

WATER ACCOMPLISHES WONDERS

[Isaiah 55:10-11](#) “For as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater: so shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.”

Water is the most abundant matter on the face of our globe and comprises about three-fourths of the earth's surface. If all of the earth's surface were leveled to a smooth plain there would be enough water to cover the whole earth about one mile deep.

Water has its own beauty and has stirred the soul of many a poet by its magnetic attraction. The oceans, lakes, and streams have always delighted the hearts of men by their ceaseless actions and changing colors.

Water is essential to life and because of its vital importance to us the Lord in our text compares His Word with water to give us a better understanding of the aim and purpose of His Holy Word. Like rain, His Word accomplishes much in this world.

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1. THE WATER OF THE WORLD

“For as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven.” Water, as all good gifts, comes down from above, from the glorious Creator of heaven and earth. Water was one of the very first things which God made, for on the first day of creation we read, “The Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.”

“Watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud.” Water has been rightly called the universal lubricant. There can be no life as we know it without this fluid, even the human body is about nine-tenths water. God in His marvelous wisdom set up a giant sprinkling system on this earth. The water is drawn up into clouds by the action of the sun, blown across the face of the earth, and gently sprayed over the land in the form of rain, snow, and mist. The plants draw up nourishment with the water and so life goes on. Most living things get their food from the action of water.

Rain is also our great supplier and renewer of fresh water. Snow is used by God as a vast storehouse of water which can be released in the springtime when needed most. The underground reservoirs are replenished by the rains and melting snows, and the trees and plants drink freely of the life-giving moisture. The rain and snow from heaven wash the dust from the air,

fill the wells, and revive the earth. Water does accomplish wonderful things in this world.

The great Sahara desert is only one of many examples of the lack of water and its effects. The prosperity of a country is usually determined by the amount of rainfall it receives.

In the tropics and other areas where there is an abundant rainfall we find veritable paradises. The South Sea islands have plenty of rain and they are covered with a great variety of growths with palm trees nodding gently in the breezes. Indeed water performs a mighty miracle before our very eyes.

2. THE WATER OF THE WORD

“So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth.” As the rain comes down from God so does the Word, else it would not be called the Word of God. “Holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost” [2Peter 1:21](#). The Holy Ghost is the Creator and Author of the Bible. He moved and inspired the writers to reproduce His thoughts and words, and although the individual books of the Bible bear the names of men as their authors, yet the Book is not man’s word, but truly the Lord of God Himself.



Paul wrote in [2 Tim 3:15](#), “From a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.” God’s Word, like the rain and snow, is sent into the world to give spiritual life and blessings to mankind. Through His Word He wants to save the world by faith in the Gospel of Christ crucified. The Lord would be well pleased with His church if we would set up a giant sprinkling system of the Word, as He has done with the water of the world: for there can be no spiritual life in this world, nor eternal life in the next world, without this Water of Life.

In the parable of the sower Jesus shows us that the seed (God’s Word) does not always have results. The seed which falls by the wayside is a

picture of hardened hearts, in which the Word finds no root and is soon taken away by the devil. Other seed falls on rocky ground where there is little soil and in times of temptation and trouble these people fall from faith. Still other seed takes root among the thorns but soon are choked to death by the cares and riches of this life.

Although there is an apparent waste in the spreading of the Word, it still accomplishes much good, for the Lord solemnly promises us, "It shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing wherto I sent it." In the parable of the sower, some seed fell on good ground and brought forth abundant fruit. We do not always see the results of the spreading of the seed, but in due time we shall see the little buds pushing upwards. Eternity will reveal the final results of this watering of our hearts and souls with the water of the Word.

What a dreary desert this world would be without God's water of life. Wherever this Word is lacking, there is a spiritual Sahara. Without the refreshing rain of the Word we would have a perpetual thirst in this life and an eternal thirst in the next life, as did the rich man in hell, who begged for a drop of water to cool his tongue.

God's Word and Jesus are practically synonymous because Jesus is the heart and center of the Bible. The Scriptures would not be the life-giving water without Jesus, who is the "Water of Life." Our Savior tells us in [John 7:37](#), "If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink." Again He says in [Rev 21:6](#), "I will give unto him that is a thirst of the fountain of water of life freely."

Jesus is the only thirst-quenching water for all sinners. Drink of Him and we shall never thirst again. Accept Him now, every sinner, as the only Savior and Redeemer, and we shall then come to that place where "The Lamb shall lead them unto living fountains of waters."

Most of us have been living in a well-watered Garden of Eden all of our lives, for the Lord has showered His Word upon us in an abundant measure. We have been born in the church and have known God's love and grace from childhood on. But there are still many desert places left in this world where man has not been showered with this wonderful message of Christ crucified. Should we not be mission-minded as Jesus wants us to be and help cause a rainfall of the Word in all the world? Spread the truth to the ends of the earth, and the Lord will see to it that His Word will accomplish that which He wants it to do. All who trust in the "Water of Life" will come to that wonderful place where we shall "neither thirst any more." AMEN.

PRAYER. O dear Savior, Thou hast taught us to pray "Thy kingdom come." Thereby Thou hast taught us to pray for the spreading of Thy Word and the growth of Thy kingdom. Give us renewed zeal to plant Thy cross from shore to shore that many more might believe in Thee and Thy holy cross. Above all, do not withdraw Thy wonder-working water from our parched souls, but let us be refreshed now and always with Thy precious Truth. O blessed Trinity, hear us for Thy holy Name's sake. AMEN.