

'Blessed to hunger and thirst after righteousness and be filled'

Psa 63:1-3

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"The wilderness of Judah" represents the churches of today where the whole stay of bread and water have been taken away, and where, if we are being called out of Babylon, we begin to hunger for the true bread of life (Isa 3:1 , Mat 5:6 , Joh 6:35).

Isa 3:1 For, behold, the Lord, the LORD of hosts, doth take away from Jerusalem and from Judah the stay and the staff, the whole stay of bread, and the whole stay of water,

Mat 5:6 Blessed *are* they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.

Joh 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.*

We don't know it when we're there, but we have stumbled unto Christ in the court which is represented by the moon and not the Sun of righteousness in the temple (Rom 8:9 , 1Jn 4:2 , 1Jn 4:6 , 1Jn 5:15 , Mal 4:2). It takes a miracle to be dragged away from this other Jesus (Joh 6:44) and to lift up our eyes unto the Son of righteousness (Psa 121:1) who we wrestle with throughout the moonlit night to hopefully find ourselves broken by the experience and understanding how powerless we are without His spirit of power, love and soundness of mind (Gen 32:24 , 2Ti 1:7)

Rom 8:9 But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.

1Jn 4:2 Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God:

1Jn 4:6 We are of God: he that knoweth God heareth us; he that is not of God heareth not us. Hereby know we the spirit of truth, and the spirit of error.

1Jn 5:15 And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him.

Mal 4:2 But unto you that fear my name shall the Sun of righteousness arise with healing in his wings; and ye shall go forth, and grow up as calves of the stall.

Joh 6:44 *No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and*

I will raise him up at the last day.

Psa 121:1 A Song of degrees. I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help.

Gen 32:24 And Jacob was left alone; and there wrestled a man with him until the breaking of the day.

2Ti 1:7 For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.

It is **the last day**, that great *day* of the feast that Christ stood (**Joe 2:11** , **Mal 3:2** , **Eph 6:13** , **Luk 18:8** , **1Co 15:50** , **Mat 23:12** , **Isa 66:2**) and cried saying these words, "**If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink**"(**Joh 7:37-38**), because it is after we come out from keeping 'the feast of the Jews' and understand that 'the law is not made for a righteous man' (**1Ti 1:9**) and after we come to the end of this cycle of keepings days, months and times and years and new moons and Sabbaths (feasts of the Jews) that God willing we come to see all these events as mere shadows pointing to Christ who on the eighth day of the feast says to those who God is drawing to become a new man (8...**Rev 17:11**) "**If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink.**" which is what it takes to stand!

Joe 2:11 And the LORD shall utter his voice before his army: for his camp *is* very great: for *he is* strong that executeth his word: for the day of the LORD *is* great and very terrible; and who can abide it?

Mal 3:2 But who may abide the day of his coming? and who shall stand when he appeareth? for he *is* like a refiner's fire, and like fullers' soap:

Eph 6:13 Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

Luk 18:8 I tell you that he will avenge them speedily. Nevertheless when the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth?

1Co 15:50 Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption.

Mat 23:12 And whosoever shall exalt himself shall be abased; and he that shall humble himself shall be exalted.

Isa 66:2 For all those *things* hath mine hand made, and all those *things* have been, saith the LORD: but to this *man* will I look, *even to him that is* poor and of a contrite spirit, and trembleth at my word.

Joh 7:37 In the last day, that great *day* of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, **If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink.**

Joh 7:38 He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.

1Ti 1:9 Knowing this, that the law is not made for a righteous man, but for the lawless and disobedient, for the ungodly and for sinners, for unholy and profane, for murderers of fathers and murderers of mothers, for manslayers,

1. *(Pesach) - Nisan 14-15*
2. Unleavened Bread (*Chag Hamotzi*) - *Nisan 15-22*
3. First Fruits (*Yom habikkurim*) - *Nisan 16-17*
4. Pentecost (*Shavu'ot*) - *Sivan 6-7*
5. Trumpets (*YPassoverom Teru'ah*) - *Tishri 1*
6. Atonement (*Yom Kippur*) - *Tishri 10*
7. Tabernacles (*Sukkot*) - *Tishri 15-22*

It is a miracle to seek God early in our life and the following verses confirm the blessing that is given to those who have such thirst which can only be quenched by the living waters of Jesus Christ.

Isa 26:9 With my soul have I desired thee in the night; yea, with my spirit within me will I seek thee early: for when thy judgments *are* in the earth, the inhabitants of the world will learn righteousness.

Jer 29:13 And ye shall seek me, and find *me*, when ye shall search for me with all your heart.

Ecc 12:1 Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them;

Ecc 12:2 While the sun, or the light, or the moon, or the stars, be not darkened, nor the clouds return after the rain:

Ecc 12:9 And moreover, because the preacher was wise, he still taught the people knowledge; yea, he gave good heed, and sought out, *and* set in order many proverbs.

Ecc 12:10 The preacher sought to find out acceptable words: and *that which was* written *was* upright, *even* words of truth.

Ecc 12:11 The words of the wise *are* as goads, and as nails fastened *by* the masters of assemblies, *which* are given from one shepherd.

Mat 5:6 Blessed *are* they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.

In tonight's study, we will look at how blessed we are to have this hunger and thirst from and for our Lord and to be able to even recognize those words of eternal life that He has given so very few to see with eyes that see and ears that hear.

Joh 6:54 Whoso eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, hath eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day.

Joh 6:55 For my flesh is meat indeed, and my blood is drink indeed.

Joh 6:56 He that eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, dwelleth in me, and I in him.

Joh 6:57 As the living Father hath sent me, and I live by the Father: so he that eateth me, even he shall live by me.

