

Life from the Lord

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Let us listen to what the Lord has to say to us in the process of helping us.

Let us turn to **John 7: 37-39**

- 37 Now on the last day, the great *day* of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, "If anyone is thirsty, let him come to Me and drink.
- 38 "He who believes in Me, as the Scripture said, "From his innermost being will flow rivers of living water."
- 39 But this He spoke of the Spirit, whom those who believed in Him were to receive; for the Spirit was not yet *given*, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

The Lord Jesus came, and when He died on the cross, it was not just to forgive us our sins. More than that, He came to give us life – and life abundantly.

So we all know that in the midst of our struggles, going through life on this earth, we face many difficulties, disappointments, frustrations and failures. We seek to overcome these as we learn from the world and as we think of what we are able to do, but God wants to help us to recognize that however much we may be able to do, ultimately we can do nothing unless we abide in Him. We have no life in ourselves, and that life comes from the Lord.

Let us ponder over what the Lord Jesus said:

If anyone is thirsty, let him come to Me and drink

In all our struggles in what we are seeking to do, we will be thirsty. The world can never satisfy us. Our abilities can never see us through the struggles of life in a meaningful way.

As we come to the Lord, He tells us that we can find refreshment, not just for the moment, but overflowing abundance, not just for ourselves, but also for others – from His innermost being will flow rivers of living water – rivers of living water, life from God, the life of God given to us through the Holy Spirit working in our hearts, as we seek to identify with Him, to live for Him.

We are thirsty, we are hungry, we struggle, we fail, we are miserable. As we come to the Lord, we find refreshment – we find His life, His sufficiency, His undertaking, His presence with us. As we struggle with failures, with impatience, with problems of life, we come to Him and we find overflowing abundant life through the Spirit.

So, let us ask Him to help us to learn to come to Him at all times, to express our gratitude to Him, and to ask Him to work in us more deeply, to learn how to trust Him, depend on Him, and live for Him.

Let us ask Him to help us, not just for ourselves, but that we will be a better member of the body of Christ, that we will be able to take our part in the kingdom of God, fulfil our responsibility as He calls us, and be faithful to Him, each one of us doing our part, contributing as He leads us, and going through life together with the Lord.