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Isaiah 44:3-4, “³For I will pour water upon him that is thirsty, and floods upon the dry ground: I will pour my spirit upon thy seed, and my blessing upon thine offspring: ⁴And they shall spring up as among the grass, as willows by the water courses.”

Water is vital for life. Most of our body is water. The majority of almost everything one drinks is water. Most of the Earth’s surface is water. We are at the time of year when it can get very dry. If it gets too dry, crops suffer and do not yield properly or can even die. Nothing quenches our thirst like a glass of cool, clear water.

We are fortunate in this area to be abundantly blessed with water. Most of us have running water from a water plant. It is treated and pristine clean. It’s affordable and it’s very rare for the water to be off. Perhaps there is sometimes a broken line or construction, but these almost never happen. We just simply turn on a faucet and get cold or hot water or some mixture thereof. Many can even place a glass to their refrigerator and out comes water.

I do remember the first few years of my life when we didn’t have running water. Rain water had to be collected in a cistern or barrel.

Even then, I never recall a shortage of water.

I can’t help but note the contrast of the lost man in Luke 16 and those who are saved with regard to water. There are so many other contrasts we’ll examine another time, but just the contrast of available water is enough that we know we want to be in Heaven.

When the rich man died we are told in Luke 16:23-24, “²³And in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. ²⁴And he cried and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame.”

He was in torments— plural. His first request was not even to leave that place. He asked for water. He didn’t ask for a lot. He asked simply that Lazarus would dip his finger in water and cool his tongue. That would have amounted to only a drop of water at the most and would have done almost no good. It was basically the smallest request for water that he could make. He was denied this. It’s interesting to note that he called for Lazarus by name, but possibly never once acknowledged him at his gate. He didn’t care that Lazarus had been a leper. He wanted the finger of Lazarus to touch his tongue. At this point Lazarus would not have been leprous.

Contrast with those who are saved. The above verse in Isaiah says He will pour water upon those who are thirsty. It’s not just a drop or even a small stream of water. It is poured out.

In Isaiah 55:1 we are told, “*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.*” If you are thirsty, simply come. The water is not brought to you. The water is provided, but you must come.

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—Continue to remember **Jean Coffey, Alice Thrasher, Steve Seaton, Brad Terry, Shirley Parson, and Erin Davis.**

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No money is required. The lost rich man in Luke 16 could not use his riches to even obtain one drop of water. The saved have access to all the water they want. It's not limited to water. Isaiah says to come and buy wine and milk as well. It is bought without money. It's bought by our obedience.

Obviously water, milk, and wine are metaphors for the blessings of the LORD. One thing is certain, we will not be thirsty in Heaven. I believe the rich man was truly thirsty and desired to be cooled by water. Of course he could not be and never can be.

The first time water is mentioned in the Bible is Genesis 2:10, "*And a river went out of Eden to water the garden; and from thence it was parted, and became into four heads.*" This river flowed from Eden, which was the garden of God. Mankind was denied access to this garden because of sin.

The last two times water is mentioned in the Bible is Revelation 22. Verse one says "*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.*" Like the river in Genesis 2, this water flows out from God and provides for all the saved. It's crystal clear. There are no contaminants whatsoever. It flows. It's not a stagnant pool, but a crystal clear flowing stream that will forever flow.

Verse 17 tells us this water is available freely, "*And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.*"

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| Sunday, June 17, 2018 | | |
| Classes | 10 | Titus 2:1-3 |
| Preaching | 10 | Proverbs 4:1-18 |
| Contribution | \$396.05 | |
| Evening | 5 | Zechariah 2:1-13 |
| Wednesday, June 20, 2018 | | |
| Classes | 16 | Revelation 20:1-15 |

Bible Quiz

Blessed and holy are those who have part in the first what?

Last Week's Answer— The Word of God (Revelation 19:13)

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We are told three times in that verse to "come." This water is freely available to anyone who thirsts and to those who come. Of course this can only be for the saved. Like in Isaiah, this is freely available. We all have thirsted, but with this water, we'll never thirst again. John 4:14, "*But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst...*" John 6:35, "*And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst.*"

—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)