

“From Broken Cistern to the Fountain of Living Water” 12/3/17

John 7:37-39

Sermon Series- “Essential Jesus: The Man, the Mission, the Message”

Living Water- water that has never been touched by mankind as in a stream or river versus that which is in cistern. It also is known as “running water” or water from rain. It is the only water that can be used in purification (Leviticus 14:5, 50; Numbers 19:17) or in a *mikveh* (ritual bath). It is that which brings *physical* and *spiritual* life... thus Living Water.

LESSON 1- The CHARACTERISTICS of the Living Water

- A. The land of Israel is a land that is dependent upon FAITH (versus Egypt as one example; Haggai 1:10-11; Deut 11:10-17; 28:12)
- B. We must realize our need for the water that brings LIFE (Psalm 63:1; Deuteronomy 1:46-2:24; What is your desert?)
- C. We must recognize that our thirst can only be satisfied by GOD (Psalm 42:1-2; Isaiah 32:2; Deut 8:15; Where are you looking? **Eccl 2:1-26?**)

Going Deeper God wants you to see that only He provides Life-Giving Water!

Three Mandatory Feasts to Come to Jerusalem

Feast of Firstfruits- spring; celebrates beginning of grain harvest (Passover)

Feast of Weeks (Pentecost)- early summer; celebrates ending of grain harvest.

Feast of Tabernacles (Sukkot)- Autumn; celebrates harvest of grapes, figs, olives, pomegranates, dates. Prayer for Fall rains in preparation for the planting season. Also, hoping for eschatological (end times) blessings.

LESSON 2- The INVITATION to the Living Water

- A. Are you one who will REJECT the offer of Living Water? (John 7:37-39; Jeremiah 2:13; 17:13)

“For My people have committed two evils: They have forsaken Me, the fountain of living waters, And hewn themselves cisterns -- broken cisterns that can hold no water.” Jeremiah 2:13

- B. Are you one who will RECEIVE the offer of Living Water? (John 4:10-15; Jeremiah 17:7-8; Revelation 7:17; 21:6; 22:17)

Going Deeper God wants you to abandon your cistern and consistently go to Him!

“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.” Revelation 21:6