

Times of Sowing and Reaping

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Rivers of Living Water

John 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. Verse 38, He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water. Verse 39,** (But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet *given*; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.)”

Jesus uses this analogy to show that ***we need life—His Life that last forever.*** We do many things to prolong our lives—drink water, eat certain foods, exercise, take various forms of medicines, rest, etc.

The scriptures record in **Hebrews 9:27**, “And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment:”

This is quite a contrast to ***Rivers of Living Water.*** [See also **John 4:1-14**].

Jesus said in **John 10:10**, “**The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.**”

Consider what the Lord is offering and what is the alternative. There is a certain time that happens in life that is beyond our control. Death is inevitable, and we are going to have to give account for how we lived in these bodies of flesh. [See **Romans 6:23 and Revelation 20**].

Our Creator God wants us to live. His Son Jesus The Christ is the only savior for humanity; this earth and the whole universe is winding down and will cease to exist except God intervenes.

John 12:47 “**And if any man hear my words, and believe not, I judge him not: for I came not to judge the world, but to save the world. Verse 48, He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day.**”

Now, back to water—a precious commodity that we all need. This is the one nutrient necessary for survival, and it seems to be so plentiful on the earth.

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All scriptures—KJV version

Biblical Advice—think about it

Mark 1:14 “Now after that John was put in prison, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God, **Verse 15,** And saying, **The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel.**”

A drastic change is coming in human affairs that will impact all nations. Jesus told a group of people to change their way of life and thinking. He introduced Himself to a people that was in captivity in their own land—***unable to determine their own destiny!***

Do you hear God speaking to you? ***Make a change in life.*** What will be your story? Seek Him today.

Pursue God’s purpose for His honor, and be a blessing to others.



Galatians 6:7 “Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.”

We are in the Harvest Season. Look back over you life and think about what your have sown.



Yet, there are people starving everyday for this basic source—clean water; water that quenches thirst, revives, and gives life. Governments and companies around the world use various chemicals to neutralize pollutants to purify water for our consumption.

We need safe water—the world is crying out for clean and safe waters in many areas. Many countries cannot afford to provide this basic necessity for life.

Now consider the spiritual implication. There are many polluted water ways running throughout the world – many teachings about the origin and existence of life; many viewpoints and various philosophies in culture and education. Just as we need the purified and clean substance of water to live, we desperately need the **Rivers of Living Water**—the Spirit of God to live forever. Jesus wants us to live by His life but **He will not force Himself upon us**. We do not have to suffer the consequences of our sins, we can have everlasting life with Him and our Father God—to be part of their family. Yes, the family of God. They are creating new beings just like a husband and wife creates a new family by bringing children into the world. They are doing the same with their **Spirit in every believer—using the very life of Their being**.

John 3:16, “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. **Verse 17**, For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.”

I encourage you to receive our Creator God’s words of truth, and welcome His plan for your life. **He knows best**—He created Humans and everything we see and know about. I encourage you not to drink **polluted water** that eventually takes your life (causes sickness and death), but to drink the **Living Water offered by Jesus Christ, and live!**

Jeremiah 29:8 “For thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; Let

not your prophets and your diviners, that *be* in the midst of you, deceive you, neither hearken to your dreams which ye cause to be dreamed. **Verse 9**, For they prophesy falsely unto you in my name: I have not sent them, saith the LORD. **Verse 10**, For thus saith the LORD, That after seventy years be accomplished at Babylon I will visit you, and perform my good word toward you, in causing you to return to this place. **Verse 11**, For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD, **thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end.** **Verse 12**, Then shall ye call upon me, and ye shall go and pray unto me, and I will hearken unto you. **Verse 13**, And ye shall **seek** me, and **find me**, when ye shall **search** for me with **all your heart.** **Verse 14**, And I will be **found of you**, saith the LORD: and I will turn away your captivity, and I will gather you from all the nations, and from all the places whither I have driven you, saith the LORD; and I will bring you again into the place whence I caused you to be carried away captive.”

Study the Holy Bible and get to know our Father God and His Son Jesus Christ. Remember what you just read—He has a plan for you and your family, and all people. Embrace it and believe it.

Further reading

Isaiah 12, 43-44, Revelation 1-3, Matthew 28, Genesis 12-22, Romans 4-8, Jude 1 and John 14-21.

Revelation 9:20 “And the rest of the men which were not killed by these plagues yet repented not of the works of their hands, that they should not worship devils, and idols of gold, and silver, and brass, and stone, and of wood: which neither can see, nor hear, nor walk: **Verse 21**, Neither repented they of their murders, nor of their sorceries, nor of their fornication, nor of their thefts.”

The next generation is depending on you to share words of wisdom.

Feast of Weeks -Pentecost

The Sabbath Resurrection of Jesus Christ gave great hope to the disciples. He appeared to them on the First Day of the week—the day that began the count to Pentecost—hence the Feast of Weeks. God is using these annual holydays [His festival season—harvest season] to show the world His plan of salvation. The Israelites would be gleaning the fields during the next seven weeks from the presentation of the Wave Sheaf on the first day [Sunday]. Yes, my friends, this was a Sunday, the first day that the Lord commanded to begin counting until Seven Sabbaths were past, and the next day would be the 50th day—hence **Feast of Weeks, Pentecost**. [See **Leviticus 23:9-22, Deuteronomy 16:9-12 and Ruth 1:22—2:24**].

