

Water and Light? ~ John 7:37-46, 8:1-12

→ Scripture Reading Jn. 7:37-39, 8:12, Jer. 17:13

INTRODUCTION

Outline of the Gospel of John FLSB

- PROLOGUE vs. 1:1–18
- PUBLIC ministry of Jesus vs. 1:19–12:50
- PRIVATE ministry of Jesus vs. 13:1–17:26
- PASSION of Jesus Christ vs. 18:1–21:25

John 6:66–68 (NLT) At this point many of His disciples turned away and deserted Him. ⁶⁷ Then Jesus turned to the Twelve and asked, “Are you also going to leave?” ⁶⁸ Simon Peter replied, “**Lord, to whom would we go? You have the words that give eternal life.**”

→ 2 Images of Water Ceremony

Streams of Living Water ~ John 7:37-46

³⁷ On the last and greatest day of the Feast, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, “If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink. ³⁸ Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, streams of living water will flow from within him.” ³⁹ By this he meant the Spirit, whom those who believed in Him were later to receive. Up to that time the Spirit had not been given, since Jesus had not yet been glorified. ⁴⁰ On hearing his words, some of the people said, “Surely this man is **the Prophet.**” ⁴¹ Others said, “He is the Christ.” Still others asked, “How can the Christ come from Galilee? ⁴² Does not the Scripture say that the Christ will come from David’s family and from Bethlehem, the town where David lived?” ⁴³ Thus the people were divided because of Jesus. ⁴⁴ Some wanted to seize him, but no one laid a hand on him. ⁴⁵ Finally the temple guards went back to the chief priests and Pharisees, who asked them, “Why didn’t you bring him in?” ⁴⁶ “No one ever spoke the way this man does,” the guards declared.

IMPLICATIONS

We were made For God. The taste buds of our souls were made to **Delight** in fellowship with the Son of God. But we are sinners and the ultimate meaning of sin is **thirsting for things other than God.** J.P.

Jeremiah 17:13 (NLT) O Lord, the hope of Israel, all who turn away from You will be disgraced and shamed. They will be buried in a dry and dusty grave, for they have forsaken the Lord, **the fountain of living water.**

Go Leave Your Life of Sin ~ John 8:1-11

¹ But Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. ² At dawn he appeared again in the temple courts, where all the people gathered around him, and he sat down to teach them. ³ The teachers of the law and the Pharisees brought in a woman caught in adultery. They made her stand before the group ⁴ and said to Jesus, “Teacher, this woman was caught in the act of adultery. ⁵ In the Law Moses commanded us to stone such women. Now what do you say?” ⁶ They were using this question as a trap, in order to have a basis for accusing Him. But Jesus bent down and started to write on the ground with His finger. ⁷ When they kept on questioning Him, He straightened up and said to them, “**IF any one of you is without sin**, let him be the first to throw a stone at her.”

Exodus 23:1 ...do not help a wicked man by being a malicious witness...

⁸ Again he stooped down and wrote on the ground. ⁹ At this, those who heard began to go away one at a time, the older ones first, until only Jesus was left, with the woman still standing there.

¹⁰ Jesus straightened up and asked her, “Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?” ¹¹ “No one, sir,” she said. “Then neither do I condemn you,” Jesus declared. “Go now and leave your life of sin.”

IMPLICATIONS

John 1:14 The WORD became flesh and made His dwelling among us. We have seen His glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, **FULL** of **GRACE** and **TRUTH**.

TRUTH- where are your accusers?

GRACE - Go now and LEAVE your Life of Sin

Thirsting for a heart that's warm - Thirsting for a mind that's calm,
Thirsting for a rest of soul - Thirsting for a well-worth goal.
Thirsting for a sense of Him - Thirsting for what might have been.
Thirsting, thirsting hear my cry

Kneeling at the WELL of GRACE - Looking into Jesus' face,
At the end and in despair - Cast myself on You in prayer;
Drawing on Your LOVE for me - Jesus my Sufficiency!

Follow ME do NOT walk in Darkness ~ John 8:12

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→ 2 Images of Lights

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Jesus' claim to be '**the LIGHT Of the World**' was made against the background of another Jewish practice at the Feast of Tabernacles, the great lamp-lighting ceremonies that took place each night... TNTC

IMPLICATIONS

John 3:19-20 (NIV) ...**Light** has come into the world, but **men loved darkness** instead of **Light** because their deeds were evil. ²⁰ **Everyone who does evil hates the Light**, and will not come into the light for fear that his deeds will be exposed.

To FOLLOW is to... (Harvey)

TRUST to Believe by Faith

OBEY to Live out what God Says

TAKE AWAY ??

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Colossians 1:13-14 (ESV) HE has delivered us from the **Domain of Darkness** and **transferred** us to **the kingdom of His beloved Son**, ¹⁴ **IN whom** we have Redemption, the Forgiveness of sins.

Colossians 1:13-14 (JBP) For we must never forget that He rescued us from the power of darkness, and re-established us in the kingdom of His beloved Son. For it is by His Son alone that we have been redeemed and have had our sins forgiven.