

A Thirsty Soul

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[0 : 0 0] I began by saying that the Lord desires worshipers who worship him in spirit and in truth. And I think that is certainly what you see in Psalm 63.

You see David's heart and his desire for the Lord. 63 verse 1. Oh God, you are my God. Earnestly I seek you.

My soul thirsts for you. My body longs for you. In a dry and weary land where there is no water. I have seen you in the sanctuary.

And beheld your power and your glory. Because your love is better than life. My lips will glorify you. I will praise you as long as I live.

And in your name I will lift up my hands. My soul will be satisfied as with the richest of foods. With singing lips my mouth will praise you.

[1 : 0 0] On my bed I remember you. I think of you through the watches of the night. Because you are my help I sing in the shadow of your wings. My soul clings to you.

Your right hand upholds me. They who seek my life will be destroyed. They will go down to the depths of the earth. They will be given over to the sword and become food for jackals.

But the king will rejoice in God. All who swear by God's name will praise him. While the mouths of liars will be silenced. Let's hear the preaching of God's word.

You want to keep your Bibles open to Psalm 63. Solve this riddle if you can.

What am I? Everyone has one. I never die. Cease to exist. Cannot be seen.

[2 : 0 4] I'm easily neglected. But not easily satisfied. satisfied. What am I? I hear some ss.

Anybody going to be bold enough to say what ss means? A soul. Good for you. I am your soul.

Everyone has one. I never die or cease to exist. I cannot be seen. I'm easily neglected. But not easily satisfied.

Soul. In Greek, psuche. From which we get psychology. The study of the soul. Now God made you a body-soul creature.

Your body is not all that there is to you. And you know that. But what do you know about your soul? We obviously know much more about our bodies than our souls.

[3 : 0 8] Because we can observe them, can't we? We can even go inside our bodies with our sophisticated machines and see them up close. And we can open our bodies up and go inside with surgeries and autopsies to study the body.

And yet there are still amazing mysteries about the body that man does not know. Advances in science and technology and biology enable us to learn more and more.

But still, the wisest of men have mysteries that they do not understand about the body. We are fearfully and wonderfully made, as David said.

But undiscovered mysteries about the body are far surpassed by undiscovered mysteries about the soul. Because the soul is immaterial.

Non-physical. Not seen. And because it's invisible, and not only to our naked eye, but to all of our sophisticated machines, there is no x-ray or MRI of the soul, is there?

[4 : 14] Therefore, man's knowledge about the soul is greatly limited. And for this, we're shut up to our maker, that he might teach us about our soul, which he's made.

In his word, we learn that the soul, sometimes referred to as the spirit, as Pastor Jason was referring, or as the heart, it's the control center of the personality.

And so it includes the mind, not the brain. That's the physical part. The mind, as it thinks and reasons and reflects. It includes the affections, the emotions, as they feel and desire and love and hate and rejoice and grieve and fear.

It includes the will, as it purposes and chooses and decides. And it includes the conscience, as it accuses or excuses our behavior, condemning or vindicating us.

And it's this soul that God has made in every one of us that is the capacity by which we can know God and enjoy a personal relationship with him.

[5 : 36] This soul was made by God and for God. Indeed, the soul was made to be the dwelling place of God, the home where God dwells.

As I thought of that, I realized that that's how our departed loved ones who died in the Lord are able, even now, without their bodies, to enjoy God, to perceive him, to rejoice in him.

Their now perfected souls are able to enjoy God, even far better than they enjoyed him while on this earth, when their soul was not perfected.

And at Christ's return, their bodies will be raised in perfection and joined to their perfected souls. And forever they will enjoy God in a new heaven and a new earth, body, soul in the presence of the Lord.

Now, you remember that man's fall into sin has affected every part of him, both body and soul. And even so, Christ's redemption will never be finished until he has fully redeemed both the bodies and the souls of his people.

[6 : 55] So we come to Psalm 63. And I want you to notice what David has to say about the soul. He makes three statements about the soul in this psalm.

First of all, the soul thirsting, verse 1. My soul thirsts for you. Secondly, the soul satisfied, verse 5.

My soul will be satisfied as with the richest of foods. And then thirdly, the soul clinging, verse 8. My soul clings to you.

So, first of all this morning, and this is where we're going to spend most of the time, so don't get worried when we're almost done and we haven't got to point 2. The soul thirsting.

