

SPIRITUAL THIRST

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MATTHEW 5:6 (MSG)

It's been estimated that 106 billion people have walked the earth since Adam. All made in God's image but uniquely different. We have different personalities, voices, fingerprints and DNA. Different as we may be, we all have two things in common – **HUNGER** and **THIRST**.

JOHN 7:37-39

On the last day of the Feast of Tabernacles, a priest would lead a solemn procession to the pool of Siloam. He filled a golden vase with water and carried it to the temple as the people rejoiced. He poured out the water on the western side of the altar while another priest poured out a drink-offering on the eastern side as the people chanted the "Hallel" **PSALMS 113-118**

1. Jesus wasn't referring to natural thirst as the Israelites at Marah, or Samson (**JUDGES 15:18 NLT**), or Jesus on the cross.

Jesus wasn't referring to a sinful thirst for riches, pleasure or the honors this life offers.

Jesus was referring to a spiritual thirst for spiritual realities. For the outpouring of the Spirit and the latter rain.

2. There are levels of thirst - slightly, moderately and desperately.
 - A. The Israelites, Samson and Jesus were desperately thirsty.
 - B. So were - David (**PSALMS 63:1-4**) Paul (**PHILIPPIANS 3:7-12 (MSG)**), and the woman with the blood issue who was done drinking from the fountain of religious tradition, human reasoning, fear and despair. She went after living water and got healed.

ISAIAH 44:3 (MSG)

God doesn't pour out His Spirit where the ground is saturated with religious tradition, human ego and sinful pleasures. He pours out His Spirit where those things left people dry, parched and thirsty for God's glorious presence and power.

POSITIONING OURSELVES FOR A SPIRITUAL OUTPOURING

1. Our prayer focus.
 - A. Spirit of humility and repentance among us.
 - B. Deeper awareness of God's holiness.
 - C. Revelation of the evil of sin.
 - D. Spirit of obedience to clothe us.
 - E. Passionate about salvation, healing and deliverance.
 - F. Spiritual hunger to increase.
 - G. Word to go forth with conviction, power and authority.
 - H. The Spirit to move and not be grieved.
 - I. To bring conviction on people to pray.

PRAYER:

Heavenly Father, we are your people and your Name is in this place. We desire your presence, power and a greater working of your Spirit among us. Not for you to put your stamp of approval on what we are doing, but for you to be glorified among us, for Jesus to be magnified, and for the church to be edified and fully equipped for spiritual service. Father, may the work of revival begin with me as I give myself to you in prayer and surrender my life to do your will.