

BRINGING THE WORD OF LIFE

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'...that you may know that you have eternal life.' 1 John 5:13

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DYING OF THIRST

At the crack of dawn, three excited young men headed their jeep into the heart of the Sahara desert. They were fulfilling a long-standing dream of tracking and bagging a gazelle. When they had not returned forty-eight hours later, a rescue helicopter was dispatched. By noon, all hope that the hunters would be found alive in the stifling heat and parched wasteland was dwindling.

In the afternoon, a lone vehicle was sighted. After continued searching, the three hunters were located four miles from the jeep. There was only one survivor, and thirst had driven his weary body to the point of madness. His distorted mind was mocked with the cruel image of an oasis, as he frantically dug with bare hands in the sand to reach the water. Rescuers gently placed him in the helicopter and began the struggle to save his life.

This man's thirst was great, but it was not the worst type of thirst. Physical thirst ends with this life. Spiritual thirst can go unquenched into eternity. The Psalmist expressed the fundamental need of the human race when he said, "My soul thirsteth for God, for the living God" (Psalm 42:2). Some try to satisfy this thirst for God with natural beauty. Some give themselves to unending activity by driving themselves in the business and commercial activities of the world. Yet all the while, deep in our hearts, we sense an awful void.

Some aim for political achievements. Others make great strides in medicine, combating disease and prolonging physical life.

Yet all the while, deep in our hearts, we sense an awful void. We form friendships and nourish relationships that we hope will support us through life. But, as we attend funerals, we find that even relationships cannot fully satisfy. In fact, if God is not the foundation of our purpose and desire, these final experiences can be emotional torture.

Behind every thought, activity and enjoyment in this world, there is something from which you cannot escape. It is something that says, "I am still unsatisfied." There is something missing.

When the Lord Jesus was on the cross He experienced the agony of thirst as no one else has. His physical thirst became symbolic of our spiritual thirst. His death is the only means of alleviating this thirst.

Jesus said to the woman at Sychar's well,

**But whoever drinks of the
water that I shall give him
shall never thirst...**

—John 4:14

The Lord Jesus Christ alone can satisfy the thirst and the cravings of the human heart, so that we can exclaim, "In God, my soul is satisfied!"



Why don't we see Rainbows all of the time?

To see a naturally occurring rainbow, conditions have to be just right. There has to be a lot of water droplets in the air and the sun has to be at your back as you look at the droplets. If these two things are happening then you will see a rainbow!

Sunlight is made up of different colours of light. When sunlight enters a water droplet each colour is refracted (or bent) a different amount by the water, so that the colours spread out. When the colour is reflected from the inside surface of the droplet, it is refracted again as it goes back out into the air which spreads out the colours even more. Since there are many droplets at different heights above the ground and each droplet refracts a colour that reaches our eyes, we are able to see a complete rainbow. When I see a rainbow, it lifts my spirit. I love the colours and am always amazed at how big it is! But a rainbow can also tell us some things about God.

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A rainbow reminds us that God once warned the people of Noah's day about a coming judgment for their sin. Noah and his family believed God. They were saved in the Ark provided through God's instruction.

We are like the sinners of Noah's day; our sins will also bring us to judgment. God's instruction to every person today, is to trust in the work of the Lord Jesus Christ. At the cross, He provided for the forgiveness of our sins. The person who trusts Him is saved from that judgment.

When the conditions are right, a person can see a rainbow. The conditions are now 'right' for a person to be saved. Christ has already paid for the sin of the whole world when He died on the cross. You can accept His work for yourself now.

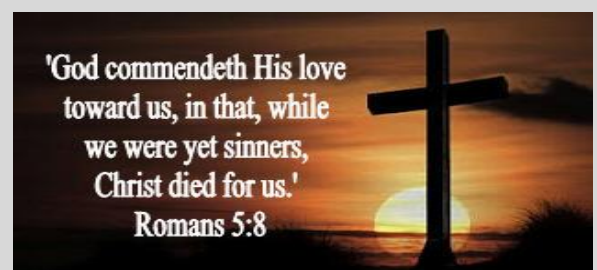
Payment God will not twice demand;

First at my Saviour's hand,

And then again at mine.

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I may look at a rainbow while another person stands some distance from me. That person would also see a rainbow, but because the light reaches them at a different angle, that person sees the rainbow in a slightly different part of the sky than I do. In a similar way, every person who is saved has 'seen' the Lord Jesus Christ as the only way of salvation, but every person's salvation experience is different in some way. God has saved people in their homes or at work, while reading the Bible or while hearing something said. Your salvation will be unique and personal to you, but all who believe have the same Saviour. Trust Christ today! Via Magazine



10 INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT WATER



1. Water is the most important resource in the world
2. The Atlantic Ocean contains 23 per cent of the world's seawater. The Pacific contains 48 per cent.
3. Nearly 97 per cent of the world's water is salty or otherwise undrinkable
4. 7% of the fresh water on Earth is trapped in glaciers
5. Water regulates the Earth's temperature
6. There are more molecules in a teaspoon of water than there are teaspoons of water in the Atlantic Ocean.
7. Sound travels 4.3 times faster through water than in air
8. A five-minute shower uses 10 to 25 gallons
9. There are more than 663 million people living without a safe water supply close to home.
10. 80% of all illness in the developing world is water related

SATISFIED - FOREVER!



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. John 7: 37-38

A SEARCHING QUESTION



Who hath measured the waters in the hollow of his hand, and meted out heaven with the span, and comprehended the dust of the earth in a measure, and weighed the mountains in scales, and the hills in a balance? Isaiah 40:12

THE ANSWER

How great Thou Art

O Lord my God! When I in awesome wonder
Consider all the works Thy hand hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
Thy power throughout the universe displayed;

Chorus

*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee,
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!
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When through the woods and forest glades I wander
and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur,
and hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze;

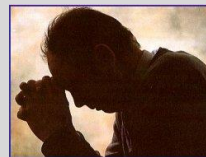
Chorus

And when I think that God His Son not sparing,
Sent Him to die - I scarce can take it in,
That on the cross my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin:

Chorus

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home- what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
And there proclaim, my God, how great Thou art!

POINT TO PONDER



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