

Old Landmarks - Proverbs 22:28



"Ask for the old paths, where the good way (road) is, and walk in it, and you shall find rest for your souls."

- Jeremiah 6:16

Living Water!

- * "You shall make them drink of the river of Your pleasures. For with You is the Fountain of Life." (Psalm 36:8,9)
- * "For my people have committed two evils: they have forsaken Me, the FOUNTAIN OF LIVING WATERS, and hewed out for themselves cisterns, broken cistern, that can hold no water." (Jeremiah 2:13)

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Come to Me and Drink - *Blessed are they who thirst for righteousness, for they shall be filled!* - Matt 5:6

Water. We need it to live. We crave it daily, it refreshes us, and without it, death is certain. Thirst is the awareness that our bodies are lacking this life-giving substance.

Jesus said *"Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be filled (satiated)."*

Righteousness is the nature of God, not man, because it is a fixed state of "right" character that finds no enticement in evil. It is powerful, noble, dignified and intense. Jesus is righteous - and he offers it to those who see their need.

The Jewish people have a ceremony where they celebrate God's provision of water throughout their wilderness journey to the Promised Land.

Whosoever Drinks ... John 4:10

Jesus broke all social rules when He stopped and talked to a loose woman of Samaria, as she drew water from a well. Jesus said to her, *"If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that has asked you for a drink,*

It was at one of these ceremonies that Jesus stood up and cried out, *"If anyone is thirsty, let him come to Me and drink! He that believes on me, as the Scriptures has said, out of his inner most being shall flow rivers of living water!"* (John 7:37)

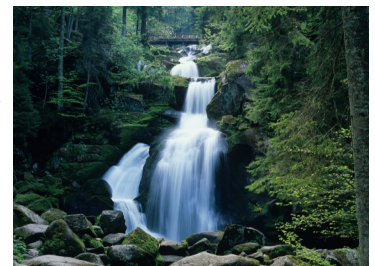
Jesus was claiming to be, *"The Fountain of Living Waters"* another name for God.

Just as Moses struck the rock in the wilderness from where the rivers of water flowed, Jesus was struck by a soldiers spear. Out of his side flowed blood and water. Blood to cleanse us from our sins, water to quench our thirst for righteousness, forever.

To the one who believes in Jesus, all past sins (un-right-

nesses) are forgiven, your account with God reconciled, and a transforming process of en-during "right-ness" flows into your life. A work of God, not self-repair.

Jesus' offer is still available today. He will pour rivers of refreshment into the lives of those who love him, all the way through this barren wilderness, until we reach our "Promised Land." It's a guarantee. You will never thirst again. *"Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good! Blessed is the one who puts their trust in Him."*



you would have asked Him, and He would have given you living water."

The love of God knows no bounds. In fact, God loves to give life to people others would reject as unworthy.

Those who have tried the murky waters of the world are often the first to recognize their need for "living water," that only Christ can give.

Jesus still invites, *"Whoever is thirsty, come to Me ..."*

Have You Heard? - His voice was as the sound of many waters - Revelation 1:15

Have you heard the Voice that spoke in the beginning,
Who said "let there be" and suddenly there was?
Did you hear the Voice that shook Arabia's mountain,
With thunder when God gave to them His laws?
Have you heard the Voice that soothed the great Elijah,
Whose Stillness later calmed a raging sea,
Well, in case you haven't heard,
That is why He's called THE WORD,
And He has good news to share with you and me!

Have you heard the blast of Trumpets rich with power?
Would you like to hear a Mighty Whirlwind call?
Does the crash of Rushing Waters sound refreshing?
(You will wonder how you lived before at all!)
Have you heard the Sound of Fire in the bushes?
Would you like to hear the Beat of Chariot Wings?
Well, in case you haven't heard,
That's why He's called the LIVING WORD,
Hear Him speak and He will make your life exciting!

Have you heard the Voice that tells you all that's future?
Turn the page and you will hear the plan of Time.
Would you like to hear the Wisdom of the ages?
Or read a Will that leaves you a Goldmine?
Have you heard the Voice that grants True life with meaning,
And with promises (in writing!) overflows?
Well, in case you haven't heard,
That's why He spoke the WRITTEN WORD,
So the Living God for certain you can know!



"Whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst again."

- John 4:14 -

Have you heard the Voice?....

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If You Knew the Gift of God ... John 4:10

The Bible declares:
"Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, neither has entered into the heart of man, the things which God has prepared for those that love Him. But God has revealed them to us by His Spirit ..."
- (I Corinthians 2:9,10)

The woman at the well had no idea of the "eternal weight of glory" in the Gift offered her that day. Nor do we, apart from God revealing them to us in the Bible.

So, open your Bible and get to know your inheritance papers.

If someone left you a Will, you would make sure you knew exactly what was coming to you. You would get to know the legal jargon and learn every word. In the same way, the more you read your Bible, the more you will delight in the Gift and the Giver.

Who Is Speaking to You? ... If you knew who was speaking to you - John 4:10

To the woman at the well, Jesus looked like any other man. But as He talked with her, he told her "all things that she had ever done."

That opened her eyes enough that she said, "Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet."

So she switched from her personal talk, to religious talk. That conversation too, showed that His knowledge was far

beyond hers. Finally, she said, "I know that Messiah is coming, who is called Christ: Whenever he comes, he will tell us fully all these things." Jesus said to her, "I that speak to you, am He."

