



Sermon Series Notes

"The Water Of Life" (John 4,7; Revelation 21-22)

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Themes: Communion

Water of life

Archetype: common theme in literature. References to water technically/metaphorically abound. Last summer: Jesus- Light of the world. Light is an amazing analogy.

OT full of water themes.

Genesis- a life giving river flowed out of Eden to water the garden paradise home of Adam.

Exodus 15 (Marah)- Wilderness- spiritual and physical. **Bitter pool in your life (apply the tree- another great archetype-wood).** ; Only Jesus can make the bitter waters of your life sweet.

Prophet Jeremiah speaks words of warning that apply to us and says that it is: *foolish of God's people in Judah to turn away from God the source of "life giving water" and turn to idols, which are nothing more than "cracked cisterns, which cannot even hold water" (Jer. 2:13)*

Hoseah **13:15** *Even though he flourishes like a reed plant, a scorching east wind will come, a wind from the Lord rising up from the desert. As a result, his spring will dry up; his well will become dry. That wind will spoil all his delightful foods in the containers in his storehouse.*

Isaiah alone refers to water or lack of it up to 33 times. A constant theme of Israel's dryness and a spiritual desert or wilderness is a predominant theme. Even the Hebrew word for prophet has a water theme at its root word: "to bubble forth". Later in Isaiah, despite the spiritual dryness, he speaks of a flood and outpouring. Eg: *Isaiah 55*, the Lord calls to any who will come and drink of His salvation:

*Ho! **Everyone who thirsts**, come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat. Yes, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend money for what is not bread, and your wages for what does not satisfy? Listen carefully to Me, and eat what is good, and let your soul delight itself in abundance. (Isaiah 55:1–2)*

So, how do I get filled?

1. Thirst. *Searched internet for not being thirsty. Lot's of reasons. Disease is most common (thyroid). Habit (trained or calloused) is another. Is that you? If you're not thirsty, there is a reason.*

*"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be filled" (Matthew 5:6). You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart (Jer.29:13)... Steven Masood; Rosaria Butterfield (secret thoughts of an unlikely convert); Mormon lady: common **theme: thirsty.***

2. Believe: [John 7:38-39](#) "He who believes in Me, as the Scripture said, 'From his innermost being will flow rivers of living water.'" But this He spoke of the Spirit, whom those who believed in Him were to receive; for the Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

3. Come: [Revelation 22:17](#) *The Spirit and the bride say, "Come " And let the one who hears say, "Come " And let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who wishes take the water of life without cost.*

*The last day of Sukkoth, there was a special ritual of water pouring took place. At that feast Jesus cried out with regard to the coming of the Holy Spirit, "If anyone is thirsty, let him **come to me**, and let the one who believes in me drink. Just as the scripture says, 'From within him will flow rivers of living water.'* (Now he said this about the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were going to receive, for the Spirit had not yet been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified" ([John 7:37-39](#)).

4. Ask

Samaritan woman at the well, Jesus said, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is who says to you, 'Give Me a drink,' you would have asked Him, and He would have given you living water" ([John 4:10](#)). The woman was understandably confused, so she asked how and where Jesus would get this living water. His answer is powerful: *Jesus answered and said to her, "Whoever drinks of this water will thirst again, but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst. But the water that I shall give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life."* ([John 4:13-14](#))

Communion

Reasons why we do communion

1. **Appreciation:** 1 Cor. 11:24a (jesus gave thanks, even though he knew he was heading to his death)- Thanks =humility (I'm not in control). The only sacrifice now required of believers are those of praise and thanksgiving and obedience because of what He has done. Not to earn it but to demonstrate our love.
2. **Commemoration/recollection, (read v.24b-25)**

Key to really getting Christianity: 1. Remembering what you **deserve**. 2. Remembering what you've been saved **from**. 3. Remembering what you've been saved **to**.

3. **Proclamation: 11:26- Tell of the great things he has done.**
4. **Celebration:** result. Worth celebrating!

Revelation 22:1-2

Then he showed me a river of the water of life, clear as crystal, coming from the throne of God and of the Lamb, in the middle of its street On either side of the river was the tree of life, bearing twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit every month; and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.