

## **Called into the fellowship of the Son, Part 13 – Don't Forsake the Fountain**

We are considering the phenomenal potential supplied those who are in the fellowship of God's Son, Jesus Christ. He is the Lord God Almighty, the Creator of all things. We need to remind ourselves of His eternal power and glory.

**Psalms 8:1-9 ESV** O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens. When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, what is man that you are mindful of him, and the son of man that you care for him? Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him with glory and honor. You have given him dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under his feet, all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field, the birds of the heavens, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas. O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

**Consider what God has done when He called us into the fellowship of His Son. Psalms 8 shows us the fountain of all things.**

God Almighty is the Source and Creator of all things. Look around at all of the things that God has made. When David considered this, he was overwhelmed with the magnitude of God's majesty, power, and being. As he considered everything God made, he could hardly believe that God would even consider man.

He said, "What is man that you are mindful of him." Then David tells us that God put man in a position of power and authority over the works of His hands. Think about this.

God put all of the works of His hands under man's dominion. The extent of God's blessing and favor is expansive. Because God has blessed and exalted mankind so highly, many people have forsaken Him.

Have you noticed the numbers of people that do not think they need the Lord in their lives?

Listen to the word that God spoke to the prophet Jeremiah.

**Jeremiah 2:13 NKJV** For My people have committed two evils: They have forsaken Me, the fountain of living waters, And hewn themselves cisterns—broken cisterns that can hold no water.

What is He saying? The fountain of living waters is the Lord God Almighty. Everything finds its origin and strength in Him.

**God sent this message, "Do not forsake the fountain of living waters!"**

Jesus said He was the Fountain of Living Water. He told people they could come to Him and drink. When they come to Him, they find refreshing for their souls. Jesus said, "They would never thirst again." He would be in them a fountain that would never run dry.

God was telling Jeremiah that a time would come when His people would forsake the fountain of living waters. They would attempt to find something else that would satisfy the hunger and demands of their soul. God told Jeremiah, the only thing they would find would be broken cisterns that could hold no water. We are living in the days of the fulfillment of this prophecy.

Do you notice the numbers of people who are unsatisfied in our world? They go from one thing to another and are still not satisfied. Many people have forsaken church and

the worship of God. They are following cleverly devised fables and doctrines. This is exactly what happened in the Old Testament. They went to the Temple to worship and also built high places to sacrifice to Baal, Chemosh, Molech, and wooden and carved images.

Jeremiah saw the initial fulfillment of this prophecy in his day. The people, priests, rulers, and prophets forsook all that God did for them. They adopted forms of religion that did not satisfy their souls. They worshipped worthless idols and turned from what should have been natural for God's people.

**God was telling Jeremiah "there is a fountain of living waters."**

God has provided the Fountain of Living Water in this fellowship with Jesus Christ. Listen to what Jesus said.

**John 4:14 NKJV** "But whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst. But the water that I shall give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life."

The Lord promised a constant supply of supernatural, soul satisfying water. Jeremiah witnessed what happened when God's people forsook the Fountain of Living Waters. More is being said than there is a fountain of water to get a drink. God is telling His people that He would supply what they need. He was saying that He created all things and is able to supply all your need through Christ Jesus.

Most of us have personally witnessed and received God's blessing and favor. We have tasted and have seen that the Lord is good.

Jesus told the woman at the well there is a fountain of water that springs up to everlasting life. What He offered her is available for everyone who remains in the fellowship of Jesus Christ. Jesus' presence enables us to find and enjoy this Fountain that satisfies.

**What does that mean in practical terms?**

What God starts in us will not diminish as time progresses. This Fountain will continue to spring up. What we find in Jesus Christ will continue to satisfy our needs.

**John 7:37-38 NKJV** On the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water."

When I read this, I think of the Big Spring in Missouri. It is the largest spring in the world. It produces 470 cubic feet of crystal clear water a second.