The soul thirsting. Verse 1. Oh God, you are my God. Earnestly I seek you. My soul thirsts for you. My body longs for you in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

[7 : 59] I want you to know that the soul of man is thirsty. David's using something that is known to the body to explain something that is felt in the soul.

He gives us truth about spiritual things by speaking of physical things. So, he speaks of a physical thirst which we're all familiar with. This thirst is what makes us go to the faucet or to the fridge to satisfy it.

Now, what causes physical thirst? It's not so much the presence of something as it is the absence of something, isn't it? The absence of something.

The lack of something that the body was made for. Our bodies need water. They were made for water. And when we're lacking water, it registers to us as thirst.

A lack. It seems that David's surroundings when he wrote this psalm actually contributed to how he's talking to us in it.

[9 : 03] Did you notice in the title? It's a psalm of David when he was in the desert of Judah. So, David's surroundings were a desert.

And so, he says, oh God, my soul thirsts for you in a dry and weary land where there's no water. So, a dry and weary desert land, that's a combination for thirst, isn't it?

A dry land without water. So, David is saying, that's a picture of my soul thirsting after God.

Out here in the desert, as I'm shut out from the means of grace that I once enjoyed in the sanctuary. Where I drank of him.

Where I communed with him. Where I was refreshed by him. In public worship. And for David, it included the sacrificial system. The gospel preached in Old Testament types.

[10 : 05] Of the innocent sacrifice. Dying in the place of the guilty sinner. David says, I went into the sanctuary. And there I tasted and drank and was satisfied.

The sung praises of God. The word of God. Read and taught by the priests. Fellowship with like-minded saints. Yes, verse 2 and 3. I've seen you in the sanctuary.

And beheld your power and your glory. And experienced your love that is better than life. Many times my thirst for God has been satisfied there.

But now I'm in the desert. Far from the sanctuary. And David finds his soul panting and thirsting after God. So David's soul is thirsty.

And it's a blessing that he knows what his soul is thirsty for. Most people don't. They don't know what their soul is thirsty for.

[11 : 03] Most don't even think about their soul. As I said, it's easily neglected because it's unseen. Some even deny that they have a soul. But none of that means that they don't have a soul.

And that it's not thirsty. Because God made them with a soul. And sometimes that thirst in man is felt more keenly than others. But until God fills it.

And satisfies it. The thirst remains. Paul, I believe, testifies to this when he came to Athens in chapter 17 of the book of Acts.

On his missionary journey. And as he came into Athens, he saw many altars to many gods. He says, I even found one to an unknown God. In other words, if men do not worship the one true and living God, it doesn't mean that they will worship no God.

That they're irreligious. No, as Paul Tripp says, we are hardwired for worship. We were created worshipers. The very makeup of our soul is to worship.

[12 : 12] And yes, we were created to worship our creator, God. And if we'll not worship him, we will find God's substitutes and replacements for him.

But it is this irrepressible drive to worship. Something. Even if it's ourselves. That is the thirst. The thirst of a being that was created for God.

Who is without God. Augustine in his confessions back in the year 400 says to God, you have made us for yourself.

Oh, Lord. And our hearts are restless. Until they rest in you. He speaks of a man's thirsty soul as a restless heart.

And if our hearts were made for God. Fellowship with him. Right relationship with him. Dependence upon him. Then to be without God means our hearts are going to feel that void.

