

# Living Water

Troubling The Darkness - Week 12

John 7:37-39

## I. Presence

- A. Feast of Tabernacles - 1 of 3 great pilgrimage feasts
  - 1. All men were required to appear before God at the temple in Jerusalem.
- B. Temple in the middle of all the camps in the shape of a cross.
  - 1. Feast of Tabernacles also called Sukkot (plural form of Sukkah) = booth or hut.
    - a) Israel's wilderness dwellings
- C. The priest pouring water into the silver basin was looking forward to the outpouring of the Holy spirit.
  - 1. Gold pitcher pouring into a silver basin - Gold represents wealth, wisdom, glory of God, presence of God
    - a) Silver represents purity, and redemption.
  - 2. Pool of Siloam
    - a) First mention in 2 Kings 20:20 - King Hezekiah implements an aqueduct system to bring water into the city that poured into a big pool.
    - b) John 9:1-7
      - (1) Siloam = sent, sending out, gushing forth - "the only spring within the walls"
      - (2) John 7:37-39
        - (a) using an "Aqueduct" to funnel the water/life of the Holy Spirit right into the walls of our being so that it can then gush forth and out to those that need it.
    - c) Moving water - stagnant water has a tendency to get stale and collect dangerous pathogens that can eventually poison the once life-giving water.
      - (1) If there is no outlet for the supply of water will lose its life-giving properties.
      - (2) Jeremiah 2:13
- D. Seven day celebration - 7 = completion, perfection, wholesome.

## II. Protection

- A. Brought safely out of Egypt
- B. Wandering in the desert, protected by the pillar of fire by night and pillar of cloud by day - Exodus 13:21
  - 1. They had to go where God led them. They had to follow His presence because that was where their protection and provision came from.
    - a) Romans 8:14 "For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God."
    - b) We must go with the flow of the spirit because that is where the supply is.
      - (1) Don't just stick to what is familiar. Go where God is taking you.
  - 2. Illumination of The Temple - lighting of the Candelabra

- a) Remembering God leading them by a pillar of fire at night in the wilderness
- b) Represented the coming Messiah being a great light to the world and even to the gentiles

(1) John 8:12

C. Numbers 23 & 24 - Balaam - You can't curse what God has blessed!

### III. Provision

A. Harvest Celebration - end of their labors

1. Jewish version of Thanksgiving

a) Sukkah also represented - Harvest time dwellings

B. With water comes vegetation and life.

1. Isaiah 12

2. Nehemiah 8:10 - "...for the joy of the Lord is your strength."

a) This was spoken right before they re-established the Feast of Tabernacles.

3. Jesus is the vine and we are the branches living off of his life supply - John 15

4. Jesus prayed, "And this is life eternal, that they might know Thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom Thou hast sent." - John 17:3

Ezekiel 47:1-12