This day was a annual Sabbath, a holy convocation— a time that God commanded His people to assemble together.

The Lord was fulfilling these scriptures—His plan of Salvation right before the disciples eyes.

Jesus commanded His disciples to remain in Jerusalem until they received the promise of the Father—His Spirit— with power. [See **Acts 1—2]. They received this power as they observed Pentecost [this day**

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The Strait and Narrow Way

The decision to follow the way of the Lord is not to be taken lightly. We will all have to appear before His judgment seat and give an account of how we have lived. He sets the standard—the code of conduct. He will establish His Kingdom on earth and wants us to be in it as His very own family members.

Matthew 7:13 “Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide *is* the gate, and broad *is* the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: **Verse 14**, Because strait *is* the gate, and narrow *is* the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.”

Have you ever heard the expression, “do not be so narrow minded?” Usually this is not said in a complimentary way but to draw attention to another’s lack of being more open to different viewpoints or acceptance of popular views.

Its popular to accept sexual immorality and disrespect for biblical authority in education and media; entertainment, movies, music and television often promote behavior that is against the commandment of God.

Revelation 18:4-5, 9, “And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues.

Verse 5, For her sins have reached

unto heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities. **Verse 9**, And the kings of the earth, who have committed fornication and lived deliciously with her, shall bewail her, and lament for her, when they shall see the smoke of her burning,”

Jesus says in **John 14:6**, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”

If we choose to follow the commandments, statues and judgments of God, then our lives will be blessed by Jesus Christ, and we will be a blessing to our families, neighbors, nations and the world.

Insight—what its all about

Genesis 18:17 “And the LORD said, Shall I hide from Abraham that thing which I do;

18 Seeing that Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him?

19 For I know him, that he will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the LORD, to do justice and judgment; that the LORD may bring upon Abraham that which he hath spoken of him.

Joshua 1:7-8

7 Only be thou strong and very courageous, that thou mayest observe to do according to all the law, which Moses my servant commanded thee: turn not from it [to] the right hand or [to] the left, that thou mayest prosper whithersoever thou goest.

8 This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.”

had fully come and they were gather together in obedience in observance of this holyday; the counting of Seven Weeks had expired—seven Sabbaths had past, now it was the 50th day].

Points to learn and remember:

- **Wave Sheaf offered—pictured Jesus Christ being presented to His Father in Heaven**
- **Jesus was in the grave three days and three nights**
- **Holy Sabbath observed — weekly and annual Sabbaths**
- **Two Wave Loaves—offered 50 Days later—first fruits of the Body of Christ— His Church follow the same pattern**

Remember, you must study these scriptures and ask the Lord for understanding and wisdom to keep you from deception. [Review prior issues of these studies].

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Do Good and Help Others

Matthew 25:31 “When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory: **Verse 32**, And before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth *his* sheep from the goats: **Verse 33**, And he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left. **Verse 34**, Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.”

Here are the caring actions of serving believers who address the needs of others:

- Hungry and thirsty —for physical food or spiritual food [sharing the truth willingly — leading people in the right way—the Godly way—even making a sacrifice to help. See [Matthew 5:6 and John 4:34]
- Stranger - willingly sharing
- Naked—clothe them, tell them how to receive spiritual garments and to stand in righteousness (right standing before their Creator God— following Godly standards)
- Sick—pray for them, visit and encourage them, help them
- Imprisoned—for the cause of Christ, many suffered for be-

lieving Jesus was Savior of the world and King who would establish His Kingdom on earth— this was a threat to the ruling authorities of that day.

Matthew 25:41 “Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels:”

The influences that are at work in the world—entertainment, politics, recreation, careers, personal struggles, etc — compete for our attention and sometimes have a way of molding the mind to be careless and callous regarding those who are in need. We have to fight to become the helping hands to neighbors in need, and be very deliberate in that effort.

Paul had to emphasize to the church at Corinth these words:

2 Corinthians 1:24, “Not for that we have dominion over your faith, but are helpers of your joy: for by faith ye stand.”

See also **Romans 15:25-26**, “But now I go unto Jerusalem to minister unto the saints. **Verse 26**, “For it hath pleased them of Macedonia and Achaia to make a certain contribution for the poor saints which are at Jerusalem.”

There will always be needs among people, and the Lord wants you to be an instrument to help others.

Yield to His hands today.

1Thessalonians 5:21 “Prove all things; hold fast that which is good.”

Luke 21:8 “And he said, **Take heed that ye be not deceived: for many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and the time draweth near: go ye not therefore after them.**”

{Remember to avoid the polluted waters—review **Rivers of Living of Waters** again.

The Pentecost Season was made for you as well as the weekly Sabbath. [See **Mark 2:25-28**, **Isaiah 56:1-7**, **Matthew 5:17-20**].

Joel 2:28-29,32 “And it shall come to pass afterward, *that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions: Verse 29*, And also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will **I pour out my spirit. Verse 32**, And it shall come to pass, *that whosoever shall call on the name of the LORD* shall be delivered: for in mount Zion and in Jerusalem shall be deliverance, as the LORD hath said, and in the remnant whom the LORD shall call.”

We need the Spirit of God living in us daily to be eligible for the first resurrection—the first fruits. See **John 14:15-18**, **Acts 5:32**, **1 Corinthians 15:20-23**, **James 1:18**, **1 John 5:1-3**, **Revelation 12:17**, **14:12** and **20:1-6**.

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