- [13 : 14] And not be at rest until we have that God. And have him as our God in Jesus Christ. For many, many years Augustine tried to fill that lack of God.
- He tried sensual pleasures. He tried learning. Knowledge. Education. Philosophy. But he kept coming up empty.
- And found no real satisfaction. He was still a restless thirsty soul. Until he came to know God through faith in Jesus Christ. And then his soul found its resting place.
- And that's what he's testifying to in his testimony called the confessions. The soul's thirsty. The fallen man seeks to satisfy it in anything and with everything except God whom he hates.
- And who he runs from. In the 17th century, Blaise Pascal wrote a defense of the Christian religion. And he spoke of this thirst.
- [14 : 21] This craving as something that indicates that there was once in man a true happiness of which all that now remains is the empty print and trace.
- There was once this fullness of joy and happiness in the soul of man that now is lost. And all that's left is a print. Like a footprint.
- So kids, if you come upon a footprint in the woods, what does that tell you? It tells you that something or someone was there at one time.
- And it's no longer there. But the print proves that it used to be there. And that's what Pascal was saying. That this thirst and longing in the heart and soul of man is like a footprint.
- That proves that something or someone used to be there. That mankind was once created and enjoyed fellowship with this God which now he is lacking.
- [15 : 24] And so Pascal says, man tries in vain to fill this emptiness with everything around him. But nothing can help. Since the infinite abyss can be filled only with an infinite and immutable object.
- In other words, by God himself. If the void is infinite. The only one who can fill it must be infinite.
- And that's caused others to speak of this God-shaped blank in our heart. As if the soul itself, to illustrate the point, is in the shape of God.
- And therefore, no matter what you stick in there, it will not satisfy it until it's God himself who comes and fills the soul that he created. Amen. Ecclesiastes 3 and verse 11 says, God has put eternity in the heart of man.
- No wonder the things of time cannot fill and satisfy us. But leave us thirsty still. We're trying to fill eternal desires with temporal things.
- [16 : 44] C.S. Lewis in Mere Christianity says, If I find in myself a desire that no experience in this world can satisfy, the most probable explanation is that I was made for another world.
- If God has created me with desires that can't be fulfilled here, it's probable that I was made for a different world where that desire would be satisfied.
- And though most men do not realize that what their souls are thirsting for is an eternal relationship with God, their maker, to be right with God through Jesus Christ, they do have a sense that something's missing.
- Something's missing, an emptiness that nothing can satisfy, a thirst that remains. Sometimes, again, they feel it more acutely than others. And it's true that sinners are experts at telling themselves that all is well, when it really isn't.
- So you're going on vacation, and when making reservations, you're told that your hotel has a swimming pool. And you get there, and there's no water in the pool.

- [17 : 59] And immediately, you say, something's missing. Something's missing. You go to the zoo, and there's no animals there. And instinctively, you say, something's missing.
- Something's missing here. That's because swimming pools are made for water. And zoos are made for animals. And men and women, boys and girls, we're made for God.
- And when God's not there in the soul of man, something's missing. Tom Brady is attempting to win his sixth Super Bowl ring tonight.
- Winning just one national championship is a feat that probably most professional athletes in whatever sport never accomplish.
- And yet, Brady has had that experience five times. The last time was 2017. And soon after winning that fifth championship ring, Brady was being interviewed.
- [19 : 07] And in a moment of transparency, he confessed that the emotional high of the big victory doesn't last long.
- But it's soon gone. And he concluded that there must be something more to life than football. And he hoped to find out what that was for him.
- Now, that was a revealing admission that something's missing. And I wanted to reach out and say, oh, Tom, you will never be satisfied.
- You will never find what is missing until you come to know God through Jesus Christ, his son. How many are climbing mountains that they think, on the top of this mountain, I will find something missing?
- Mountains of achievement, mountains of wealth and possessions, sensual pleasures, ease, popularity, fame, power. And sadly, most people climb their whole lifetime without ever getting to the top.
- [20 : 18] Which if they did, they would be disappointed to find it is not there. But they look around and they see others who have made it to the top.
- And they seem happy. They seem like they've arrived and they have found the missing something. But others like Brady have made it to the top.
- And if we would listen, we would hear them saying, there's still something missing. It's not found here. In these mountains of success.
- Man made for God can't get no satisfaction with anything less than God himself. True, full, eternal, lasting satisfaction.
- The teacher in the book of Ecclesiastes, he journaled his search to quench this thirst for that missing something.
- [21 : 19] And he was in a unique position to make this search because he was the king. With vast wealth and resources and power sufficient to search out the matter.
- Again, as we said, most people are climbing their whole life and never make it to the top. But this man had the resources to get to the top of many mountains. And so he sets out to quench his thirst with learning.
- And he applied himself and achieved great understanding and wisdom about all sorts of things. Only to find out in the end that it was still meaningless.
- Vanity. Vanity. So on with the next pleasure. Sensual pleasure. The next mountain. Feasting and women. Laughter and entertainments and ease.
- Denying himself nothing that he desired. Only to find no satisfaction at the top of that mountain either. So on to building his wealth.
- [22 : 22] With work projects and all kinds of accomplishments. He made it to the top of these mountains that most men only dream of reaching. But what he found was vanity of vanity.
- All is vanity. A chasing after the wind. Nothing solid to satisfy the soul's thirst.

And so why is the book of Ecclesiastes in our Bibles? Why coming thousands of years later do we open the Bible and read this man's search?

