

Living Waters

We're going to discuss the "Living Waters" today.

What is the Bible referring to when it mentions the Living Waters?

Well, this is referring to the Holy Spirit.

There are some key words that I want you to keep in mind as we study today.

1. Waters

2. Spirit

3. Name

All of these things are important. God uses words and they have a meaning in prophetic language. And were going to see exactly what these words mean.

Let's look at the book of Isaiah, chapter 55 verse 1

Isaiah 55:1-13

Isaiah 55:1 Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy, and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Cf: Ps 4:7 and 104:15

Wine rejoices the heart:

Ps 4:7 Thou hast put gladness in my heart, more than in the time that their corn and their wine increased.

Ps 104:15 And wine that maketh glad the heart of man, and oil to make his face to shine, and bread which strengtheneth man's heart. *Spiritually, the bread of life is the Word of God, also known as the Body of Christ. If you want a strong Christian heart, eat the bread of Life.*

Joh 6:33 For the bread of God is he which cometh down from heaven, and giveth life unto the world.

Joh 6:35 And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst.

Joh 6:48 I am that bread of life.

Joh 6:51 I am the living bread which came down from heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live for ever: and the bread that I will give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world. *Notice here that this is living bread. There is living waters and living bread. Living Spirit and a Living Body. You must know also that there is living blood.*

Now there is also the wine of God's wrath. You don't want that wine.
Re 14:10 The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb:

Milk helps one to grow and strengthens the bones:

1Pe 2:2 As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby:

Again the key word is waters.

V:1 "waters" Hebrew word (*chay mayim*), "living waters" cf: Jeremiah 2:13 For my people have committed two evils; they have forsaken me the fountain (*maqowr*) *what holds the waters, God is the fountain.* of living waters (*chay mayim*) *is His Spirit.*, and hewed them out cisterns, broken cisterns, that can hold no water. *the false religions of the false worshippers of the false gods are represented here as the hewn and broken cisterns that cannot hold the Spirit of God (the Holy Spirit). Their false religion will not save them, why do they waste their time? But we, as Christians and as vessels of God in the will of God, do hold the seal of the spirit of God that dwells within us.*

In Zech 12:10 we see a prophecy in which God says:

Zechariah 12:10 And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications: *Is this not speaking of the Holy Spirit? Isn't the Holy Spirit a spirit of grace?*

Heb 10:29 Of how much sorer punishment, suppose ye, shall he be thought worthy, who hath trodden under foot the Son of God, and hath counted the blood of the covenant, wherewith he was sanctified, an unholy thing, and hath done despite unto the Spirit

of grace?

Isn't the Holy spirit a spirit that gives supplication?

Ro 8:26 ¶ Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.

Ro 8:27 And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God.

Eph 6:18 Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;

Again:

Zechariah 12:10 And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications: and they shall look upon me (*God*) whom they have pierced, *When have the Jews ever pierce their God?* and they shall mourn for him, as one mourneth for his only son, and shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for his firstborn. *Here we begin to see the correlation of God the Father with God the Son. As we look further in the Scriptures, this will become more evident.*

Notice the Jews will "look upon Me (God) whom they have pierced." When did the Jews ever cause their God to be pierced" ? cf: John 19:33-37: we see how the waters come into play

John 19:33-37 But when they came to Jesus, and saw that he was dead already, they brake not his legs: 19:34 But one of the soldiers with a spear pierced his side, and forthwith came there out blood and water. 19:35 And he that saw it bare record, and his record is true: and he knoweth that he saith true, that ye might believe.

19:36 For these things were done, that the scripture should be fulfilled, A bone of him shall not be broken. 19:37 And again

another scripture saith, They shall look on him whom they pierced. (Zechariah 12:10)

Here John takes the quote from Zechariah 12:10.

In Zechariah 13:1 says:

Zechariah 13:1 In that day, the day God pours out His Spirit, the day the Jews mourned for piercing their God, there shall be a fountain opened, what's in every fountain you've ever seen in the world? Water. to the house of David and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem for sin and for uncleanness. the water is for the washing away of sin and uncleanness.

What is in every fountain you have ever seen – water. Notice the fountain or waters is “for sin and for uncleanness.”

Let's look back at Isaiah 55:1

Lets remember now the subject- waters

Isaiah 55:1 Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy, and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.

Salvation is full Salvation is free. It doesn't cost a thing.

There was a story I heard of a man who went to a church called “House of the guy who made clay cisterns with holes in it church” at pit street. There they had people come up and form into different lines. They had the \$1,000 line where those who had that much to give would give and receive some great blessing. They had a \$500; \$100; and even a \$50 line. Where the more one gave, the more one would be blessed or receive more or greater blessings.

A guy went up to one of their ushers and asked. What if you don't have any money?

Sure there is a blessing in what you give, and you will be blessed. Sure it is more blessed to give than to receive. But if you're giving to buy God's blessing, then you are in error.

