



TIMES OF REFRESHING PART 3

“Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord,”
Acts 3:19 NKJV

Introduction. Last week we ended looking at *Hosea 6:1-3 NLT*

“Come, let us return to the Lord. He has torn us to pieces; now he will heal us. He has injured us; now he will bandage our wounds. In just a short time he will restore us, so that we may live in his presence. Oh, that we might know the Lord! Let us press on to know him. He will respond to us as surely as the arrival of dawn or the coming of rains in early spring.”

God is a Restorer and **He will Respond when we Return to Him** like:

1. *The arrival of Dawn*
2. *The coming of Early Spring Rain*

Today I want to show you another source of Water that brings refreshing.

I. The Wells Of Salvation

*‘In that day you will say: “I will praise you, Lord . Although you were angry with me, your anger has turned away and you have comforted me. Surely God is my salvation; I will trust and not be afraid. The Lord , the Lord himself, is my strength and my defense ; he has become my salvation.” **With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.** In that day you will say: “Give praise to the Lord , proclaim his name; make known among the nations what he has done, and proclaim that his name is exalted. Sing to the Lord , for he has done glorious things; let this be known to all the world. Shout aloud and sing for joy, people of Zion, for great is the Holy One of Israel among you.”’*
Isaiah 12:1-6

- A. Wells of Salvation- Salvation means deliverance, welfare, prosperity, help, victory
- B. You must draw this water out

- Drawing water was done in the evening usually by women or men unfit for other service.
- To draw water takes humility, patience, strength, stamina, perseverance.

C. You draw with Joy - gladness, rejoicing, exultation, cheerfulness

- We can draw with joy because we know that what we need is in the well!

II. Worthless Wells

“For My people have committed two evils: They have forsaken Me, the fountain of living waters, And hewn themselves cisterns—broken cisterns that can hold no water.”

Jeremiah 2:13 NKJV

A. **Cistern:** Artificial water source

- Hole dug in the ground on non-permeable rock and lined with lime plaster
- used to collect rainwater. They weren't dug to get to a water source.
- What artificial sources have we been depending on? i.e. relationships, influence, material goods, career, position, etc.
- WHAT do you do for water when there is no rain? How do you get refreshed?
- 2020 has taught us that we can not rely on artificial rain sources.

III. Wells and Warfare

“And it came to pass at that time that Abimelech and Phichol, the commander of his army, spoke to Abraham, saying, “God is with you in all that you do. Now therefore, swear to me by God that you will not deal falsely with me, with my offspring, or with my posterity; but that according to the kindness that I have done to you, you will do to me and to the land in which you have dwelt.” And Abraham said, “I will swear.” Then Abraham rebuked Abimelech because of a well of water which Abimelech’s servants had seized.”

Genesis 21:22-25 NKJV

“Now the Philistines had stopped up all the wells which his father’s servants had dug in the days of Abraham his father, and they had filled them with earth. And Abimelech said to Isaac, “Go away from us, for you are much mightier than we.” Then Isaac departed from there and pitched his tent in the Valley of Gerar, and dwelt there. And Isaac dug again the wells of water which they had dug in the days of Abraham his father, for the Philistines had stopped them up after the death of Abraham. He called them by the names which his father had called them.

But the herdsmen of Gerar quarreled with Isaac's herdsmen, saying, "The water is ours." So he called the name of the well Esek, because they quarreled with him. Then they dug another well, and they quarreled over that one also. So he called its name Sitnah. And he moved from there and dug another well, and they did not quarrel over it. So he called its name Rehoboth, because he said, "For now the LORD has made room for us, and we shall be fruitful in the land.""

Genesis 26:15-18, 20-22 NKJV

- There will be warfare over your wells.
- The enemy would love to seize or stop up your wells.
- You must not let go of your wells or allow the enemy to take them.
- Abraham rebuked Abimelech.
- Isaac dug another well - if the enemy can't seize your wells, sometimes he will try to stop them up.
- Sometimes the strategy must be to dig again.

III) From Wells to Rivers

"But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life."

John 4:14 KJV

"In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink. He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water. (But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.)"

John 7:37-39 KJV

A. Focus For The Week:

1. You have a source that will never run dry.
2. You must draw it out.
3. Fight for your wells.
4. Turn your well into a river of life for others.

