

“Living Water”

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I. Introduction.

- A. Rain – up to 15” / Flooding - worst in 39 yr. or ever. - Incredible power in water!
- B. Where does your mind go when this type of event occurs?
- C. Do you respond with fear & worry?
- D. Do you focus on the God behind it all and look for His lessons in it?
- E. Let’s look at water. – it is necessary, but can definitely make us uncomfortable!

II. Water

* Definition: a transparent, odorless, tasteless liquid, a compound of hydrogen and oxygen, H₂O, freezing at 32°F or 0°C and boiling at 212°F or 100°C, that in a more or less impure state constitutes rain, oceans, lakes, rivers, etc.:

- A. Necessity for life to exist!
- B. Water / liquid, ice / solid, & vapor / invisible (gaseous state)
- C. It covers nearly 71 percent of Earth’s surface.
- D. Water moves constantly. Evaporation, Precipitation, and run off.

* Water is referred to frequently in Scripture.

III. References to Water in the Bible.

- A. **Job 36:26-28** – God controls the natural processes of water.
- B. **Proverbs 8:29** – God set boundaries for the bodies of water.
- C. It has been used for punishment. – Flood – Elijah / no rain.

* **WATER** is used as a metaphor for: - **Fear** in Josh. 7:5, - **Death** in II Sam. 14:14, - **Sin** in Job 15:16, - **God’s Presence** in Psa. 72:6, - **Marital Fidelity** in Prov. 5:15-16, - **The Knowledge of God** in Isa. 11:9, - **Salvation** in Isa. 12:3, - **The Spirit** in Isa. 44:3-4, - **God’s Blessings** in Isa. 58:11, - **God’s Voice** in Ezek. 43:2, **God’s Wrath** in Hos. 5:10, - **Justice** in Amos 5:24, - **Birth** in John 3:5, - **Spiritual Training** in I Cor. 3:6, and – **Life** in Rev. 7:17.

*Warren Wiersbe – “In the Bible water for cleansing refers to the Word of God and water for drinking symbolizes the Spirit of God.

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IV. Living Water – John 4:6-15 – READ – Fountain < Everlasting Life.

- A. Jesus is hungry, tired, and alone.
- B. He breaks some significant cultural boundaries.
- C. She was a Samaritan – apparently outcast because of reputation. There alone.
- D. Jesus asks – tells her if she only knew...she would ask Him!
- E. Jer. 2:13 – READ – The Problem!
- F. Isa. 55:1-2 – READ – The Invitation to the Solution!
- G. Isa. 41:18 – READ – The Promise!
- H. Isa. 58:11 – READ – More Promises!

V. Living Water – John 7:37-39 – READ – Flowing River < Work of the Spirit.

- A. Last day of feast – water poured out on alter by Priests – great joy.
- B. Jesus stood up and shouted to the crowd. – using the word picture in front of them.
 - 1. Thirsty? - Come and Drink!
 - 2. Rivers of living water will **flow** out of your heart!
- C. Holy Spirit was frequently referred to as water.
 - 1. Isa. 44:3 – pour out water on you and your decendants.
 - 2. Prov. 1:23 – Turn at my rebuke and I will pour out my Spirit.
- D. **Rivers of Living Water!**
 - 1. There is constant movement in a river – from the source to...?
 - 2. If we stay connected to our Source the river will flow.
 - 3. If the river stops flowing and stagnates our connection to the source is broken.
 - 4. When our connection to the source is blocked we will turn into the Dead Sea.
 - 5. Psa. 1:3 – Tree planted by the rivers of water – bringing forth fruit!

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VI. How It Effects Us.

- A. It sometimes invades our lives.
- B. It forces us to make choices.
 - 1. Will I allow a fountain of Living Water in me?
 - 2. Will I stay connected to the Source of Living Water so the Holy Spirit can flow through me to others?

* A water source doesn't know what all its waters will touch and we do not know what all the Spirit of God wants to do and can do through us.

- C. We need to do our part in removing obstacles that block the flow of the Spirit.

VII. Conclusion.

- A. Do you know the source of living water?
- B. Some of us were affected by flooded rivers this past week.
- C. Is the living water of the Holy Spirit affecting your life?
- D. Is the flow of the Spirit in your life blocked by things that you have allowed into your life?
- E. We need only stay connected to The Source! God will wash over and flood lives wherever he chooses.

* Song – “I've Got A River Of Life”