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Readings: John 7:37-39

What right do we have to speak from Bible?

As a personal testimony, the speaker pointed out that he needed relationship with God. He had to speak to God and to listen to God. He had sin in life that needed to be removed.

Our body is made of water. If we starve our body of water our organs will shrivel. Our body will tell us we need liquid. Our soul will tell us we need spiritual fluid. If we go too long without God our body tells us – we have gone too long without Him. He does not want us to go without Him.

The passage read refers to the Feast of Tabernacles. At the feast water was poured on the altar and people would have looked on. Jesus stands up for the people were looking on the wrong place. Jesus spoke loudly – He wants to draw people's attraction- He wants them to hear.

Within 6 months of this Jesus would be crucified. He did not want them to carry on and miss the reality round about. His message can be broken down as follow:-

“If anyone” - includes all, no one can get out of it.

“If anyone is thirsty” - He didn't tell them, He asked, there had to be a recognition of need.

If we forget God we have guilt and no peace, we seem to have no purpose to life for the one who gives purpose is excluded.

“let Him come to me” - no difficult choices to be made about what to do. When He announced from heaven, “This is my beloved Son, hear Him” (Matt 17:5), the Father indicates that He agreed with the Son.

Naturally we think about what we drink but spiritually we often try anything and everything.

“and drink” - does us no good if we don't drink – just by being with Him was not enough.

We must take our relationship with God seriously. We cannot rely on others to do it for us.

“drink” - deeply and continuously. Nothing makes us right with God unless we believe on the Lord Jesus Christ.

John wrote that “we could believe in Jesus and...”(John 20:31). A man with a sick son brought Him to Jesus. Jesus asked Him if he believed, he replied “I believe, help Thou mine unbelief”.

There are no doubts, maybes, risk and probabilities involved in what Jesus says.

“whoever believes” - an absolute certainty.

“If I go I come again, I will come again” (John 14:3) - He went so He will come again.

We have only one choice: for God or against God. There is no middle ground.

“He who did not spare His own Son but gave Him up for us all” (Romans 8:32)

He does not leave us questioning whether we can trust Him, for He has given us proof we can.

“I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.” (Gal 2:20)

“While we were yet sinners Christ died for us” (Romans 5:8)

Just as thirst needs water so sin needs forgiveness.

“The blood of Jesus Christ cleanses us from all sin” (1 John 1:7).

There is one way and God has provided it. He has laboured for us to free us from the power of Satan. It is like a “fountain” or “stream”. It continues flowing, never ending with life in all its fullness (John 10:10).

There is an urgency about this. God knows we need His solution and He demands our attention. He did not allow it to be left to servants but He sent His Son.

In a parable, servants were sent and men mistreated them, “last of all He sent His Son”, the servants said “Here is the heir come let us kill Him” (Matt 21:33-46).

There is a God who came in the form of man to show by His life that He cares.

New Testament tells more about second coming than first coming. He came the first time, He will come the second. When He comes, He will come for those who have availed themselves of the offer of salvation. Others will be separated from God forever.

He could come at any time. The only certainty is in the Bible. God showed His love in sending His Son. He came the first time, the same man will come again.

We must give an account of what we have done with the Son (Romans 14:12).