He would save us the trouble. The trouble of climbing. And trying to find this something missing. By telling us I've made it to the top of your mountains that you're seeking.

And there's nothing there to satisfy the soul. Here's the conclusion of the matter he says at the end of his book. Fear God. And keep his commandments.

[23 : 19] That's what you were made for. Relationship with God. And only there do you find what you were made for. And meant for. So in John 4.

There's a Samaritan woman who bumps into Jesus. At the well outside of Sychar. And there's this wonderful back and forth between the body's thirst for water. And the soul's thirst for living water.

As Jesus talks to her. She came to the well to get water for her body. But her soul was also thirsty. And Jesus knew it. So he engages her in conversation.

She's been trying to satisfy her thirsty soul with the right man. And Jesus knew all about that as well. He knew that she had had five husbands. And was now shacking up with the next man that she was not married to.

And she doesn't realize it. But there's no man on earth who could possibly satisfy her soul. It's like trying to satisfy soul thirst.

[24 : 29] With physical water. That doesn't work. Does it? With something physical. Another man. Better than the last man.

The right relationship. Someone who's totally into me. I want to be caught up in this perfect love that never fades. That's what she's thirsting for.

And if we're honest. That's what we're all thirsting for. To be loved perfectly. And to love perfectly back. To be lost in the wonder.

Of loving and being loved. And the best of earthly loves. Come short. And are but faint. Pointers. To the lover of our soul.

And perfect love. So if a man came to you. He's just come right out of the desert. He's been walking for two days. He hasn't had a drink of water. His tongue is parched.

[25 : 32] Like mine is right now. And instead of giving him water. You just. You just talk to him. And you say.

Now try to imagine. A fountain of water. Did you cure his thirst? No. You can't cure physical thirst.

With something spiritual. Or in the sense of. Thinking about it. Imagine it. In your mind. No. Physical thirst needs. Physical water.

To satisfy it. And in the same way. Soul thirst. Requires soul refreshing water. And cannot be satisfied. By anything merely physical. Yet. Sadly.

People turn to what is physical. To try to satisfy. Something that's spiritual. The spiritual thirst. No. We need soul food. For the hungry soul.

[26 : 27] So here she is. At the well. With her jar. To fetch some water. Jesus knows. What she's. She's missing. And thirsting after. What he made her for. And so he says.

Whoever drinks from this water. The physical water. Will be thirsty again. But whoever drinks the water. I give him. Will never thirst. Now he's talking about.

Spiritual water. Spiritual. Thirst. Indeed. He says. The water. I give him. Will become in him. A spring of water. Welling up.

To eternal life. That's it. The water of salvation. The water of being right with God. Of knowing my sins are forgiven.

My heaven is secure. That the spirit of God. Dwelling in me. Like a well of water. Pouring up its waters.

[27 : 22] Of life. Eternal life. Which is to know. Jesus Christ. And. The one who sent him. Well she came to believe. On the Lord Jesus.

As her savior. And Messiah. And she found. What she had been thirsty for. And missing all her life. No not the. The water. Physical water. She left her water. Pod in excitement.

Of what. Spiritual water. She had found. No not another man. She had found the Messiah. The only savior. Sinners. And her soul.

Was now satisfied. And ran throughout the town of Syker. Come see a man. Who told me everything I'd ever done. And who has satisfied my thirst. And they poured out.

And heard him. And believed. To be right with God. Through faith in Jesus Christ. He's the only true thirst. Quenching. Savior.

[28 : 19] Now Isaiah. Also speaks of the way. That men try to satisfy. Their hunger. And thirst for God. He says. They turn to other gods. And he was charging Israel. With the very thing.

You know. That God is the place. For satisfaction. And you turn. Aside to Baal. And Ashtoreth. And all these other gods. Imaginary gods. Idols.

Substitutes for the real God. And then this is what he says. About the idolater. Isaiah 44 20. He feeds on ashes. A deluded heart.

Misleads him. He cannot save himself. Or say. Is not this thing. In my right hand. Or why. What's in his hand. Is an idol. He's expecting to receive.

From that idol. What can only be found. In God. And he says. You know what that's like. That's like a man. Eating ashes. What. If you came upon a man.

[29 : 15] And you said. What you having for supper. And there's big bowl of ashes. You'd say. No. You're never going to be satisfied. With that. There is not. In the ashes. What you need. To satisfy.

