

### **ANALOGY of LIVING WATER**

Our lesson text comes from the last day of the Feast of Tabernacles (Booths) (John 7:2, 37). This is very important to the doctrinal analogy of Living Water.

The first and last days of Tabernacles were High Sabbaths (Lev.23:33-36; John 19:31). Our lesson comes on the last day.

On the last day of Tabernacles, the high priest of Israel would lead a procession of pilgrims from the Temple Mount to the Pool of Siloam to fill a golden pitcher with water. Then he would return to the Temple and pour it on the altar of burnt offering (Ryrie NASB on John 7:37).

This was to memorialize God's Logistical Grace of satisfying thirst by the famous messianic rock at Horeb during the wilderness wandering (Ex.17:1-7) (Massah) [testing] and (Meribah) [quarreling].

Jesus gave this Analogy of Living Water in a Bible study to this group of pilgrims.

#### **We will study four aspects of the Analogy of Living Water.**

#### **1. Notice how Jesus introduced this Analogy of Living Water – “if anyone is thirsty, let come to Me and drink.” (John 7:37)**

**If** (3cc) Volitional [Maybe you will, maybe your won't]

**Anyone** (tis) [indefinite pronoun] Inclusion of all members of human race

**Thirst** (dipsao / p.a.subj) [positive volition at God conscience]

Thirst is normal. (Ps.42:41-42; Matt.5:6) The issue is not thirst but how to quench it – Example: the youngest prodigal son (Luke 15:11-13; Heb.11:25) (lasciviousness) vs the older prodigal son (Luke 15:29) (ascetic – religious – legalistic). According to Jesus, both were wrong.

**Come to Me** (erchomai / p.a.impv.3ps) [a continuous command based on Positive volition towards gospel hearing of Jesus Christ]

**Drink** (pino / p.a.impv.3ps) Positive Volition (PV) towards gospel hearing resulting in believing to grace salvation (John 7:38-39; 6:35; 4:14) (1 Cor.15:3-4; Rom.1:16; Eph.2:8-9).

They didn't create the rock or the water or Life (living water) nor did they dig a well or create the throat or swallowing.

#### **2. Jesus shows that drink is synonymous with believing.**

**(John 7:38-39)** “He who believes (pisteuo/ p.a.ptc.nsm) **in Me**” and “But this He spoke of the Spirit, whom those who believed (hoi pisteuo/ a.a.ptc nplm) **in Him** were (mello/ impf.a.ind 3pl) to receive (lambano/ p.a.infin).”

When **ANYONE** believes in Jesus Christ as the source of grace salvation, he receives the Holy Spirit. Jesus Christ is the source of salvation ministries of the Holy Spirit.

The indwelling Holy Spirit is the source of the flowing rivers of living water.

(John 7:38) “**From** ( ek+ablative of source) **his** (autos) [personal pronoun/ gsm] innermost being (tes koilia) [physical cavity].” (1 Cor.6:19-20)

3. **Note the phrase, “as (kathos) [adverb of comparison] the Scriptures said,” is not a direct quote of an Old Testament (OT) passage. But rather it comes from the context of the story of the famous messianic rock of (Ex.17:1-7).**

Note how Paul explained it in (1 Cor.10:1 - 11)

(1 Cor.10:1) “I do not want you to be ignorant.”

(1 Cor.10:4) “And all drank the same spiritual drink, for they were drinking from a spiritual rock which followed them; and **the rock was Christ.**”

(1 Cor.10:6) “**Now these things happened as examples for us**, that we should not crave evil things, as they also craved.”

(1 Cor.10:11) “**Now these things happened to them as an example**, and **they were written for our instruction**, upon whom the ends of the ages have come.”

4. **In a similar analogy of living water, a Samaritan woman ask Jesus where she could get the living water so that she would never thirst again (John 4:11-15).**

She was thinking with her **natural mind** as an unbeliever like Nicodemus (John 3:4)

(1 Cor.2:14) “But **the natural man (psuchikos anthropos)** does not accept the things of the Spirit of God; for they are foolishness to him, and d he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually appraised.”

She argued that this was Jacob’s well and that Jesus did not even have anything to draw water from it with! (John 4:11).

(1 Cor.4:12) “You are not greater than our father Jacob, are you, who gave us the well, and drank of it himself and his sons and his cattle?”

She learned that the water of Jacob’s well could not satisfy the thirst of her soul. But the living water of Jesus’ could satisfy the thirst forever by putting the well inside her, a believer.

(1 Cor.4:14) “The water that I will give him will become in him a well of water springing up to eternal life.”

Jesus told the pilgrims at the Feast of Tabernacles the same thing.

(John 7:38) “He who believes in Me, as the Scriptures said, ‘From his inner most being will flow rivers of living water.’”