

Living Water

“If anyone is thirsty, he should come to Me and drink! The one who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, will have streams of living water flow from deep within him”. Jesus said that about the Spirit, Whom those who believed in Him were going to receive, for the Spirit had not yet been received, because Jesus had not yet been glorified (John 7:37-38).

Water is life to the physical body; it is a colorless liquid found in rivers lakes, oceans; it falls from the clouds as rain; it is chemically a compound of hydrogen and oxygen. The human body differs from person to person in the percentage of its water content from 50% to 75%. But babies have most at 78%. YAHSHUA gave an invitation to anyone who was thirsty to come to Him to be satisfied. We must know that this invitation is not to satisfy the physical body, but the soul. For even our spiritual life needs water. Without it we experience inner thirst that only can be satisfied through YAHSHUA by His Holy Spirit. He said, “The one who believes in Me, will have streams of living water flow from deep within him”. We believers do have these streams of living water, because we do have YAHSHUA’S Holy Spirit in us. Water is symbolism of the Holy Spirit for its function of cleansing. When we are under His conviction, the first thing that happens is streams of tears flowing from our eyes. When He touches us with His love, forgiveness flows through our soul, and peace comes to us from His calm and sweet voice.

When one experiences the new birth in Christ, he is born of water and the Spirit. It is the process of regeneration that takes one to the Kingdom of Heaven. YAHSHUA said that those born of flesh are flesh; the new birth has nothing to do with flesh and blood; is not from the will of man and woman. The condition of the new birth is faith in YAHSHUA; we become part of the family of YAHWEH (John 1:12; Rom. 6:6). We are His creation- created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared ahead of time so that we should walk in them (Ephesians 2:10). This transformation is part of the work of the Holy Spirit’s cleansing when we are born again. We also become partakers of the divine nature, as Paul clearly explains in Galatians 2:20. I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the flesh, I live by faith in the Son of God, Who loved me and gave Himself for me. We could never live a life of faith if it were not for the washing of YAHSHUA’S Spirit in us. Through His work of sanctification He has given us everything required for life and godliness and through the knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and goodness (II Peter 1:3-4). The presence of YAHSHUA’S Holy Spirit in the believer gives us the assurance of His perfect work in our life. To the Israelites YAHWEH promised that He will sprinkle clean water on them, and they will be clean; He will cleanse them from all their impurities and all their idols; He will give them a new heart and put a new spirit within them; He will remove their heart of stone and give them a heart of flesh; He will place His Spirit within them and cause them to follow His statutes and carefully observe His ordinances (Ezekiel 36:24-27). Note the correspondence between “new heart”, “clean water”, “new spirit” in the passage of Ezekiel above and “water”, “Spirit” and “new birth” (born again) of John 3:3,7. These are the things that happen to the life of a person when he/she accepts YAHSHUA. He no longer is that old creation, but a new one in Christ; the Holy Spirit takes over and transforms his life, by the washing and molding it to be conformed to that of YAHSHUA’S, so that we would walk in obedience to Him. He gives us a new heart that

leans toward Him and His righteousness. The old self or nature is gone; all has been made new (II Cor. 5:17).

When nature goes through a storm with strong winds, it gives up the old branches and old leaves, and if it survives the storm the after affect is good and refreshing to the tree. When we are in need of cleansing, YAHWEH'S Spirit sends us a storm to cleanse and purify us. Sometimes the winds are very strong and the water very high, depending on how far we have gone from Him. He is never late to redeem us from ourselves and the mess we have made for us. Water is a wonderful thing in the physical world as it is in the spiritual world. We can never be partakers of the divine nature with baggage of the old nature. Death to the old nature should have happened when we were crucified to ourselves with Christ; but thanks be to YAHSHUA that He gave us His Holy Spirit to continue the work He had begun in Calvary. This Living Water is needed for our everyday spiritual life, for we well know that our soul is rebellious and contrary to the commandments of YAHWEH. Only when our redemption is complete will we experience perfection in Christ, as the result of the work of the Holy Spirit in us during our pilgrimage on earth.

In Isaiah 55:1 YAHWEH gives an invitation for all who are thirsty. He says, Come, everyone who is thirsty, come to the waters; and you without money come, buy wine and milk without money and without cost. For those who are spiritual thirsty YAHWEH offers Living Water: Come to the waters. He is the Rock of their salvation from whom Israel got water while in the desert. But later Israel rejected Him, the fountain of their living water. They preferred to dig their own cisterns – cracked cisterns that could not hold water (Jer. 2:13). Today many of Israel is dying of spiritual thirst in their continuous rejection of their Messiah, Who is their Living Water. Even the land shows the dryness of the people's heart. All who rejects the invitation to drink the Living Water will die of thirst and find themselves in a place where there is no water and their thirst will never be quenched. While there is the invitation to come and drink from the Living Water, we should pay attention to and respond before life is no more and opportunity has flown away from us.

YAHSHUA continues His invitation to drink from His Living Water from the time He was on earth until the present time. He is longsuffering and compassionate to all who are in need to drink of the Living Water. "If anyone is thirsty, he should come to Me and drink"! to have streams of living water flow from deep within us is to have the thirst satisfied in Christ through His Holy Spirit. It is that peace that passes all understanding; it is the joy that gives us strength; it is the hope-the hope of glory; it is the love of YAHSHUA poured for us; it is reconciliation between YAHWEH and men; it is to have passed from death to life- eternal life; it is faith that conquers the world; it is grace- the unmerited favor offered to us; it is to be secured in His arms; nothing can separate us from His love. Are you thirsty today?