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WEEKLY SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday: 10:15 AM Bible Class
 11:00 AM Morning Service
 Thursday: 7:30 PM Mid-week Service

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10:15 a.m. Bible Class followed by short break

11:00 a.m. Service

Opening Hymns

Scripture Reading

Message

Closing Hymn

B'Days: Ariel I.—5th; Ravi D.—25th **Nursery Today:** Cheryl D.
Nursery Thursday: Carol D.

COLD WATER FOR THE THIRSTY

2 Peter 2: 17: These are wells without water, clouds that are carried with a tempest; to whom the mist of darkness is reserved for ever.

Throughout scripture, “water” is used as a metaphor for spiritual life by Christ by the Holy Spirit by the gospel. “And in that day thou shalt say, O LORD, I will praise thee: though thou wast angry with me, thine anger is turned away, and thou comfortedst me. Behold, God *is* my salvation; I will trust, and not be afraid: for the LORD JEHOVAH *is* my strength and *my* song; he also is become my salvation. Therefore with joy shall ye draw water out of the wells of salvation.” (Is 12: 1-3; De 8: 7) In this verse, the Spirit of God describes false teachers as being absent of this water.

A Great Contrast

The believer is opposite those described here. False teachers and unbelievers are “wells without water”; but of those made righteous by Christ alone we read, “The mouth of a righteous man is a well of life” (Pro 10: 11; 18: 4) Those without Christ are described here as “clouds...carried with a tempest”; but Christ gives true ambassadors “That we *henceforth* be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, *and* cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;” (Eph 4:14) The false teachers are those “to whom the mist of darkness is reserved forever”; but the believer is raised with Christ “To an inheritance incorruptible...reserved in heaven for you who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.” (1Pe 1:4-5) Rejoice for only grace makes us to differ.

No Water by Nature

Every sinner is a “well without water” by nature. What good is a well without water? Life is in the water. Many think they will find the water of life in this world. A person gets their education, lands the big job, but they

find a dry well. Folks get married, build a house, and have kids still no life. Some look to the retirement years then the health goes so the body proves a dry well. A man may accumulate much like a well can have a nice well-house, the best pump money can buy, a bucket covered in gold. Yet, if there is no water it is useless! Without the indwelling Holy Spirit, Christ formed in us, we are dry wells, dead, and good for nothing but to be capped off.

Christ is the Fountain of Living Waters

Christ is that Rock smitten from whom the water of life flows freely; that Cloud full of rain. “And a man shall be as an hiding place from the wind, and a covert from the tempest; as rivers of water in a dry place, as the shadow of a great rock in a weary land.” (Is 32: 2) God the Father ordained before the world was that the Lord Jesus Christ would be to his chosen race that one fountain of all salvation, righteousness, sanctity, grace and truth. (Col 1: 19) “They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat. For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters: and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes.” (Rev 7: 16; Jn 1: 16)

The Gospel is Water to our Souls

God makes each elect to hear his gospel like the Samaritan woman came to Jacob’s well and met Christ the Living Water. Through the gospel the Holy Spirit makes us behold Christ. Our soul becomes thirsty. (Ps 32: 4) Christ speaks, “If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink. (without money, without price) He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.” (Jn 7: 37; 4: 14) The Gospel becomes good news, “As cold waters to a thirsty soul, so is good news from a far country.” (Pro 25: 25) We find ourselves believing, crying, “O God, thou art my God; early will I seek thee: my soul thirsteth for thee, my flesh longeth for thee in a dry and thirsty land, where no water is.” (Ps 42: 2; 63 1; 143:6) Christ enters in “And the parched ground shall become a pool, and the thirsty land springs of water: in the habitation of dragons, where each lay, shall be grass with reeds and rushes.” (Is 35: 7; 41: 18; Rev 22: 1) For the first time, we honor God for his free, unmerited grace just as he said, “The beast of the field shall honour me, the dragons and the owls: because I give waters in the wilderness, *and* rivers in the desert, to give drink to my people, my chosen.” (Is 43: 20)

Showers of Blessing

God plants us by his well of water, under his cloud to continue giving the gospel. He says, “I will make them and the places round about my hill a blessing; and I will cause the shower to come down in his season; there shall be showers of blessing.” (Eze 34: 26) When we wonder if the Lord will call out another sheep, “Thus saith the LORD that made thee, and formed thee from the womb, *which* will help thee; Fear not, O Jacob, my servant; and

thou, Jesurun, whom I have chosen. For I will pour water upon him that is thirsty, and floods upon the dry ground: I will pour my spirit upon thy seed, and my blessing upon thine offspring: And they shall spring up *as* among the grass, as willows by the water courses. (Is 44: 2-4) He instructs us, “Ask ye of the LORD rain in the time of the latter rain; so the LORD shall make bright clouds, and give them showers of rain, to every one grass in the field.” (Zech 10: 1) He instructs us, “Be patient therefore, brethren, unto the coming of the Lord. Behold, the husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath long patience for it, until he receive the early and latter rain. Be ye also patient; stablish your hearts: for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh.” (Jam 5: 7-8)

The Purpose of a Well of Water

A well is made to provide water to others. Brethren, we are made wells of water in a dry and thirsty land for others to drink from. Only a believer daily taught the dry death we are, without Christ, is capable of teaching others the flesh profits nothing; only you who find holiness, righteousness and redemption in his Christ only are able to teach others that “Blessed *are* they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.” (Mt 5:6) A life which adorns our doctrine, a walk consistent with the love of God shed abroad in our hearts, steadfastness in spreading his gospel through this dry desert world, these are ways God uses us as wells as God calls out his lost sheep.

Wells Are Replenished by Their Source

The more water a well gives the more water it is given by the hidden spring. “There is that scattereth, and yet increaseth.” (Pro 11: 24) God replaces more than we ever dispense, “of his fullness have we all received grace for grace.” “When the poor and needy seek water, and there is none, and their tongue fails for thirst, I the Lord will hear them, I the God of Israel will not forsake them. I will open rivers in high places, and fountains in the midst of the valleys: I will make the wilderness a pool of water, and the dry land springs of water.” Is it raining in your heart? If so, to God be the glory! Our great Fountain of grace says, “Freely ye have received, freely give.”

To Dry Sinners

Let me ask you poor child of dust, why do you seek water where it is not? The mist of darkness—hell—will be flamed by a consciousness of all that could have been yours freely but which you refused for a momentary 70 or 80 years of dry dust. What you thought an oasis will prove a mirage. You will cry, “Send someone ‘that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame.’” (Lu 16:24) What’s the price for this water? Free. You can give nothing to God, but he can give you everything. What must I possess? Only thirst! Now come! (Rev 22: 17)