

RIVERS FROM HEAVEN

GEN 2:10 And a river went out of Eden to water the garden; and from thence it was parted, and **became into four heads**.

As we read the book of Genesis we quickly realise that God is a multiplying God. Once the river had accomplished its watering of the garden in Eden, it parted into four heads. This multiplication of watering is an ongoing creative activity of God. (Rev 22:1) It is a permanent flowing river of pure water that proceeds eternally from God's throne.

REV 22:1 And he shewed me a **pure river of water of life**, clear as crystal, **proceeding out of the throne of God** and of the Lamb.

GEN 1:2 And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters. 3And God said, Let there be light: and there was light. 4And God saw the light, that *it was* good: and God divided the light from the darkness. 5And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And the evening and the morning were the first day. 6And God said, Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and **let it divide the waters from the waters**. 7And God made the firmament, **and divided the waters which were under the firmament from the waters which were above the firmament**: and it was so. 8And God called the firmament Heaven.

The waters of the heavenly realm were purposefully separated from those of the earthly realm. We all know about natural waters or rivers of waters here on earth. The sons of Korah sung about their revelation. "There is a river". They saw a river-revival taking place by the Spirit. It reached the whole city.

PSA 46:4 *There is a river*, the streams whereof **shall make glad the city** of God, the holy *place* of the tabernacles of the most High.

EZE 47:5 Afterward he measured a thousand; *and it was a river that I could not pass over*: for the waters were risen, waters to swim in, **a river that could not be passed over**.

God's desire is not only that His people experience God's river as early as possible, but that they have an ongoing experience all their life. Water baptism is the scriptural way in which believers can testify to the world of their personal commitment to Christ, namely the washing away of sins. However, Holy Spirit baptism gives the believer the opportunity to experience the every increasing and ongoing river experience. Every blessing of God proceeds from this river.

In Ezekial's vision (Chapter 47) The water began as a trickle inside the house. (sanctuary)

v.2 Outside the sanctuary it began to run in the street.

v.3 After measuring (1000 cubits = 500 yds) the water was at ankle level.

Young children love to play in shallow water. Splashing offers great enjoyment.

v.4 In verse 4 (another 500 yards or approx 450 metres) is measured. We see now that the water has risen to the knees. The bowing of knees is always indicative of prayer. Most Christians think that to belong to a prayer group is a wonderful step of maturity.

v.4b However, in the second part of the verse 4, the water has risen dramatically and now it is at the loins. **There is an O.T biblical saying "gird up the loins"**. This phrase means "**prepare for active work**". Maybe we think in terms of changing our clothes and putting on our working boots. But, there is another thing that Christians must think about in terms of the loin area. It is the reproductive area of union for men and women. **Children can be taught to pray, but they can't reproduce until their bodies are ready for reproduction**. Similarly, in the spiritual realm a greater maturity must take place in order that multiplication can take place.

v.5 Here we see yet another increase in the level of water. It has now reached flood levels, for the waters could not be passed over. We see that the waters carried him. The waters were found running into the desert. God will carry us into desert places by His flooding river. As it floods around us, it floods through us and the dry and desolate places are watered and refreshed with His life.

PSA 72:6 **He shall come down like rain upon the mown grass: as showers that water the earth.**

MK 1:5 And there went out unto him all the land of Judaea, and they of Jerusalem, and were all baptized of him in the river of Jordan, confessing their sins.

Confession brings cleansing and cleansing brings refreshment.

PSA 65:4 *Blessed is the man whom thou choosest, and causest to approach unto thee, that he may dwell in thy courts: we shall be satisfied with the goodness of thy house, even of thy holy temple.*

We will want to be partakers of the goodness that is found in God's courts.

PSA 36:7 How excellent *is* thy lovingkindness, O God! therefore the children of men put their trust under the shadow of thy wings. **8They shall be abundantly satisfied with the fatness of thy house; and thou shalt make them drink of the**

river of thy pleasures. 9For **with thee is the fountain of life**: in thy light shall we see light.

So many believers are searching for the “fatness” of this world. God’s pleasures are in His house. **He wants us to be abundantly satisfied with the “fatness of His house”**. The pleasures of this world do not satisfy.

When we allow the rivers of God to flow into His house, the sheep will be spiritually satisfied.