Joh 6:58 This is that bread which came down from heaven: not as your fathers did eat manna, and are dead: he that eateth of this bread shall live for ever.

Joh 6:68 Then Simon Peter answered him, Lord, to whom shall we go? thou hast the words of eternal life.

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Christ acknowledged the living waters of God's spirit working with Peter after he proclaimed who Christ was with these words "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God." then Christ answered "And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven." Mat 16:17 Peter at this point was moved by the spirit as the prophets of old but did not yet have the spirit of God dwelling within him (2Pe 1:21).

David was really saying the same thing that Peter said in type and shadow, and was given to acknowledge that there is nothing good in flesh as he thirsted for God in "a dry and thirsty land where no water is". Said another way: (Mar 10:18).

Flesh, in other words, is that "dry and thirsty land where no water is" until God begins this work in those who He causes to "early will I seek thee"

Mar 10:18 And Jesus said unto him, **Why callest thou me good? there is none good but one, that is, God.**

God's elect are dragged unto those living waters to seek Christ (Joh 6:44) and are given the thirst and desire to cry out as Christ and His body did and do (Joh 7:37). Christ cried out for those living waters through his life; and being our spotless sacrifice, he was equipped with everything he needed to endure all that he was predestined to go through in this life without sinning so that we could have a high priest who would give us the power to be more than conquerors through Him (Heb 5:7 , Col 1:24 , Mat 16:18 , Heb 4:15 , Rom 8:37).

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Heb 5:7 Who in the days of his flesh, when he had offered up prayers and supplications with strong crying and tears unto him that was able to save him from death, and was heard in that he feared;

Col 1:24 Who now rejoice in my sufferings for you, and fill up that which is behind of the afflictions of Christ in my flesh for his body's sake, which is the church:

Mat 16:18 And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

Heb 4:15 For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as *we are, yet* without sin.

Rom 8:37 Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.

any comments on this first verse?

Psa 63:2 To see thy power and thy glory, so *as* I have seen thee in the sanctuary.

We all will eventually want to see God, we will all want to be face to face with our Creator at an appointed time (**1Co 13:12**), in a place of sanctuary where we feel safe and blessed and appreciated and loved (**Joh 14:20**).

1Co 13:12 For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known.

Joh 14:20 At that day ye shall know that I *am* in my Father, and ye in me, and I in you.

That "sanctuary" is what the elect are becoming for the world. We are becoming God's precious and profound nursery that will take in the multitudes, as Joseph took in his family and nurtured and fed them (**Gen 43:30-34**).

Gen 43:30 And Joseph made haste; for his bowels did yearn upon his brother: and he sought *where* to weep; and he entered into *his* chamber, and wept there.

Gen 43:31 And he washed his face, and went out, and refrained himself, and said, Set on bread.

Gen 43:32 And they set on for him by himself, and for them by themselves, and for the Egyptians, which did eat with him, by themselves: because the Egyptians might not eat bread with the Hebrews; for that *is* an abomination unto the Egyptians.

Gen 43:33 And they sat before him, the firstborn according to his birthright, and the youngest according to his youth: and the men marvelled one at another.

Gen 43:34 And he took *and sent* messes unto them from before him: but Benjamin's mess was five times so much as any of theirs. And they drank, and were merry with him.

To "see thy power and thy glory" is a process, and it is one that God has declared from the beginning will be accomplished through the body of Christ, the temple, the pillars, the church (**Joh 4:23-24**, **Mat 21:13**, **Eph 3:10**).

Joh 4:23 But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him.

Mat 21:13 And said unto them, *It is written, My house shall be called the house of prayer; but ye have made it a den of thieves.*

Eph 3:10 To the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly *places*

might be known by the church the manifold wisdom of God,

any comments on this second verse?

Psa 63:3 Because thy lovingkindness *is* better than life, my lips shall praise thee.

It is only God's lovingkindness that can and will motivate us beyond the physical life, as we look to the joy that is set before us, as we ever seek out a new country whose builder and maker is God ([Heb 12:2-4](#) , [Heb 11:14-15](#) , [Luk 17:32](#)).

Heb 12:2 Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of *our* faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Heb 12:3 For consider him that endured such contradiction of sinners against himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds.

Heb 12:4 Ye have not yet resisted unto blood, striving against sin.

Heb 11:14 For they that say such things declare plainly that they seek a country.

Heb 11:15 And truly, if they had been mindful of that *country* from whence they came out, they might have had opportunity to have returned.

Luk 17:32 Remember Lot's wife.

The old church in us falls away (Lot's wife) and turns into a pillar of salt as God's elect by the grace and faith of Christ become the true pillars of His sanctuary.

Our lips praise God for the wonderful works that are getting us there as He fills us daily with the hope and promise that come to us through Christ who we are blessed to hunger and thirst for because of the hope of glory within us ([Col 1:27](#) , [Rom 8:24](#) , [2Co 3:18](#)).

Col 1:27 To whom God would make known what *is* the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory:

Rom 8:24 For we are saved by hope: but hope that is seen is not hope: for what a man seeth, why doth he yet hope for?

2Co 3:18 But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, *even* as by the Spirit of the Lord.

We are a blessed body that thirsts for righteousness today, a peculiar people zealous of good works and consumed with a thirst that causes us to want to cleanse the temple of God which we are ([Tit 2:14](#) , [Joh 2:17](#) , [1Co 6:19](#) , [1Jn 4:17](#)).

Tit 2:14 Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.

Joh 2:17 And his disciples remembered that it was written, The zeal of thine house hath eaten me up.

1Co 6:19 What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost *which is* in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?

1Jn 4:17 Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment: because as he is, so are we in this world.

any comments on this last verse?