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Jeremiah 2:13, “For my people have committed two evils; they have forsaken me the fountain of living waters, [and] hewed them out cisterns, broken cisterns, that can hold no water.”

Water is vital to life. People have always settled near where water is because it’s needed daily. One can only live a very short time without water. The absence of water leads to certain death.

Even more so spiritual water is vital to eternal life. The absence of spiritual water leads to spiritual death. When Jesus was at the well in John 4, a woman had come to the city to draw water. She came to draw water because of the needs of the physical body. She found out about spiritual water while there. Jesus was at the well and told her in John 4:10, “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.”

Jesus said that she could have asked, and He would have given her living water. This living water is salvation. Being saved is often

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represented as having access to water, because water is vital to life. Most of our physical body is composed of water. The earth is slightly over 75% water. We are saved by baptism in water. (I Peter 3:20-21, “²⁰Which sometime were disobedient, when once the longsuffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was a preparing, wherein few, that is, eight souls were saved by water. ²¹The like figure whereunto [even] baptism doth also now save us (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God,) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ.” It’s no wonder that the LORD used water so much to talk about salvation.

Those in the days of Jeremiah had committed two evils. They had forsaken the LORD, the fountain of living waters. They also had hewn out broken cisterns that could not hold water.

Consider how foolish it would be forsake good physical water. You have access to a good, clean supply of water flowing freely, yet you forsake it. Instead of using that source of clean water, you work hard to dig a cistern. Yet this cistern is broken and cannot hold water.

How much more foolish it is to forsake the LORD, the fountain of living waters, and turn to the world. When one does this, they are digging broken cisterns. They will die of spiritual thirst.

I can’t help but think of the contrast of water when thinking of heaven and hell. In Luke 16 the rich man died, and in hell he lifted up his eyes. He asks to have Lazarus (who is in a saved condition) to dip his finger in water and cool his tongue. He asks for this because we are told he was tormented in the flame.

How much water would he be able to get just by someone dipping their finger in water and touching his tongue? What about the rest of his body? It would be almost no water and almost no comfort to him whatsoever. Yet he was asking this smallest of requests. It was denied. Not even one drop of water was given to him.

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News

—Continue to remember **Alice Thrasher, Jean Coffey, Steve Seaton, Brad Terry, Enola Zigler, Shirley Edwards, Clay Bozarth, Vicki McDaniel, and Louise Greer.** Remember **Archie & Judy Manning.** **Erin Davis** needs surgery to

move a battery in her back that is pressing against a nerve. **Ken Davis** had a mini stroke this past week, but is now home and doing well. **Kerry McDaniel** is very sick with Covid and norovirus. As of yesterday, he is in the Covid intensive care at the University of Louisville hospital.

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Compare that to what is pictured for the saved in Heaven. In Revelation 22:1 John writes, “*And he shewed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb.*”

In Heaven the saved have access to water that is pure. It is a river of the water of life. It has no contaminants being clear as crystal. It proceeds out of the throne of God and of the Lamb. It comes directly from God. We know that it will freely flow forever for the saved.

It’s hard not to picture this as water we know, but still, it’s the best we can understand. It’s water for our souls that will forever nourish us and never permit us to have a moment’s thirst.

No one is purposely going to deny their body water. Entire societies plan where to settle and live their lives based on the availability of water. Yet people are choosing places to live spiritually where there is a drought and dearth of spiritual water. They will die of spiritual thirst and lose their souls eternally.

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Sunday, January 24, 2021		
Classes	--	--
Preaching	9	Ephesians 6:13-18
Contribution	\$675.00	
Evening	--	Mark 15:24-47
Wednesday, January 27, 2021		
Classes	--	Isaiah 65:1-25

Visitors— Jan 24 (AM) Emma Biggs (Horse Cave, KY)

Bible Quiz

What shall feed together?

Last Week’s Answer— The mountains (Isaiah 64:3)

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Right now while we are alive and able to choose, this living water is freely available. The prophet Isaiah wrote in 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.*” The spiritual water is here and freely available. Come and drink to your fill.

—Marty Edwards❖

—God’s Plan of Salvation—

1. Hear the Gospel (Romans 10:14)
2. Believe on the Lord and His Word (Mark 16:16; John 8:24)
3. Repent of your sins (Luke 13:3,5; Acts 17:30)
4. Confess Christ (Matthew 10:32,33; Luke 12:8; Romans 10:9)
5. Be baptized (immersed in water) for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38; Mark 16:16; Galatians 3:27; I Peter 3:21)
6. Live a faithful, dedicated life (Revelation 2:10; II Peter 1:5-10)