Your. Your body's hunger. And Isaiah is saying. There is not. In any God substitute. What can only be found. In God himself.

You were made for God. Can you not see. Are you so deluded. That what you're eating. And what you're seeking help from. Is ashes. Unsatisfying ashes.

Or is. Jeremiah says. You're going to broken cisterns. That can't hold water. Instead of coming to the fountain. Of life. Himself. Come to Christ.

And look no longer. Well that's the soul thirsty. And it's a blessing. If like David. You know what your soul is thirsty for. Very briefly. Secondly.

[30 : 14] The soul satisfied. Verse 5 says. My soul will be satisfied. As with the richest of foods. With singing lips. My mouth will praise you. Now I told you. The soul is not easily satisfied.

It can be satisfied. With nothing. But God himself. But David knows. That. And he knows where to go. For a hungering. And thirsting soul. His God.

The only true soul food. To satisfy the hungry soul. And the satisfaction. He talks about. Notice. It's not some. Some tasteless gruel. That just fills the belly.

And sticks to your ribs. No. Not at all. He says. It's the satisfaction. And an enjoyment. Of God himself. Like you get. From feasting. On the richest foods. Something that.

Overwhelms your taste buds. Thoroughly delights you. That's the kind of satisfaction. I have. In my God. An exquisite delight.

[31 : 13] In his presence. To see his glory. To see his power. To experience his love. Love. And the joy. Of a satisfied. The joy.

The joy. Notice. Produces singing lips. The soul. Satisfied. With singing lips. My mouth. Will praise you. Verse 6.

Tells us. That God. That David. Finds God. To be a feast. Always. Within reach. Even at night. Even at night. He remembers him.

And feasts upon him. On his bed. He. He. He feasts on God. Through the watches of the night. And. And God gives him. Such help. And such security. And protection. And satisfaction.

That it gives him songs. In the night. Now anyone can sing. When the sun's shining bright. But God gives a song. In his heart.

[32 : 07] In the night. In the night time. When you can't see the next step. In the night time. When grief has struck your soul. There is joy.

In God. A satisfaction. In God. That gives you a song. In the night. The soul has found in Christ. A glory. That never grows old.

An inheritance. That never perishes. Spoils. Or fades. The soul has found in God. A love that is better than life. That keeps getting better and better.

The kind of love. We long to be in a relationship. With someone. A fullness of joy. In his presence. Inexpressible. And glorious joy.

Pleasures. At his right hand. That lasts forever. Now what are your pleasures. Of sin for a season. Compared. With pleasures. Forevermore. You see.

[33 : 03] The soul is not easily satisfied. God alone knows how to satisfy. And complete your soul. To make you as happy. As a human being. Could ever be. David found it so.

And so have many others. Bernard of Clairvaux. Says. Jesus. Thou joy. Of loving hearts. Thou fount of life.

Thou light of men. From the best bliss. That earth imparts. We turn unfilled. We turn thirsty. To you again. Amen. We taste thee.

O thou living bread. And long to feast upon thee still. We drink of thee. The fountainhead. And thirst our souls. From thee to fill.

Our restless spirits. Yearn for thee. Wherever our changeful lot is cast. Glad when. Your gracious smile. We see. Blessed when our faith can hold you fast.

[34 : 05] That's it. The soul satisfied. In God alone. And that's why those who have satisfied their souls on Christ.

Never want to let go of him. And that's our third point. The soul clinging. Verse 8. My soul clings to you. Your right hand upholds me. How does a soul cling?

You see again. What David does. Is he takes the physical. To explain and illustrate the spiritual. He's doing it all the way through here. With the thirst for water.

With the satisfaction of a rich feast. And now with clinging. I don't know. How a soul clings. But I know how a hand clings.

A hand clinging. Is not a loose grip. It's somebody that's holding on for dear life. We say. Or with a death grip. He will not let go.

[35 : 05] My soul clings to you. It's the same word used in Genesis 2.24. Of what you men who are married. Have done. I trust. That for this reason. Marriage.

A man should leave his father and mother. And cleave to his wife. Be glued to her. Hold to her. Not let her go. That's the word.

And David says. My soul. Cleaves to you. He's found so much joy. And peace. And love. In him.

That he doesn't want to let go. For anything. And something even better is that. When my grip is not so strong. You.

