

Waters from God: Pure River of Life

“Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, as clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb down the middle of the great street of the city. On each side of the river stood the tree of life, bearing twelve crops of fruit, yielding its fruit every month. And the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations” (Revelation 22:1-2). Jesus was the Lamb of God and He told the Samaritan woman that if she would drink of Him she would never thirst again, **“but whoever drinks the water I give him will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life” (John 4:14).** Scripture says that by Jesus’ stripes we are healed, **“and with his stripes we are healed” (Isaiah 53:5 KJV).** He took all our infirmities, **“Surely he took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows” (Isaiah 53:4).**

“Now when I had returned, behold, at the bank of the river were very many trees on the one side and on the other. Then said he unto me, These waters issue out toward the east country, and go down into the desert, and go into the sea: which being brought forth into the sea, the waters shall be healed. And it shall come to pass, that every thing that liveth, which moveth, whithersoever the rivers shall come, shall live: and there shall be a very great multitude of fish, because these waters shall come thither: for they shall be healed; and every thing shall live whither the river cometh” (Ezekiel 47:7-9 KJV).

Jesus is life. He spoke life into people, **“The Spirit gives life; the flesh counts for nothing. The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life” (John 6:63).** At His command the dead rose, **“When he had said this, Jesus called in a loud voice, ‘Lazarus, come out!’ The dead man came out, his hands and feet wrapped with strips of linen, and a cloth around his face. Jesus said to them, ‘Take off the grave clothes and let him go’” (John 11:43-44),** and the sick were healed, **“Many followed him, and he healed all their sick” (Matthew 12:15).**

“And by the river upon the bank thereof, on this side and on that side, shall grow all trees for meat, whose leaf shall not fade, neither shall the fruit thereof be consumed: it shall bring forth new fruit according to his months, because their waters they issued out of the sanctuary: and the fruit thereof shall be for meat, and the leaf thereof for medicine” (Ezekiel 47:12). Inside the rivers are leaves for medicine to heal and trees for meat. By stepping in the rivers that flow from the throne of God we can be fed and healed. However, we must be willing to step into the rivers.

The Lord told Ezekiel that the land was to be the inheritance for the 12 tribes of Israel, **“This is what the Sovereign LORD says: ‘These are the boundaries by which you are to divide the land for an inheritance among the twelve tribes of Israel’” (Ezekiel 47:13).** However, the Lord speaks to Ezekiel concerning “strangers that sojourn among you.” **“They shall be unto you as born in the country among the children of Israel; they shall have inheritance with you among the tribes of Israel” (Ezekiel 47:22 KJV).** Because of Israel’s unbelief Paul tells us that like grafted branches we may become children of God, **“And if some of the branches be broken off, and thou, being a wild olive tree, wert grafted in among them, and with them partakest of the root and fatness of the olive tree” (Romans 11:17 KJV),** and if children then

the right to an inheritance, **“And you also were included in Christ when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation. Having believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance” (Ephesians 1:13-14).** These rivers are part of our inheritance. Through Jesus Christ dying on the cross, we can become children of God, **“Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world” (1 John 4:4 KJV),** and He can feed us, **“Blessed are ye that hunger now: for ye shall be filled. Blessed are ye that weep now: for ye shall laugh” (Luke 6:21 KJV)** and heal us of all our infirmities. **“That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying, Himself took our infirmities, and bare our sicknesses” (Matthew 8:17).**

“No longer will there be any curse. The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in the city, and his servants will serve him” (Revelation 22:3). No more curse and without sin. Just like it was in the beginning. Walking and talking with God.

“They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads” (Revelation 22:4). *Name*, in the Strong’s Concordance means *authority, character, name*, and comes from a word meaning *to know, allow, be aware of, feel, have knowledge, perceive, be resolved, can speak, be sure, understand.* Through these waters we can grow and know God. We are capable of knowing Him in a deeper and more intimate way. *We can speak* to Him, *have knowledge* about Him and will *be aware* of His presence in our lives.

I feel all these things about my wife, but we did not obtain this relationship through a few interactions. We grew to where we are today by spending time together, getting to know one another, and the more time we spend together, we will only become closer. The same is true with our Father in heaven. In order to truly *know* Him, we must spend time with Him, and the rivers are the way that we do that. **Revelation 22:3** and **Ezekiel 47:12** tell us that we will be able to grow in the rivers, be healed from sickness and disease, and mature in Christ. By growing in the rivers, the Lamb will wash our sins away, the curse will be gone, and we will return to “Eden,” where we will walk and talk with God.

“Whoever is thirsty, let him come; and whoever wishes, let him take the free gift of the water of life” (Revelation 22:17). The Lord said, **“I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To him who is thirsty I will give to drink without cost from the spring of the water of life” (Revelation 21:6).** In the second chapter and the last chapter of the Bible God tells us about the rivers. I believe He did this for a reason.