

Satisfied In God

OUR HOPE FOR THIS MORNING

Gather the people together, and I will give them water.

Numbers 21:16

Come, all you who are thirsty, come to the waters.....

Isaiah 55:1

What do we know about the nature of the water God offers us? Jesus told the woman at the well that if she would drink the water he gave her, she would never thirst again. Indeed,” he said, “the water I give you will become in you a spring of water welling up to eternal life.” **John 4:14**

God Is With Us

PRAYER

We have it on the authority of your word that you set the lonely in families, Father. That is the very real need of some this morning. May the family of God be like gathering around the breakfast table. You lead forth the prisoners with singing. When you go out before your people, O God, when you march through the wasteland, the earth shakes, and the heavens pour down rain before you O God, the One of Sinai, before you, the God of Israel. You give abundant showers, Lord. You refresh your weary inheritance. Do that for us this morning. Be to us like rain falling on a mown field, like showers watering the earth. **Psalm 72:6** We long for a drink from the spiritual rock, and that rock is Christ. **1 Corinthians 10:4** And we your grateful children will thank you. Amen.

Psalm 84

How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD Almighty! My soul yearns, even faints, for the courts of the LORD; my heart and my flesh cry out for the living God. Even the sparrow has found a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may have her young—a place near your altar, O LORD Almighty, my King and my God.

Blessed are those who dwell in your house; they are ever praising you. Blessed are those whose strength is in you, who have set their hearts on pilgrimage. As they pass through the Valley of Baca, they make it a place of springs; the autumn rains also cover it with pools. They go from strength to strength, till each appears before God in Zion.

Hear my prayer, O LORD God Almighty; listen to me, O God of Jacob. Look upon our shield, O God; look with favor on your anointed one. Better is one day in your courts than a thousand elsewhere; I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked. For the LORD God is a sun and shield; the LORD bestows favor and honor; no good thing does he withhold from those whose walk is blameless. O LORD Almighty, blessed is the man who trusts in you.

Better Is One Day

God offers us so much if we will drink from the wells of salvation. We, however, look for alternative “thirst-quenchers, which only make us thirstier.

This is what the Sovereign LORD, the Holy One of Israel, says: "In repentance and rest is your salvation, in quietness and trust is your strength, but you would have none of it. You said, 'No.....

Yet the LORD longs to be gracious to you; he rises to show you compassion..... How gracious he will be when you cry for help! As soon as he hears, he will answer you. Although the Lord gives you the bread of adversity and the water of affliction, your teachers will be hidden no more; with your own eyes you will see them. Whether you turn to the right or to the left, your ears will hear a voice behind you, saying, "This is the way; walk in it."

Isaiah 30:15-21

Be Thou My Vision

Psalm 23

The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not be in want. He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, he restores my soul. He guides me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

John Piper says that “God is like a police car pursuing us to do us good. We may think He's trying to give a ticket. But in reality He is chasing us to tell us we won the lottery. And instead of the prize being a mere 8

million dollars. It is an eternity of fellowship with Him, basking in His goodness and mercy forever.”

Now And Forever

OFFERING

Strength Of My Heart