

# BRINGING THE WORD OF LIFE

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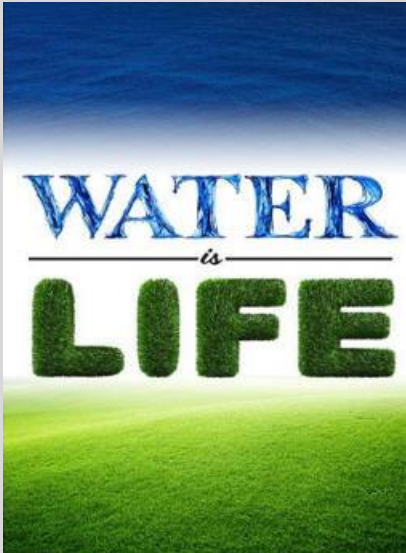
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*'...that you may know that you have eternal life.' 1 John 5:13*

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**Have you ever  
been so thirsty  
that you can't  
imagine going  
one more  
second without  
something to  
quench your  
thirst?**

All that you can think about is finding even one sip of cold, refreshing water. Our bodies crave water. In fact, the human body can only survive a few days without it.

How about your soul—is it thirsty? Do you feel that something is missing in your life? Maybe you've tried to fill the void by staying busy with work or friends. Perhaps you've sought satisfaction in buying new things. Some even try to quench their inner thirst with relationships, parties, alcohol, or drugs.

### FINDING SATISFACTION

Eventually, you'll realize that none of these things can satisfy your soul. But your thirst can be quenched—by Jesus! He said, "If any man thirst, let him come unto Me and drink" (**John 7:37**).

Jesus is offering you much more than a glass of water. Listen to what He promises: "I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely" (**Revelation 21:6**). Jesus is the "living water" that can quench your soul's need—both now and forever!

### WHY ARE WE THIRSTY?

Our thirst is a symptom of being separated from

God, the true source and sustainer of all life. We are at a distance from Him because of our sin: "Your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid His face from you" (**Isaiah 59:2**).

Now listen as God explains why the pleasures of this broken world cannot satisfy the soul: "They have forsaken Me the fountain of living waters, and hewed them out cisterns, broken cisterns, that can hold no water" (**Jeremiah 2:13**).

### THIRSTY FOR EVER

Jesus told of a man who, after he died, cried out: "Have mercy on me, and ... cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame" (Luke 16:24). Unless we are brought into a right relationship with God before we die, our sin will condemn us to eternal separation from Him.

The good news is that God sent His Son, Jesus Christ, to take away our sin. He did this when He laid down His life in our place. There, on the cross, He was separated from God and endured the punishment our sins deserve. Then He rose from the dead so that we might have eternal life and be with Him in heaven forever.

### DRINKING THE WATER OF LIFE

The water Jesus offers is free. It will quench your soul's thirst, cleanse you from sin, and give you everlasting life! It's time to stop drinking from the empty, polluted fountains of this world. Step up to the fountain of God's love and forgiveness and let Him satisfy your soul.

Put your trust in Jesus Christ who died for you and rose again:

"If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised Him from the dead, thou shalt be saved" **(Romans 10:9).**

"Let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely" **(Revelation 22:17).**

"Whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst" **(John 4:14).**

*Moments with the Book*

## DRINKING FROM WELLS THAT NEVER SATISFY

Like a woman at the well I was seeking  
For things that could satisfy  
And then I heard the Savior speaking  
Draw from my well that never shall run dry

Chorus

Fill my cup, Lord I lift it up, Lord  
Come and quench this thirsting of my soul  
Bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more-  
Fill my cup, fill it up and make me whole

There are millions in this world who are craving  
The pleasures earthly things afford  
But none can match the wondrous treasure  
That I find in Jesus Christ my Lord

Chorus

So my brother, if the things this world gave you  
Leave hunger that won't pass away  
My blessed Lord will come and save you  
If you kneel to Him and humbly pray

Chorus

**JESUS SAID:**

**WHOSOEVER**

**DRINKETH OF THIS WATER SHALL THIRST AGAIN  
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 SPRING OF WATER  
SPRINGING UP INTO EVERLASTING LIFE.**

John 4:13-14



**...LET ME ASK YOU A PLAIN QUESTION. DO  
YOU KNOW ANYTHING OF SPIRITUAL  
THIRST?**

Have you ever felt anything of genuine deep concern about your soul? I fear that many know nothing about it. I have learned, by the painful experience...that people may go on for years attending church, and yet never feel their sins, or desire to be saved.

- **The cares of this world,**
  - **the love of pleasure,**
  - **the lust of other things**
- choke the good seed and make it  
unfruitful.**

They come to church with hearts as cold as the stone pavement on which they walk. They go away as thoughtless and unmoved as the old marble busts which look down on them from the monuments on the walls. Well, it may be so; but I do not yet despair of anyone, so long as he is alive. That grand old bell in Paul's Cathedral, London, which has struck the hours for so many years, is seldom heard by many during the busy hours of the day.

