

John 7:37

Authorized King James Version (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.

Analysis

The 'last day, that great day of the feast' refers to Tabernacles' seventh day when priests poured water from Siloam, symbolizing God's provision in the wilderness. Jesus stood and cried (emphatic proclamation), offering Himself as the fulfillment. 'If any man thirst' is a universal invitation—salvation is for all who recognize their spiritual need. 'Come unto me' emphasizes Christ alone satisfies, and 'drink' indicates appropriation by faith.

Historical Context

The Feast of Tabernacles celebrated wilderness wanderings and harvest. Daily, priests drew water from Siloam, poured it at the altar while singing Isaiah 12:3: 'with joy shall ye draw water from the wells of salvation.' Jesus claimed to be that salvation.

Related Passages

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Study Questions

1. What spiritual 'thirst' are you trying to satisfy with things other than Christ?
2. How does Christ satisfy the deepest longings of the human soul?

Interlinear Text

Ἐν δὲ τῇ ἐσχάτῃ ἡμέρᾳ τῇ μεγάλῃ τῇς ἑορτῇς
In G1161 G3588 the last day G3588 that great G3588 day of the feast
G1722 G2078 G2250 G3173 G1859

εἰστήκει ὁ Ἰησοῦς καὶ ἔκραξεν λέγων, Ἐάν τις
stood G3588 Jesus and cried saying If any man
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διψᾷ ἐρχέσθω πρός με καὶ πινέτω
thirst let him come unto me and drink
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Additional Cross-References

Isaiah 55:1 (Parallel theme): Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy, and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.

John 4:14 (Parallel theme): 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 6:35 (References Jesus): And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst.

Isaiah 12:3 (Parallel theme): Therefore with joy shall ye draw water out of the wells of salvation.

Revelation 22:17 (Parallel theme): And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.

John 4:10 (References Jesus): Jesus answered and said unto her, If thou knewst the gift of God, and who it is that saith to thee, Give me to drink; thou wouldest have asked of him, and he would have given thee living water.

Isaiah 44:3 (Parallel theme): For I will pour water upon him that is thirsty, and floods upon the dry ground: I will pour my spirit upon thy seed, and my blessing upon thine offspring:

Revelation 21:6 (Parallel theme): And he said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely.

Psalms 42:2 (Parallel theme): My soul thirsteth for God, for the living God: when shall I come and appear before God?

Psalms 63:1 (Parallel theme): O God, thou art my God; early will I seek thee: my soul thirsteth for thee, my flesh longeth for thee in a dry and thirsty land, where no water is;