Do you think that people are actually paying money to receive the miraculous gifts of God? Or to receive a higher position in God's kingdom? Well, God forbid. Are not there people who have paid for these with money and think that they have actually received them?

Probably. But woe to those who have deceived such out of their possessions.

And woe to them who thought that the gift of God could be bought with a price.

Before Jesus baptized the apostles with the Holy Spirit, did he collect a large sum of money from them? No.

Before the apostles layed their hands on anyone to impart some spiritual gift, did they require of them a huge payment? No.

Lets look at what Simon the sorcerer did and what was the result:

Ac 8:18 And when Simon saw that through laying on of the apostles' hands the Holy Ghost was given, he offered them money,

19 Saying, Give me also this power, that on whomsoever I lay hands, he may receive the Holy Ghost.

20 But Peter said unto him, Thy money perish with thee, because thou hast thought that the gift of God may be purchased with money.

21 Thou hast neither part nor lot in this matter: for thy heart is not right in the sight of God.

22 Repent therefore of this thy wickedness, and pray God, if perhaps the thought of thine heart may be forgiven thee.

23 For I perceive that thou art in the gall of bitterness, and in the bond of iniquity.

Ever notice how angry and bitter these folk get when you show them the Scriptures that refute their claims of miraculous gifts.

1Co 13:8 ¶ Charity never faileth: but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away. ***But remember, God can and still does miracles. Therefore we pray.***

9 For we know in part, and we prophesy in part.

10 But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away.

11 When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things.

12 For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I

13 And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the

greatest of these is charity. in I Corinthians 13, charity is referring to the love of God. There is no other love that can save us. Has God loved any one of us more than another, or has He loved us all the same? How did God love us?

Joh 3:16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

How did He give Him? Answer: the Gospel.

I got news for you. If you don't have the Gospel, then you don't have the love of God. And you cannot be saved. Only God's love can save us.

There are people who don't know what the gospel is, and yet claim to have the anointing of the Holy spirit.

The Holy Spirit is received upon obedience to the Gospel.

Ac 2:38 Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

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Zechariah 13:6-7 Awake, O sword, against my shepherd, and against the man that is my fellow, saith the LORD of hosts: smite the shepherd, and the sheep shall be scattered: and I will turn mine hand upon the little ones.

Zech 14:1-11 *If you read through these verses you may notice a hint of prophecy of the destruction of Jerusalem. 70 AD.*

Let us begin with verse 8:

8 ¶ And it shall be in that day, that living waters shall go out from Jerusalem; half of them toward the former sea, and half of them toward the hinder sea: in summer and in winter shall it be.

9 And the LORD shall be king over all the earth: in that day shall there be one LORD, and his name one.

Joel 2:21-32 may also be concerning the destruction of Jerusalem. Drop down to verse 28:

Joel 2:28 ¶ And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions:

29 And also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my spirit.

30 And I will shew wonders in the heavens and in the earth, blood, and fire, and pillars of smoke.

31 The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the great and the terrible day of the LORD come.

32 And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the LORD shall be delivered: for in mount Zion and in Jerusalem shall be deliverance, as the LORD hath said, and in the remnant whom the LORD shall call.

Acts 2:14-21

Ac 2:14 ¶ But Peter, standing up with the eleven, lifted up his voice, and said unto them, Ye men of Judaea, and all ye that dwell at Jerusalem, be this known unto you, and hearken to my words:

15 For these are not drunken, as ye suppose, seeing it is but the third hour of the day.

16 But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel;

17 And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams:

18 And on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit; and they shall prophesy:

19 And I will shew wonders in heaven above, and signs in the earth beneath; blood, and fire, and vapour of smoke:

20 The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before that great and notable day of the Lord come:

21 And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved. Rom 10:13-15

Ro 10:13 For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.

14 How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and

how shall they hear without a preacher?

15 And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!

Matthew 26:31-32 Then saith Jesus unto them, All ye shall be offended because of me this night: for it is written, I will smite the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock shall be scattered abroad. 26:32 But after I am risen again, I will go before you into Galilee.

Isaiah 55:1 Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy, and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.

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John 3:3-5 Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. 3:4 Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born? 3:5 Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. We must be born of water & Spirit.

John 4:10-14 Jesus answered and said unto her, If thou knewest the gift of God, and who it is that saith to thee, Give me to drink; thou wouldest have asked of him, and he would have given thee living water. 4:11 The woman saith unto him, Sir, thou hast nothing to draw with, and the well is deep: from whence then hast thou that living water? 4:12 Art thou greater than our father Jacob, which gave us the well, and drank thereof himself, and his children, and his cattle? 4:13 Jesus answered and said unto her, Whosoever drinketh of this water shall thirst again: 4:14 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 a well of

water springing up into everlasting life.