Jesus is saying, "Rivers of Living Water shall flow out of the believer's innermost being." Think about the consequences of this kind of thing. Jesus was indicating that the fellowship with Him brings soul satisfaction, contentment, peace, and joy. The Lord will produce an outflow from His abundance that is symbolized by **rivers** (not river) **of living water** (not just water). This thing starts at some point in your life and once started it finds no place of relenting or dying. True satisfaction and fullness comes from dwelling in the presence of the Lord.

According to Jeremiah's prophecy, the only way to stop the waters is for God's people to forsake the fountain. If we forsake the fountain and follow forms, rituals, or any other thing, we cannot know this abundant supply.

Jesus is giving us the key to an overflow. He said: "Come to Me and drink." Fullness and satisfaction depends on coming to Jesus and receiving life from Him. God is faithful,

by Whom you were called into the fellowship of His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Do you know that you are the temple of the living God, and that the Spirit of God dwells within you?**

It is important that we understand this. God wants to come to us in a similar manner that He came down into the tabernacle in the wilderness. According to the message that Jesus gave, God wants to come and stay in our lives. This is the reason that the fountain is a river.

**The Book of Revelation shows a river that flows out from the throne of God.**

**Revelation 22:1 NKJV** And he showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding from the throne of God and of the Lamb.

**Revelation 22:2 NKJV** In the middle of its street, and on either side of the river, was the tree of life, which bore twelve fruits, each tree yielding its fruit every month.

John witnessed the completed fulfillment of what Jesus was showing. What begins here in us will continue to grow. When we stand before the throne of God and of the Lamb, we shall witness the full manifestation of what has started within us.

**Ezekiel saw this same river of living water flowing from the temple of God.**

**Ezekiel 47:1 NKJV** Then he brought me back to the door of the temple; and there was water, flowing from under the threshold of the temple toward the east, for the front of the temple faced east; the water was flowing from under the right side of the temple, south of the altar.

What John and Ezekiel saw will be fulfilled in the future. What Jesus was describing begins right now and should never end. The water that flows out of us should be an ever-increasing fountain that springs up into everlasting life.

Jesus is referring to the fountain and overflowing of the Holy Spirit. As we fellowship with God's Son, the same Spirit that was upon Him should begin flowing out of our innermost being. Jesus was indicating a relationship with God that continually increases and never runs dry.

We can lose sight of the fact that the stream thereof does not diminish or die down. There is a river of life flowing out of you and me. You have been called into this fellowship with God's Son. The same Spirit and life that was in Christ is being given to you. This Fountain of Living Water is deep and it is wide and the stream thereof makes us glad.

God does not want this fountain to dry up or slow down. It should be a continuation of what He has started within us.

**Revelation 7:17 NKJV** For the Lamb who is in the midst of the throne will shepherd them and lead them to living fountains of waters. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.

**Do you see this?**

The Lamb of God Who is in the midst of the throne will lead us to living fountains of waters.

**Look at that verse.**

- Is Jesus where He says He is?
- Is He in the midst of the throne?
- If He is, Jesus will do what He says He will do!

If He is doing that, we should be rejoicing in the fountain. The consequences of this fellowship with Jesus Christ will be upon us, and flowing out from us.

God's people must not forsake the fountain. What is Jesus saying to us? He wants to give each of us His Holy Spirit. He wants His Spirit in us to be like living rivers of waters. He will continually lead us into places where the spring of this river continues to flow. He will consistently bring in more of His Spirit and the spring shall not stop. The fountain shall not dry up. Out of your innermost being shall flow rivers of living water.

**John 7:38-39 NKJV** He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water." But this He spoke concerning the Spirit, whom those believing in Him would receive...

If God has called you into the fellowship of His Son, He expects to fill you with rivers of living water. If He has saved your soul, He wants to fill you up with the Holy Spirit. He wants the fountain of this River to be alive and active in you. This fountain should never dry up. This fountain should spring up and flow out of us.