By your right hand. Uphold me. I'm held in your omnipotent grip. So I cling to Christ. And marvel at the cost. Jesus forsaken.

[36 : 01] God estranged from God. Bought by such love. My life is not my own. My praise. My all. Shall be for Christ. Alone. So.

So. So. It's a thousand years. After. David wrote. Psalm 63. And in Jerusalem.

In the temple precincts. On the last day. Of the great. And the greatest day. Of the. The feast. Of tabernacles. David's.

Son. And David's. Lord. Jesus Christ. Of Nazareth. Stood up. And he said. With a loud voice.

If anyone. Is thirsty. Let him come to me. And drink. Whoever. Believes. In me. As the scriptures.

[36 : 59] Have said. Streams. Of living. Water. Will flow. From within him. And by this. He meant the spirit. Friends. Jesus. Knows. You are thirsty.

Remember. He made you. And he knows. What you are thirsty for. It's for him. Eternal life. Sins forgiven.

Peace with God. Right relationship. To know him. And enjoy him. And he here. Invites you. To come to him. And drink. Folks. He's as present today.

As he was. That day. That day. Physically present. In the temple. Today. Spiritually present. With us. And he's making.

The same invitation. Notice. How inclusive. It is. If anyone. Is thirsty. Is that you? You've been trying.

[37 : 54] To fill that. Thirst. With all. That you can stuff in. From the world. And it still. Leaves you thirsty. Unsatisfied. Restless.

If anyone. Is thirsty. And again. He says. Whoever. Whoever. Whoever. Believes in me. Whoever you are. Whatever you've done.

However long. You've been thirsty. And trying to. Fill it with yourself. Whoever. Believes in me. Anyone. Who's thirsty. Come and believe.

Come to me. And satisfy. Your thirst. Notice. He doesn't. Send you away. To get your life. All in order. First. And to find righteousness. Right. Standing with God.

By your hard. Works. Or your religious rituals. No. He. He says. Right now. You come to me. Just as you are. A thirsty. Burdened sinner. Come to me.

[38 : 48] And drink. It's not found out there. It's only found here. I have what you need. I am what you need. So come to me. So just.

Just. Just do an about face. You've been trying to fill the soul. With all this. Just. Just. Repent. Just renounce. All your God replacements. And just come to me.

Just come to me. And drink. And find satisfaction. Find what you really. Are thirsty for.

I'm the fountain. Of living water. The only soul. Satisfying. Water. To be found. Anywhere. And. And this is the son of God.

Giving. You an invitation. To satisfy your thirst. And he makes a promise. To you. Imagine that. The. The son of God. Making a promise. To thirsty sinners.

[39 : 45] Who. Who've turned their back on him. And. And gone. Trying to fill their cup. With other things. And he says. In his promise. Come to me. And satisfy. Your thirst.

Christ. Because. Whoever. Believes. In me. As the scriptures. Have said. Streams of living water. Will flow from. Within him. And by this.

He meant the spirit. Whoever. Believes in me. You know. That's what it means. To come to Jesus. And drink. It's to believe. On him. Who he is. He's the son of God.

He's the only. Perfect. Substitute. Able to take the punishment. For my sins. And. Set me free. And make me right. With God. That's who he is. He's Jesus. God's. Messiah.

Savior. And. Whoever. Believes in me. You must believe in him. And. And. Believe in his word. His promise. What he's. Done for sinners.

[40 : 39] Dying on the cross. To pay the penalty. For sin. But also. Believe his promise. You just take him at his word. He. He said. Come. And drink.

And you'll be satisfied. As it's written. This is the word of God. Streams of living water. Will flow from within him.

That's the soul. The within him. The innermost part. You'll find water. Springing up from within. And satisfying you. And by this he meant the spirit. The Holy Spirit.

You see. That's. That's what we were meant for. To be the home. And dwelling place of God. And he says. If you trust in me. And believe that I can. Take care of all of your.

Problems. Your sin problems with God. And make you right with God. You come and drink of me. And. And you'll find the reality. Of God himself. Coming to dwell in you. By his spirit. That's the living water.

[41 : 36] The. The new life. That he brings. The everlasting life. Of knowing God. Through Jesus Christ. Christ. And where before there was emptiness.

Now you'll know. Fullness. Because when the spirit of God. Comes to. And dwell you. You now have what? The very life of God. In the soul.

Of man. And that's where there's. Satisfaction. That's what you were made for. So end your search. Today. You have a thirsty soul. Jesus says. Come to me and drink.

