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EDITORIAL

THEREFORE WITH JOY SHALL WE DRAW WATER OUT OF THE WELLS OF SALVATION

Isaiah 12-3

The book of Isaiah has been called by some, the gospel of the Old Testament, because the writer prophesied so much of the great events which transpired in this gospel dispensation. He spoke of the birth and sufferings, and death of Jesus as accurately as he could have if he had lived in Jesus' time, and had been an eye witness of these things. He also prophesied of the great salvation which is for us all today, and told men how to obtain the same. He wrote, "Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts and let him return unto the Lord and he will have mercy upon him, and to our God and he will abundantly pardon. Again he calls, "Come now and let us reason together saith the Lord though your sins be as scarlet they shall be as white as snow though they be red like crimson they shall be as wool." In the words of our text the prophet is setting forth the effects of this great salvation on the hearts and lives of the children of men, he says with JOY shall ye draw water out of the wells of salvation. He uses water here as a symbol of the grace of God and a very fitting one it is for what water is to our natural bodies the grace of God, or salvation is to our souls. How much we depend on water to quench our thirst, how refreshing a drink of good water on a warm day and how soon we would die of thirst if we could not get it. How dependent we are on water for cleansing purposes; how necessary it is to keep us clean and healthy. Our Lord used almost the same terms when He invited men to repentance and faith that Isaiah used so many hundreds of years before.

Jesus said, "If any man thirst let him come unto me and drink. He that believeth on me as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water." Isaiah cried, "Ho every one that thirsteth come ye to the waters." And again, "So shall he sprinkle many nations", and Ezekiel also said, "Then will I sprinkle clean water upon you and ye shall be clean from all your filthiness and from all your idols will I cleanse you." John wrote in the New Testament concerning salvation, "If we walk in the light as he is in the light we have fellowship one with another and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth us from all sin." Hence I say water is a fitting symbol of the grace of God, and not only is it a symbol because of its cleansing and satisfying power but also because of its

abundance. There is so much water in this world of ours that there is enough to supply the needs of all the creatures which God hath made, which reminds us of the words of the Apostle Paul when he said, "Though sin abounded, grace does much more abound", and again, "God is able to make ALL GRACE ABOUND toward you that ye always having all sufficiency in all things may abound unto every good work."

We would have you notice also that in the words of the text the prophet is endeavouring to show us that the service which God requires is not drudgery, not a laborious effort but delightful. See the text again, "With JOY shall ye draw water", which agrees with the teachings of our Lord who said, "These things have I spoken unto you that my JOY might remain in YOU and that YOUR JOY might be full. This is one of the many ways that the Christian religion or salvation excels all other religions. It offers and provides joy for all its devotees while pagan religions are based upon fear. We have heard it said that some folk have just enough religion to make them miserable. They meant, I presume, that some are trying to do right in their own strength while their unregenerated, unsanctified hearts still pull toward the world and sin. Paul seems to have been in that STATE before HE was converted, for he wrote in the seventh chapter of his letter to the Romans concerning his experience while under the power of sin, "Oh wretched man that I am who shall deliver me from the body of this death." When men yield themselves fully to Jesus and let Him change and cleanse their hearts they will find, I am sure, that the promise of the prophet made so long ago will be fulfilled. With JOY will they draw water from the wells of salvation.

But some one asks, "What, or where are these wells?" Read what Jesus said to the woman of Samaria, "He that drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst, but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up unto everlasting life", which teaches us that every fully saved person has the source of Joy in himself, and agrees with the words of another who said, "A good man shall be satisfied from himself." Notice not with himself, but from himself. If the Holy Spirit abides in his heart he has the well, or source of Joy and satisfaction in his own soul, and thus all that he does under the guidance of the Holy Spirit in the way of worship or service to others will bring Joy to his own heart and life, as well as to many others.

But remember, beloved reader, that this joyful service or drawing of water is only for those who are regenerated, cleansed and indwelt by the Holy Spirit, which is the secret of a successful, happy, joyful, Christian life, in the midst of sorrow, suffering, adversity, sickness, and pain. The Joy of the Lord will be your strength.

"With Joy shall ye draw water out of the wells of salvation." Let us pray.

A MARTYR'S TESTIMONY

Ignatius, Bishop of Antioch, on his way to Rome where he was sentenced to die of the attacks of fierce beasts in the Coliseum early in the second century of the Christian Era, wrote a noble testimony to the Christians at Rome. He said, "Now I am beginning to be a disciple. Come fire and cross, and grapplings with wild beasts, wrenching of bones, hacking of limbs, crushing of my whole body, and cruel tortures of the devil to assail me. Only be it mine to attain unto Jesus Christ." When he was brought to martyrdom, he said, "I am the Lord's wheat. If He wills that I should be ground today, so be it."—Sel.

BE A READER

Be a lover of books. Don't forget to read the Best Book. Jesus read it and lived it.

No book is worth anything that is not worth much.

Literature is the best thought of the soul. The line between man and the animals is literature. Humanity furnishes the theme of literature.

The best literature is to be found in the Bible. The Bible on its human side is pure literature. On its divine side it is literature inspired. Bible literature is the expression of the Holy Spirit, for holy men of old wrote as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.

Heaven's atmosphere expressed in words is Bible literature. Good literature always gives a pleasure to the one who peruses it. That is why the Bible is so fascinating; it is good literature. Its sentences are carefully compounded. All its sentences have been carefully weighed. The weight of its sentences makes man feel the lightness of his being. When man weighs the sentences of the Bible, he finds he is weighed in the balance and found wanting.—William Barnes Lower in Exchange.

REVEALS GOD TO MAN

If the Bible reveals the wicked heart of man, it also reveals the gracious heart of God.—Bp. Watson.

"There are not wanting those who reject the Bible because, forsooth, they imagine that they have a clearer and more satisfactory revelation of God in Nature. Earthquakes, cyclones and pestilences reveal wrath, whether divine or diabolical who can tell, if the Bible be not the true directory?"

"Some of the deep things of God, as revealed in the Bible, puzzle me."

When I meet with a depth, "I stand upon the shore." I do not want to fathom the depths; the ocean is to be sailed over. I want no diving-bells; I can't live in diving-bells; I want a sailing-boat, to sail over the ocean—ay, and to see the glory of that God who made that ocean.—J. H. Evans.

"Turn a telescope on a star, and at the instant when the instrument has reached the right position the light flashes through the tube and produces an image of the star in the dark chambers of the telescope." The Bible to the soul is as the telescope to the eye. We may sit under the shadow of afflictive providences, our soul bound in iron, but if we bring the revelations of the word to bear upon the character, attributes and providences of God; a light above the brightness of the sun will make our dungeon flame with light, and from behind the portentous storm-cloud "the bright and morning star" will shine forth.

OUT OF TOUCH

"I have a rubber stamp which reads 'Return to E. S. J.' The other evening I pressed it on a piece of paper without inking it, and it stamped very faintly. It has not been inked for over two weeks.

It seems to me that some people are about like that stamp. All have the opportunity to make a good impression, but all aren't always inked with the Spirit of God.

If I had pressed my stamp on an inkpad before using, the result would have been different.

Always be connected with God and have the anointing of the Holy Spirit before being used, so that you will make a lasting impression for righteousness in whatever task you undertake."

—Selected.