

“Restoration” (6)

“The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name’s sake.” (Psalm 23: 1-3)

Water in the Wilderness World

Exodus 15:22-26 – (22) “Then Moses made Israel set out from the Red Sea, and they went into the wilderness of Shur. They went three days in the wilderness and found no water. (23) When they came to Marah, they could not drink the water of Marah because it was bitter; therefore it was named Marah. (24) And the people grumbled against Moses, saying, ‘What shall we drink?’ (25) And he cried to the LORD, and the LORD showed him a log, and he threw it into the water, and the water became sweet. There the LORD made for them a statute and a rule, and there he tested them, (26) saying, ‘If you will diligently listen to the voice of the LORD your God, and do that which is right in his eyes, and give ear to his commandments and keep all his statutes, I will put none of the diseases on you that I put on the Egyptians, for I am the LORD, your healer.’”

Strength in a Perilous Place

Exodus 15:27 – “Then they came to Elim, where there were twelve springs of water and seventy palm trees, and they encamped there by the water.”

Jesus – Our Elim

“There came a woman of Samaria to draw water. Jesus said to her, ‘Give me a drink.’ (For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, ‘How is it that you, a Jew, ask for a drink from me, a woman of Samaria?’ (For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, ‘If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, ‘Give me a drink,’ you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.’ The woman said to him, ‘Sir, you have nothing to draw water with, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob? He gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did his sons and his livestock.’ Jesus said to her, ‘Everyone who drinks of

this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.’”

(John 4:7-14)

“On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and cried out, ‘If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink.’” (John 7:37)

“My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me.”

(John 10:27)

Key Point: Follow Jesus, Enjoy Daily Restoration

Avoid Alternatives

“The LORD spoke to me again: ‘Because this people have refused the waters of Shiloah that flow gently, and rejoice over Rezin and the son of Remaliah, therefore, behold, the Lord is bringing up against them the waters of the River, mighty and many, the king of Assyria and all his glory. And it will rise over all its channels and go over all its banks,”

(Isaiah 8:5-7)

Questions:

What impacted me the most in this message?

Am I a Christ Fan or Follower? (Luke 9:57-62)

Do I drink of the Lord’s restorative water daily, or have I become addicted to the world’s soda/pop alternatives?

(ESV used unless otherwise noted)