

Pastors Thoughts of the Week

Aqua Viva

John 7:37-38: : 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. He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.

Oh what a fountain from which flows that life giving water! How few there were on that great day, that took advantage of so gracious an invitation. Had they only known the import of this magnificent promise; for before them, on that last day of tabernacles as they poured out their water pots upon the ground, stood the One who could forever sate their desiccated souls with the vivifying water of life.

God has so ordained that all life on earth depends on finding a water source if they are to continue to thrive. Likewise, there is an innate thirst for things eternal that all humans experience and that compels them to find a source to satisfy that vital need. How difficult the devil has made this in our "dry and thirsty land where no water is". Jeremiah lamented: "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." Jeremiah 2:13. We see that the worldly minded have found their broken cisterns in a vain hope to quench a thirst that only Christ can satisfy. The image of parched souls lapping up the polluted waters from a contaminated cistern would be laughable if it were not so tragically true.

The woman at the well found living water that day at Jacob's well. This despised, Samaritan interloper was caught in the act of stealing a precious commodity. Once finding the source of living water she left her waterpot and hastened back to alert her countrymen that she had found that well which would never would run dry. And we, like her, have also been invited to bring our dehydrated souls to that same well and draw up from its never ending supply.

In our text the Master bade them "come unto me, and drink", and now the Comforter, whom He has sent, reiterates the invitation: 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.

Have a blessed week,

Pastor

Faith cometh by hearing; and hearing by the word of God Romans 10:17