Leaving her water-pot, she fled into the village to spread the good news.

Jesus is very much alive and still speaking! As you read the

Bible, you will get the distinct impression that He is speaking to you, knows all about you – and loves you anyway.

Perhaps you've thought Jesus was just a man from history. Maybe you'll agree that He was a prophet. But the day you realize that He who speaks to you is "The Christ - the Son of the Living God" you will have found, "The Fountain of Living Water."

Sharing the Living Water - John 7:28

John Newton is famous for the song "Amazing Grace." It is the story of his life.

In 1744, at the age of 18, John was forced into the British navy. He found life unbearable and finally escaped only to be publically flogged and sent back on board.

Later, John was traded to a slave ship, where he faced brutal abuse. Finally in 1748, at age 22, he was rescued by a seaman who knew his father.

John became the Captain of his own ship and continued in the slave trade, a hardened, bitter, angry man.

John often remembered Bible verses his mother had given him when he was young, but he was too tough to need God.

John's one fear in life was drowning. One night, a severe storm hit the ship. Fearing all was lost, John cried out, "Lord, have mercy on us!" The storm calmed. John knew the Lord had spared his life and he was thankful!

That night he confessed his sins to the Risen Christ. He later wrote: *Amazing grace how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me, I once was lost, but now am found, was blind but now I see.*

John kept the anniversary of that storm each year, quit the slave trade, and longed to tell others about the changes in his life. Churches he preached in filled to overflowing as people flocked to hear the transformed sailor. Thousands came to trust in Christ.

This is what Jesus meant when He said, "They who believe in Me, out of them shall flow rivers of living water."



"The water that I give shall be in him a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life."

The Water I Give - shall be in him a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life. - John 4:14

"The righteousness from God is through faith in Jesus Christ, unto all and upon all those who believe." (Rom 3:22)

"Your righteousness is an everlasting righteousness ..." (Psalm 119:142)

"The eternal God is your refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms ..." (Deut. 33:27)

"...In the LORD JEHOVAH is everlasting strength." (Isaiah 26:4)

"...And everlasting joy shall be upon their heads." (Isaiah 35:10)

"I have loved you with an everlasting love ..." (Jer. 31:3)

"God has given us everlasting consolation ..." (2 Thess 2:16)

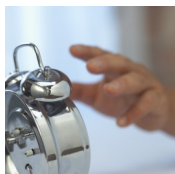
"This is the record, that God has given to us eternal life, and this life is in His Son.

He who has the Son has life. He who has not the Son, has not life.

These things have I written to you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that you may know that you have eternal life ..." (1 John 5:11-13)

John 4:14

What time is it? - "The Rights of the People" - Revelation 3:14-22



The book of Revelation starts with seven letters to seven churches. The last church mentioned is "Laodicea" and means "the rights of the people." It represents the world attitude before Christ returns.

Never before in recorded his-

tory has the world so rallied for "rights". There are prisoners rights, gay rights, students rights, abortion rights, etc... Everyone is clamoring for their "rights."

While some rights are legitimate, many are utterly wicked. Another sign of the world's decay and that the return of Christ is very near.

God has "rights" too. Since He made the earth, He has the "right" to make the laws and enforce them. And because His character is absolute and permanent "righteousness," we can rest assured that: "The Judge of all the earth will do right." (Genesis 18:25)

Even so, Lord Jesus, come!



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Grandma's Pen:

I've been thinking about procrastination. Webster defines it as "to put off taking action until a future time."

Procrastination is a thief of time: Putting off until tomorrow (or later) what should have been done today, results in a nagging irritation that you didn't do what you knew you should have

Procrastination is also a robber of opportunity: Good intentions are not followed through usually with the excuse that "The time wasn't right" or "I didn't feel like doing it now" or "Oh, well, it can wait!". How easy it is to fall into the careless habit of procrastinating!

The bottom line is procrastination causes regret that opportunities were not seized, and now, it's too late. Priceless opportunities pass. We can lose them! Some are ignored with an air of indifference and lost forever! Don't let procrastination rob you of the opportunities God is giving you today and for eternity!

In the Car - *"Preach deliverance to those held captive" - Luke 4:18*

Two ladies stood on the side of the road hitchhiking. We had seen them earlier and decided to give them a ride.

One lady was sober and just wanted to go home. The other was so high she could hardly function.

Roland gave the sober lady a gospel tract. "Are you Christians?" she asked. "Yes!" Roland said. "And we want you to know how much God loves you too."

"I used to go to church," she explained, "but alcohol entered my life and now it just

has a hold on me. It ruins everything!"

"Jesus has the power to break the hold of alcohol in your life," Roland answered.

"Please, do you have more things I can read at home?" she asked. "I will read them." Roland gave her a handful more.

"Please put your name on the back so I can call you if I have questions," she said. He did.

We dropped her off and then took the next girl to her destination. She was scared and lost. It broke our hearts to see

someone so beautiful and with such potential, so ruined by drug abuse.

When the Bible speaks of "sorcery" it refers to drugs. It is where we get our word "pharmacy." It is one of the devil's tools to get people to destroy themselves.

When we share Christ, we are hoping to turn people "from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan, to the power of God ..." (Acts 26:18)

"Sin shall not have dominion over you."
~ Romans 6:14 ~

"Let him who is thirsty come. And whosoever will, let him take of the water of life freely."

~ Revelation 22:17 ~