

Obey your thirst!

John 4:13-14

Introduction:

God our Father in heaven is alive. God our creator is not only alive, but also gave us the breath of life. God made us and He provides everything we need for this life and the life to come. God gave us cloths, food and water to drink. On our Island we all appreciate the rain, the water we receive from above to quench our thirst. But God designed us that we need much more for life than just physical refreshment. In John 4, Jesus mentioned a type of water that all thirsty people need to hear about. Speaking to the Samaritan Woman at the well, He said, "*Jesus answered and said to her, 'Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again; but whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst; the water I shall give will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.'*" Jesus revealed that He is the source that will satisfy our spiritual thirst. Nothing earthly, nothing from this world satisfies very long. But Jesus Christ our Lord and our Saviour is the living water who gives life that quenches our thirst for life, who satisfies our thirst for life, who fulfills our thirst for life, who completes our thirst for life. Inside every person here this morning is a thirst that longs for something beyond what we can see, taste, touch, hear or smell. When we drink of the water of life that Jesus offers us and as we daily allow His water to flow through us He will provide a cooler, more refreshing drink than all the water source of this planet combined. The thirst of the soul is satisfied with the living water. In John 7:38 we read how we can get that living water. "*Whoever believes in me, as scripture says: 'Rivers of living water will flow from within him.'*"

One who believes in Christ and has Christ within him will become a fountain to dispense the living water. Brethren are you seating at the well and watch the world go by? Or do you seating at the well and offer the living water to a lost soul? If we put stones, rocks and thirt into that river it will stop flowing and the world will never know the true that is so desperately needed today. Every service to our fellow man is a service to Jesus. Matt. 25:35-40.

I. Obey your thirst for righteousness.

a] John 5:24, *Amen, amen, or verily, verily, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes in the one who sent me has eternal life and will not come to condemnation, but has passed from death to life.*

b] John 6:35, Jesus said to them, "*I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst.*" Jesus is the bread of life and the water of life. Jesus is spiritual food for our soul. So many of us are very much alive in the flesh but very death or dry in the soul. From Matt. 16:26 we can learn that if we loose our soul we will loose everything. A well-fed soul is more valuable than the whole wide world. Only Jesus the living water can satisfy thirst for the living God.

II. Obey your thirst for the work of the Lord.

a] Ephesians 6:6-7 "*not only when being watched, as currying favor, but as slaves of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart, willingly serving the Lord and not human beings,*"

b] Hebrews 12:28 *"Therefore, we who are receiving the unshakable kingdom should have gratitude, with which we should offer worship pleasing to God in reverence and awe."* We must serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear.

c] 1 Corinthians 15:58 *"Therefore, my beloved brothers, be firm, steadfast, always fully devoted to the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain."* -- never cease, never stop, never slacken up, never quit, and never retire.

III. Obey your thirst now

a] Now is the time to quench your thirst for righteousness, your thirst for Jesus. We do err, not knowing the true word nor the power of God. John 6:66-67, *"As a result of this, many (of) his disciples returned to their former way of life and no longer accompanied him. Jesus then said to the Twelve, "Do you also want to leave?"* Will you walk away or will you obey your thirst.

b] 2 Corinthians 6:2. *"Behold, now is a very acceptable time; behold, now is the day of salvation."* Obey your thirst now, today. You see, when you thirsty you get a drink, a glass of water. You do not wait until tomorrow or next Sunday or even next year or till your tongue hangs out of your mouth. So obey your thirst for Jesus now, don't let your soul be dry because it will burn easily in the fire of brimstone.

c] We must keep our soul, our spiritual heart in a good condition. 1 Sam. 16:7 teaches us why. 1 Samuel 16:7, *"But the LORD said unto Samuel, Look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature; because I have refused him: for the LORD seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the LORD looketh on the heart."* God doesn't look at the outside, He looks at the inside and for some of us this is bad news.

Conclusion:

Obey your thirst. We must worry about our soul, the health, spiritual health of our soul. Its not about the two famous towers, not about the stock's but about the souls that where not ready. This people did not know that their lives would end in a tragedy like that from Tuesday. And so it is with you. You do not know how long you going to live. We must live our life, as it would be our last. That means we must have the living water that Jesus gives.

John 3:3-7, *"Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. 4 Nicodemus saith unto him, how can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born? 5 Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. 6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit."*

This of course is not a physical birth, this is the spiritual birth. You must be born of water and spirit. Born of water refers to baptism. The spirit guides, leads and directs in gospel obedience and that it is the heart of man, which is changed – not the outside of the body.

Read Rom. 6:3-5

Being acceptable to God is not an outward thing. It is not nationality or heritage. It is not being born of any particular race or family, being acceptable to God is inward. It is of the heart of the spirit. It is of God. It is being born again of God's Spirit.