
Quenching Our Thirst

John 7:37-38 (NKJV)

³⁷ On the last day, that great *day* of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink.

³⁸ He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water."

When we, with our finite brains, try to comprehend the meaning of "Quenching Our Thirst", the first thing that comes to mind is an ice cold drink in our hand trying to cool us down from the heat and from the deep thirst that we have inside. But as we know, this is a temporary fix for the overwhelming thirst created by the heat of the world that surrounds us.

When we look at "Quenching Our Thirst" in a spiritual sense, this type of thirst cannot be quenched with a cold drink. The thirst is just as real as the physical thirst and is more devastating than the physical thirst, but we cannot quench this thirst without God through His Son Jesus Christ.

John 4:13 (NKJV)

¹³ Jesus answered and said to her, "Whoever drinks of this water will thirst again,

When we try to "Quench Our Thirst" without seeking God, but instead seek the things of the flesh and of this world, we become like the Corinthians. They were deceived in thinking they were seeking and serving God while at the same time they were allowing the practice of sexual perversion, immorality, and eating food offered to idols and drinking until drunk at the Lord's Supper! There was also division among them that was separating them from each other and God. If we live our Christian lives as the Corinthians, our hearts will become like empty wells or dried up desolate wastelands with a thirst that will never be satisfied by worldly means. We will never quench the drought of our heart created by the worldly inferno that surrounds us. However, when we seek God and His truth and ask Him for living water, we shall drink and never thirst, for out of our heart will flow rivers of living water.

1 Corinthians 6:9-12 (NKJV)

⁹ Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites,

¹⁰ nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God.

¹¹ And such were some of you. But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God.

¹² All things are lawful for me, but all things are not helpful. All things are lawful for me, but I will not be brought under the power of any.

The Corinthians were trying to "Quench their Thirst" with things of the flesh and not knowing their thirst was for God. In 1st Corinthians Paul explained to them that they lived wicked lives, despite the evidence of their spiritual gifts. Paul explained to them that the Spiritual gifts were not displayed because of them, but in spite of them. He also explained that the gifts of God would mean nothing without love being the driving force, for God is love.

1 Corinthians 6:19-20 (NKJV)

¹⁹ Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit *who is* in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own?

²⁰ For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's.

Paul reminds them that they are not their own but were purchased at a price. They were purchased by the precious blood shed by Christ Jesus and in all they do they should do it to glorify God and not the flesh.

Luke 9:23-24 (NKJV)

²³ Then He said to *them* all, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me.

²⁴ For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will save it.

2 Peter 1:2-4 (NKJV)

² Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord,

³ as His divine power has given to us all things that *pertain* to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue,

⁴ by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption *that is* in the world through lust.

Jesus does not tell us to take up our flesh and try and keep up with Him, but to take up our cross and follow Him by the saving grace of Him who called us to His Glory and Excellence.

I'm sure we are familiar with how "Facebook" works. We can choose to friend or unfriend people, we can choose to "follow" or "unfollow" people and the things they say and post. Just like Facebook, we have choices to make concerning our eternal salvation, and the works we perform after we are saved. Salvation doesn't require us to live differently than we did before we were saved, but that we want to live differently because of salvation. God has made a promise to all that "follow" His Son's righteous path as well the ones that "unfollow". Are we going to "unfriend" God and "friend" things of the flesh? Are we going to "unfollow" Jesus Christ and "follow" our wicked ways and desires? Is this really how we want to attempt to "Quench Our Thirst? I hope and pray that the answers to those three questions are NO, NO & NO!!!

Matthew 5:6 (NKJV)

⁶ Blessed *are* those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, For they shall be filled.

God wants to probe deep into our hearts uncovering the places where we are deeply wounded and need healing and free us from the bondage of the heavy chains that have a stronghold on us. Only the truly thirsty and only the ones who are willing to acknowledge the parched and lifelessness within us are we going to be able to drink His living water and be set free.

John 3:16-17 (NKJV)

¹⁶ For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

¹⁷ For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.

What we have to understand is that God loves us so much and wants to provide our every need. It is His desire to cast our sins off us as far as the East is from the West. His desire is to break every chain that has a stronghold on us and that binds us to this world and the enemy. God wants to expose our sins for us to acknowledge them but not for the sake of condemnation but for forgiveness and freedom.

Psalm 63:1 (NKJV)

¹ O God, You *are* my God; Early will I seek You; My soul thirsts for You; My flesh longs for You In a dry and thirsty land Where there is no water.

So let us seek God early in the morning, every minute of every day. For He will “Quench Our Thirst” with His living water which will sustain us forever and ever.