

KEEP COMING! KEEP DRINKING!

The feast of tabernacles is called the feast of rejoicing, on the last day of the feast, the priests took water from the reservoir built by Solomon (called the Pool of Siloam). And then they would pour the water out in the keeping of this observance, as prophesied in Isaiah 12:3: *Therefore with joy shall ye draw water out of the wells of salvation.*

Joy gives us strength to draw upon the provision. We are drawing to ourselves, to get flowing the moving of the Spirit from deep within, into our spirit, soul and body. We are drawing out the underground source of water so that it is coming to the surface. We are requiring, pulling, and putting a demand upon the deposit, the anointing, and drawing out the thoughts and feelings of God so that we are partaking of His nature.

John 7:37 begins this account of Jesus' speaking to the multitude during the Feast of Rejoicing: *Now on the last day, the great day of the feast...* This was the great day, the day of rejoicing in the Lord. After the water was poured out, there was shouting and rejoicing. In the midst of all the noise and clamor related to all this was the voice of the Lord.

The Word says He stood and cried out (with a strong and loud voice). In the midst of all that was happening He had something to say to them, and so He stood crying out: "If any man *is thirsty, let him come to Me and drink. He who believes in Me, as the Scripture said, 'From his innermost being'* " (the seat of the emotions and the fullness) "*shall flow rivers of living water.'* " *But this He spoke of the Spirit, whom those who believed in Him were to receive; for the Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.* John 7:37–39.

We have to learn how to initiate, to draw upon the joy of the

Lord. We make a decision to rejoice, to be happy, and to focus on the things provided in our salvation that promote joy.

The value of His presence has to become a priority in our life. We have to draw upon the goodness of God, so that it flows from the inside out until it overwhelms us.

When Adam was in Eden, he experienced delight. Eden meant delight or pleasure. The fall of Adam was a fall out of pleasure.

We have fallen out of pleasure but Jesus has planted us back in, back into pleasure, back into his divine essence, into his divine nature where we become one spirit with Him.

We enter into His presence through pleasure. When we are happy in the Lord, our spirit becomes like His and attracts heaven, because he is the happiest person we will ever meet. God is infinitely happy and he has created us with a capacity for joy that we've not even experienced yet in its fullest measure, our joy potential is expansive.

Pleasure is a gateway into the unseen realm of the kingdom. The desire to be happy is God-given and should not be denied or resisted but directed to God for satisfaction.

It is never a problem to want to be satisfied; the problem is that we neglect so great a salvation by not continually coming, and continually drinking, until we are continually filled to overflowing.

When we start overflowing, then our capacity for joy increases and our spirit begins to expand. We glorify the Lord by drinking of Him. He is most glorified in us when we are most satisfied in Him. We have to learn how to keep the feast, we feast on Him and his pleasure comes to us, His joy flows into us and we experience the abundant life, he is

glorified when we are filled with Him.

His presence is to be known in our conscious experience, it is more than a doctrine, it is the central fact of Christianity, and it is the eternal life of God that is to be enjoyed every moment of every day.

As we learn how to drink of the Spirit, there is a deep, deep presence that comes through turning our heart towards Him and drinking. When we get a tiny bit of His presence, we focus on it, we draw on it, we pull on it, we enjoy it, we learn how to keep it coming and flowing, it becomes a continual practice to turn our affections and our heart back towards him over and over again, to keep the life of God, His divine essence flowing into our heart.

The Lord says, Come to Me and drink. Be filled.” If we are not happy, it is our own fault. He has provided everything necessary for our happiness. We just have to learn how to appropriate it.

Jesus stood crying, “If *any man* thirst let him come to me and drink” (the margin reads, “Let him keep coming to me and let him keep drinking”). Not just one sip, we drink and keep on drinking. We must have a persistent action of thirst which will not stop until it is thoroughly quenched. It must be more than quenched because we in turn must become fountains of blessing to others.

Are we truly thirsty? Do we actually want to be more than conquerors, or do we just want the Lord to meet us enough to help with our problems, and salve things over so they will not hurt as much? If we want the overflow, we must become thirsty. We must desire to come to the Lord with all our hearts and keep drinking.

How do we drink? In order to drink we must be thirsty. If any man thirst let him come to me and drink. No one has to give a drinking

lesson to a hungry baby; it is an unconscious process. It comes naturally. The same is true of our drinking of the Lord; it is an unconscious process which our spirits know how to do when we truly have a hunger and thirst after the Lord. We stand before the Lord like a crying baby who is hungry. If we are thirsty, soon the fountain starts flowing, and the praise and blessing of the Lord comes forth.

He who believes in Me, as the Scripture said, "From his innermost being shall flow rivers of living water." "He who believes" is the key. It must be done with faith. We must believe the Lord is able to fill us.

Our walk with God will be blessed from the overflow. The fullness of God within us will create a counter pressure to everything that comes against us. *Greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world.* I John 4:4. The lord is manifesting Himself in total victory over any circumstance, or relationship that might bring confusion. His victory is greater than any unsolved problem or any unfulfilled need, because His counter flow is flowing out from us.

When we keep drinking of the Lord, it is like forgetting to turn the water off in the bathtub. The water overflows and everyone becomes excited. In our walk with God, no one becomes excited when everything is working properly; it is the overflow that counts.

We are too content with too little. The quality of what we have is excellent, but we could have more. We have to come and keep on coming, we have to drink and keep on drinking.