Do you have a weary. Burdened soul. Burdened with the weight of sin. And guilt. And bondage. And coming. Judgment. Jesus says the same thing.

Come to me. And I will give you. Rest. For your. Soul. Oh. I mean there's rest from this.

[42 : 36] Striving. Weary. Burdened soul. Yes. It's me. Come to me. So let me ask you. What are you doing for your soul? What are you doing for your soul?

You do so much for your body. You've already done so much for your body today. You're going to go home and do a whole lot more for it. When it's hungry. You'll feed it. When it's thirsty. You'll give it something to drink.

When it's cold. You'll. You'll turn the heat up. Or grab. Grab. Some wrap. And keep yourself warm. You'll exercise it. You'll. You'll. You'll give it the right diet. You'll. You'll do all kinds of things.

To rest the body. And give it ease. And sleep. And so. What have you done for your soul? You know the sad picture. That the Bible. paints for us.

Is a world that's. That's into the body. And care for the body. And the soul doesn't get so much as a bone thrown to it. It's easily neglected.

[43 : 35] But hear me. Do you know that. Your body. Will follow your soul. Either to everlasting heaven. Or everlasting hell. Your body.

That you care so much about. Down here. It's going to follow your soul. When you die. Your body goes in the ground. And your soul goes to be judged.

And sent either to heaven. Or to hell. But in the day. When Jesus returns. Your body is going to follow. Your soul. And be reunited with your soul. And go forever to heaven. Forever to hell. Can you see the importance of your soul.

Being right with God. Through the Lord Jesus Christ. As goes the soul. So goes your body for eternity. It's interesting that one of the torments of hell.

Is an unquenchable thirst. We come to Calvary. And there we see what hell is. Because that's what Jesus was taking for us.

[44 : 33] And he says. I thirst. And the physical pain. The physical shame. The physical thirst. The physical darkness.

The physical abandonment. It's an outward picture again. From the physical. Of what's going on in the spirit of our Savior. And when he says. I thirst.

He's bearing the thirst. That we deserve to feel. Forever and ever. The thirst of desire. That is never satisfied. And it's because Jesus thirsted.

And refused to drink. Anything to quench that thirst. Because we deserve. Unquenchable thirst forever. And Jesus. Bore that thirst on the cross.

That he might then. Stand before us today. And say. If anyone's thirsty now. Let him come to me. And drink. I suffered. The thirst.

[45 : 34] You should have suffered forever. Now come and drink. Of living water. Well. May you. May you come and drink of him. If you'd love to talk further.

And want to know more about this. Thirst quenching Savior. I would. I have nothing more. In life. That I would rather do. But I beg you.

To have pity. On your soul. Today. And to come to this Savior. And let him make you. Happier than you. Have ever been. And that forever.

Come. As you are. To Jesus. Drink and live. And thirst. No more. Stand with me. And let's sing. Of this. Fountain. That we thirst for. The fountain.

That. Satisfies us. In which we find. A relationship. With the living God. As the deer. Pants for the water. So my soul.

[46 : 29] Pants. For you. Oh God. Let's pray.

Father. We are struck. With amazement. That when we. Turned our backs. On you. And sought. Other things. To. Make life. Work for us.

And. Give us peace. And love. And joy. We. We don't understand. Why. But you sent. Your son. And you didn't spare him. But delivered him up. For us.

All. That we might. Know that our sins. Have been punished. In him. If we are those. Who trust in him. And come to him. And drink. Of him. And we. We confess.

That. That. There was nothing. That could satisfy. Our greatest need. Of you. To be right. With God. To know that. Assurance of heaven.

[47 : 29] That God's smile. Is upon us. For Jesus sake. Thank you. For that peace. And joy. And that love. We confess. That. We. Know. What.

Our souls thirst. And sometimes. Still. We. We go to the world. To fill it. Forgive us. And. Thank you. Lord. That. Yes. Your mercy. And your grace. Is so rich.

And free. That we come. And we drink again. Of your forgiveness. And we drink. Of the wonder. Of your love. And. And yes. We're satisfied. And at the same time.

Made to thirst. All the more. For you. And that thirst. Never goes. Unfilled. But you promise. To fill us. Over and over again. Thank you. And we pray.

That others. This day. Would come. To know it. And enjoy it. For your praise. And for their.
Everlasting good. Amen.