully opened her eyes, and she saw a well of water, and went and filled that bottle with water. She filled the bottle with water.

Oh, friend, has God opened your eyes also here tonight to the wells of salvation that you need to urgently and wholeheartedly and disciplinely begin to draw from once again as the greatest discipline of your life daily till you die, and never ever to dare neglect one day again. Isaiah 49 verse 10, he that hath mercy on them shall lead them back to the springs of living water. He that hath mercy on them shall lead them back to the springs of living water.

Is that what he's trying to do to you tonight? It's God you're dealing with. Will you reject him? Will you harden your heart against him? How could you? Revelation 3 verse 1, I know thy works, that thou hast a name, that thou livest, and are dead must too be watchful, and strengthen the things which remain that are ready to die, so that iniquity shall not be your ruin. Ezekiel 18 verse 30 ends.

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