John 7:37-39 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. 7:38 He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water. 7:39 (But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.)

Acts 2:37-47 Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do? 38 Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. 39 For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call. 40 And with many other words did he testify and exhort, saying, Save yourselves from this untoward generation. 41 Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls. 42 And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers. 43 And fear came upon every soul: and many wonders and signs were done by the apostles. Act 2:44 And all that believed were together, and had all things common; 45 And sold their possessions and goods, and parted them to all men, as every man had need. 46 And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart, 47 Praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.

Isaiah 55:2 Wherefore do ye spend money for that which is not bread? and your labour for that which satisfieth not? hearken diligently unto me, and eat ye that which is good,

and let your soul delight itself in fatness.

Why are you attached to false teaching from which your souls derive neither comfort nor nourishment?

Isaiah 55:3 Isa 55:3 Incline your ear, and come unto me: hear, and your soul shall live; and I will make an everlasting covenant with you, even the sure mercies of David. cf.

V:3 “I will make an everlasting covenant with you.”

Ac 13:34 And as concerning that he raised him up from the dead, now no more to return to corruption, he said on this wise, I will give you the sure mercies of David. *the sure mercies of David refers to the everlasting covenant.*

Isaiah 55:4 Behold, I have given him for a witness to the people, a leader and commander to the people.

Isaiah 55:5 Behold, thou shalt call a nation that thou knowest not, and nations that knew not thee shall run unto thee because of the LORD thy God, and for the Holy One of

Israel; for he hath glorified thee.

The result of the suffering servants work is the following invitation:

Isaiah 55:6 Seek ye the LORD while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near:

Or seek ye the Lord because He may be found ...

II Corinthians 6:2 (For he saith, I have heard thee in a time accepted, and in the day of salvation have I succoured thee: behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.)

Isaiah 55:7 Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the LORD, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

This is just another way to say: Repent.

Isaiah 55:8-9 For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the LORD. **55:9** For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.
This shows the incomprehensible purposes and intentions of the mind of God.

Isaiah 55:10 For as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater:
God's blessings upon the Church through Christ.

Isaiah 55:11 So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.
The word is the seed and the word will bear fruit cf:
Matthew 13:1ff

Isaiah 8:20 To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them.

Mk 16:15-16 And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. **16:16** He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.

I Timothy 2:2 And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also.
Notice this New Testament is not an evolving revelation. Paul first generation, taught Timothy second generation, Timothy was to commit the same to faithful men third generation, who shall be able to teach others also fourth generation.

Isaiah 55:12 For ye shall go out with joy, and be led forth

with peace: the mountains and the hills shall break forth before you into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

The mountains and the hills are highly poetical images to express a happy state attended with joy and exultation. The Jews to return from the Babylonian captivity with peace,

Ps 126:1 When the LORD turned again the captivity of Zion, we were like them that dream. 126:2 Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with singing: then said they among the heathen, The LORD hath done great things for them. 126:3 The LORD hath done great things for us; whereof we are glad. 126:4 Turn again our captivity, O LORD, as the streams in the south. 126:5 They that sow in tears shall reap in joy. 126:6 He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him.

Isaiah 55:13 Instead of the thorn shall come up the fir tree, and instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle tree: and it shall be to the LORD for a name, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

The Lord will give the Church a name,

V:13 and it shall be to the LORD for a name, let us follow the metaphor name and see where it leads us cf:

Isaiah 56:5 Even unto them will I give in mine house and within my walls a place and a name better than of sons and of daughters: I will give them an everlasting name, that shall not be cut off.

Isaiah 62:2 And the Gentiles shall see thy righteousness, and all kings thy glory: and thou shalt be called by a new name, which the mouth of the LORD shall name.

The result of the Messiah's work is the Gentiles will come to God and at that time – when the Gentiles come to Christ – the people of God will be called by a new name, that originates with God.

But to the Jews He says:

Isaiah 65:15 And ye shall leave your name for a curse unto my chosen: for the Lord GOD shall slay thee, and call his servants by another name:

The poor Jews have been a curse for 2,000 years.

The LORD God slew the Jews when Christ returned in judgment at the destruction of Jerusalem in 70 AD by Titus of Rome. This judgment was brought on because the Jews persecuted and murdered the Apostles, prophets and saints of the early Church.

Remember the new name will come when the Gentiles come to God through Christ Isaiah 62:2.

Acts 11:1 And the apostles and brethren that were in Judaea heard that the Gentiles had also received the word of God. This verse fulfills Isaiah 62:2 that the Gentiles will come to Christ so we can expect to see something about a new name soon ...

Acts 11:26 And when he had found him, he brought him unto Antioch. And it came to pass, that a whole year they assembled themselves with the church, and taught much people. And the disciples were called Christians first in Antioch.

Acts 4:12 Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.

Romans 16:16 Salute one another with an holy kiss. The churches of Christ salute you