The roar and din of traffic in the streets have a strange power to deaden its sound, and prevent men hearing it. But when the daily work is over ...thousands hear it who never heard it during the day. And so, I hope it will be with many a one in the matter of his soul. Now, in the health and strength, in the hurry and whirl of business, I fear the voice of your conscience is often stifled, and you cannot hear it.



**The Bell of  
Conscience keeps  
tolling in the  
mind**

But the day may come when the great bell of conscience will make itself heard, whether you like it or not.

The time may come when, laid aside in quietness, and obliged by illness to sit still, you may be forced to look within, and consider your soul's concerns. And then, when the great bell of awakened conscience is sounding in your ears, I trust that many a man who reads this message may hear the voice of God and repent, may learn to thirst, and learn to come to Christ for relief.

- **But do you feel anything at this very moment?**
- **Is your conscience awake and working?**
- **Are you sensible of spiritual thirst, and longing for relief?**

Then hear the invitation which I bring you in my Master's name this day:

- **If any man, no matter who he may be,**
- **high or low,**
- **rich or poor,**
- **learned or unlearned,**

**Come!**

if any man thirst, let him come to Christ and drink. Hear and accept that invitation without delay. Wait for nothing. Wait for nobody. Who can tell that you may not wait for a convenient season until it be too late? The hand of a living Redeemer is now held out from heaven; but it may be withdrawn. The fountain is open now; but it may soon be closed forever. If any man thirst, let him come and drink without delay. Though you have been a great sinner, and have resisted warnings, counsel and sermons yet come.

Though you have sinned against light and knowledge, against a father's advice and a mother's tears, though you have lived for years without prayer, yet come.

**Just as I am, without one plea,  
But that Thy blood was shed for me,  
And that Thou bid'st me come to Thee,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come**

Say not that you know not how to come, that you do not understand what it is to believe, that you must wait for more light. Will a tired man say that he is too tired to lie down, or a drowning man, that he knows not how to lay hold on the hand stretched out to help him, or the shipwrecked sailor, with a lifeboat alongside the stranded hulk, that he knows not how to jump in?



Oh, cast away these vain excuses! Arise, and come! The door is not shut. The fountain is not yet closed.

The Lord Jesus invites you. It is enough that you feel thirsting, and desire to be saved - Come: come to Christ without delay. Whoever came to the fountain for sin and found it dry? Whoever went away unsatisfied?

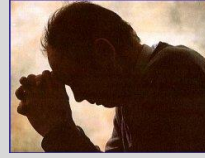
But have you come to Christ already, and found relief? Then come nearer, nearer still. The closer your communion with Christ, the more comfort you will feel. The more you daily live by the side of the fountain the more you shall feel in yourself a well of water springing up into everlasting life **(John 4:14)**. You shall not only be blessed yourself but be a source of blessing to others.

In this evil world you may not feel all the comfort you could desire. But remember you cannot have two heavens. Perfect happiness is yet to come. The devil is not yet bound. There is a good time coming for all who feel their sins and come to Christ and commit their thirsting souls to His keeping. When He comes again they will be completely satisfied. They will remember all the way by which they were led and see the need be of everything that befell them. Above all they will wonder that they could ever live so long without Christ and hesitate about coming to Him. Rest and be thankful. Those words describe the feelings with which every thirsting one who comes to Christ will enter heaven. The summit of the narrow way will at length be ours.

We shall cease from our weary journeyings and sit in the kingdom of God. We shall look back on all the way of our lives with thankfulness and see the perfect wisdom of every step in the steep ascent by which we were led. We shall forget the toil of the upward journey in the glorious rest.

Here, in this world, our sense of rest in Christ at best is feeble and partial: we hardly seem at times to taste fully the living water. But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is imperfect shall be done away. When we awake up after His likeness we shall be satisfied (**Psalm. 17:15**). We shall drink out of the river of His pleasures and thirst no more! J.C Ryle

## POINT TO PONDER



*Will a tired man say that he is too tired to lie down, or a drowning man, that he knows not how to lay hold on the hand stretched out to help him? COME*

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### COME – JUST AS YOU ARE

The Lord Jesus does not bid the labouring and the heavy laden 'go and work.'

Those words would carry no comfort to a heavy conscience. It would be like requiring labour from an exhausted man

#### **NO, HE SAYS COME**

He does not say, 'Pay what you owe'. That demand would drive a broken heart to despair: it would be like claiming a debt from a ruined bankrupt.

#### **NO, HE SAYS COME**

He does not say, 'Stand still and wait'. That command would be a mockery: it would be like promising to give medicine at the end of the week to one at the point of death.

#### **NO, HE SAYS COME.**