

The Day of Pentecost - The Coming of the Holy Spirit

Sermon Road Map

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John 7:37-39

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Why remain thirsty? Jesus truly satisfies!

9 words in English - 9 words in Greek - we skip over to get to the red words

On the last and greatest day of the festival...

- ❖ The Festival of Tabernacles - Sukkot - 7 day festival
 - Daily Water Libation ceremony
 - ◆ High Priest - golden pitcher - Pool of Siloam - the Water Gate
 - Greeted with 3 blasts of silver trumpets - Priests in unison: *Therefore with joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.* Isa. 12:3
 - Water & Wine Libation poured - 3 blasts of silver trumpets
 - Priests sing Ps 113-118. People wave branches - sing Hosanna - priests circle the altar . All this was done daily for 6 days.
 - Significance: Prayer for Winter Rains - thirsty ground
 - Longing for the Messiah - Hosanna - Water of salvation
 - Lighting ceremony: 4 sets of 4 oil lamps, 1st Day 2 at night - Full Moon
 - ◆ Priests sing Psalms with instruments as they moved down 15 steps
 - ◆ Marks appearance of the Glory of the Lord at Temple dedication & Return of the Glory of the LORD when the Messiah comes.
 - ◆ ***“He that has not beheld the joy of the drawing of water (celebration) has never seen joy in his life.”*** Sukkah 5:1¹
 - ***On the last and greatest day of the festival...***
 - ◆ Not 3 blasts. But 3 sets of 7 blasts!
 - ◆ Not once around the altar. But 7 times around the altar.
 - ◆ Singing Hosanna - people waving branches. ***The Great Hosanna***
 - ◆ Fevered longing for rain and the reign of the Messiah
 - ❖ Jesus rises and boldly proclaims to the great assembly of Israel
 - ***Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink.***
 - Thirst - longing for something - is common for all people.
 - ◆ Longing for satisfaction, fulfillment, meaning, purpose - you know
 - ◆ Seek satisfaction: family, friends, fun, fame, finances, fantasies
 - Seem to satisfies for a season - then come up short
 - Sinners seek satisfaction in all the wrong places - they don't know

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- ◆ Satisfaction is found in Yahweh, the LORD - reconciled/reconnected
 - People - designed to be plugged into the Living God for life - Ps 42:1
As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, my God.
 - ¹ *“Come, all you who are thirsty, come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without cost.”* Isaiah 55
 - ¹⁰ *As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater, ¹¹ so is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.* Isaiah 55
 - ³ *Therefore with joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.* Isa. 12
 - Offers more than occasional drink - Spirit-created spring within
 - Breathes new life in us - constantly teaching - getting to know by experience - bringing to mind to quench thirst. (John 14:26)
 - The Spirit - before and after Pentecost
 - Only the Spirit worked new life/faith from the beginning
 - Pentecost promises: No longer a trickle. A river! All believers.

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- It's Jesus' invitation to recognize and face your thirsts.
 - ◆ Discontent, anxious, empty, frustrated, longing that life was different
- Challenge yourself. Your thirsts are only met by trusting Jesus to satisfy...
 - ◆ without changing your circumstances. Changing you.
- By faith we know Jesus gives satisfaction. Live discovering how.
 - ◆ In Jesus we live in, under, and with the Good News: *He is my God.*
 - Why am I grumpy, angry, depleted, empty, miserable living with self?
 - Where am I looking for satisfied? What do I rely on? ...insist on?
 - Consider how Jesus' reign and promises bring life, satisfaction, joy
 - That's how the Spirit works. Let the river of living water refresh!
 - ◆ Keep on quenching your thirst with God's water that truly satisfies.
 - Try it. Tune in. Trust it. Don't ignore or resist it!
 - Rest, Rely, Peace - wholeness only Christ gives through his truth.
 - Satisfaction doesn't come in God giving us what we want. But in leading us to want what we need the most - Him. That's everything.

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¹ *The Feasts of the LORD* by Kevin Howard & Marvin Rosenthal. Zion's Hope Inc., 1997, p. 140