Water and Life

According to the United States Geological Survey: "The Earth is a watery place. However, just how much water exists on, in, and above our planet? About 71 percent of the Earth's surface is water-covered, and the oceans hold about 96.5 percent of all Earth's water. Water also exists in the air as water vapor**,** rivers and lakes, in icecaps and glaciers, in the ground as soil moisture and in aquifers" (www.usgs.gov/special-topics/water). The earth could not survive without water. The necessity of water for the earth's physical survival is without question. Perhaps such is why God uses water in the spiritual sense to help man understand the need for proper spiritual survival.

David writes, "You visit the earth and water it, You greatly enrich it; the river of God is full of water; You provide their grain, for so You have prepared it" (Psalm 65:9). Isaiah records, "But there the majestic Lord will be for us a place of broad rivers and streams, in which no galley with oars will sail, nor majestic ships pass by" (Isaiah 33:21). Joel continues saying, "...And all the brooks of Judah shall be flooded with water; a fountain shall flow from the house of the Lord..." (Joel 3:18). Zechariah furthers with, "And in that day it shall be that living waters shall flow from Jerusalem..." (Zechariah 14:8). These passages are just a few of the many that show the life giving spiritual water that only God provides.

The New Testament shows us that Jesus is the giver of the water of life. Jesus told the woman at the well, "He would have given you living water …" and "whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst" (John 4:10-14). The phrase "whoever drinks" is present tense showing that this is a continued drinking, a daily drinking from the water He gives. Such drinking from His water will be so

fulfilling that one would never thirst for any other. He alone has the words of life (John 6:68). He alone is the way of salvation (John 14:6). There is no other name given whereby we must be saved (Acts 4:12). This water will become in Him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.

Jesus later stated that out of those who believe in Him "will flow rivers of living water" (John 7:38). Those who have been redeemed and filled with the Spirit of God and the Word of God will themselves become wells of water to the world. Through the changed lives of the redeemed God will invite the unsaved to come, drink, and live. Brethren, we dare not dirty up the water! Let us each purpose to "be diligent to be found by Him in peace, without spot and blameless" (2 Peter 3:14).