

Psalm 1:1 (TPT)

The Genesis Psalm (Psalms of man and creation - The Tree of Life)

1 What delight comes to the one who follows God's ways! ... 2 His pleasure and passion is remaining true to the Word of "I Am," meditating day and night in the true revelation of light.
3 He will be standing firm **like a flourishing tree** planted by God's design, deeply rooted by the brooks of bliss, bearing fruit in every season of his life. He is never dry, never fainting, ever blessed, ever prosperous.

Jer 17:5 (NKJ)

⁵ Thus says the LORD: "Cursed *is* the man who trusts in man And makes flesh his strength, Whose heart departs from the LORD. ⁶ For he shall be like a shrub in the desert And shall not see when good comes, But shall inhabit the parched places in the wilderness, *In* a salt land *which is* not inhabited. ⁷ "Blessed *is* the man who trusts in the LORD, And whose hope is the LORD. For he shall be like a tree planted by the (living) waters, Which spreads out its roots by the river, And will not fear when heat comes; But its leaf will be green, And will not be anxious in the year of drought, Nor will cease from yielding fruit.

Psalm 17:5 - -GOD's Message: "Cursed is the strong one who depends on mere humans, Who thinks he can make it on muscle alone, and sets GOD aside as dead weight. He's like a tumbleweed on the prairie, out of touch with the good earth. He lives rootless and aimless in a land where nothing grows.

⁷⁻⁸ "But blessed is the man who trusts me, GOD, the woman who sticks with GOD. They're like trees replanted in the living waters of Eden, putting down roots near the rivers— Never a worry through the hottest of summers, never dropping a leaf, Serene and calm through droughts, producing fresh fruit every season.

• **Bottom Line (One Thing)**

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1. We are **FOLLOWERS** of JESUS, **NOT** MAN

- FOLLOWERS of GODS WAYS are "LIKE a TREE"
- FOLLOWERS of MANS WAYS are LIKE a DRIED UP, DEAD, SALTY SHRUB

2. **TREES** have CONTINUAL NOURISHMENT and HEALTH

SHRUBS DRY UP because of NO NOURISHMENT. They end up DIEING and WONDERING AIMLESSLY Through the DESERT of LIFE. (NO ROOTS, TUMBLEWEEDS)

3. **TREES** rely FULLY on a **RELATIONSHIP** with **GOD**
SHRUBS rely FULLY on the **RELIGION** of **MAN**

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John 4:5

5 Jesus arrived at the Samaritan village of Sychar, near the field that Jacob had given to his son, Joseph, long ago. 6-8 Worn out by his long journey, he sat on the edge of Jacob's well. He sent his disciples into the village to buy food, for it was already afternoon.

Soon a Samaritan woman came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink of water."

9 Surprised, she said, "Why would a Jewish man ask a Samaritan woman for a drink of water?"

10 Jesus replied, "If you only knew who I am and the gift that God wants to give you—you'd ask me for a drink, and I would give to you living water."

11 The woman replied, "But sir, you don't even have a bucket and this well is very deep. So where do you find this 'living water'?" 12 Do you really think that you are greater than our ancestor Jacob who dug this well and drank from it himself, along with his children and livestock?"

13 Jesus answered, "If you drink from Jacob's well you'll be thirsty again and again, 14 but if anyone drinks the living water I give them, they will never thirst again and will be forever satisfied! For when you drink the water I give you it becomes a gushing fountain of the Holy Spirit, springing up and flooding you with continual and endless life!"

"Springing up" = *hallōmai*; to jump. to gush:— leap, spring up

"Living Water" = *zaō*; - holding or containing life, alive, living

1. EVERYONE IS LOOKING FOR WATER

⁵ Eventually Jesus came to the Samaritan village of Sychar, near the field that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. ⁶ Jacob's well was there; and Jesus, tired from the long walk, sat wearily beside the well about noontime. ⁷ Soon a Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Please give me a drink."

- Everyone is **Thirsty**
- Everyone gets **Weary**

2. WE MUST CHOOSE WHICH WATER WE WILL DRINK

¹¹ ... (the water in) this well is very deep. Where would you get this other, living water? ¹² And besides, do you think you're greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us this well?

¹³ Jesus replied, "Anyone who drinks this water will soon become thirsty again. ¹⁴ But those who drink the water I give will never be thirsty again. It becomes a fresh, bubbling spring within them, giving them eternal life."

¹⁵ "Please, sir," the woman said, "give me this water! Then I'll never be thirsty again, and I won't have to come here to get water."

- Everyone is **Drinking SOME** form of **Water** to try and **satisfy** their **souls**

3. THE WATER OF RELIGION IS GAINED THROUGH WORK, BUT THE WATER OF RELATIONSHIP IS GIVEN AS A GIFT

-> **Verse 11** - The woman replied, "But sir, you don't even have a bucket and this well is very deep. So where do you find this 'living water'?"

→ **Verse 12** - 12 Do you really think that you are **greater** than our ancestor Jacob who **dug** this well and **drank from it himself**, along with his children and livestock?"

- **The Water of RELATIONSHIP comes TO You**

- **The Water of RELIGION, YOU must go to IT**

- COUNTERFIET **RELIGIOUS** WATER, **YOU** have to GO to **IT**, and since its DEAD, you have to WORK HARD to PRODUCE the FRUIT in your OWN STRENGTH

4. THE WATER OF RELIGION TELLS YOU TO DO THE FRUIT, THE WATER OF RELATIONSHIP PROCUCES THE FRUIT THROUGH YOU

Gal 5:22

²² But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, and self-control.

Gal 5:22 (TPT)

But the fruit produced by the Holy Spirit within you is divine love in all its varied expressions: joy *that overflows*, peace *that subdues*, patience *that endures*, kindness *in action*, a life full of virtue, faith *that prevails*, gentleness *of heart*, and strength *of spirit*.

Never set the law above these qualities, for they are meant to be limitless

- TRUE **LIVING** WATER comes **TO** YOU and produces FRUIT **THROUGH** you.
 - (vs. 10 – "**Gift**" 10 Jesus replied, "If you only knew who I am and the gift that God wants to give you)

5. IT'S OUR JOB TO LEAD PEOPLE to LIVING WATER!

John 4:3

- 3 So Jesus left Judea and returned to Galilee. ⁴ But He **had** to go (it was **necessary**) through **Samaria** on the way.

Vs. 25 ²⁵ The woman said, “I know the Messiah is coming—the one who is called Christ. When he comes, he will explain everything to us.”

²⁶ Then Jesus told her, “I AM the Messiah!”

²⁸ The woman left her water jar beside the well and ran back to the village, telling everyone,

³⁹ Many Samaritans from the village believed in Jesus ... ⁴² Then they said to the woman, “Now we believe, not just because of what you told us, but because we have heard him ourselves. Now we know that he is indeed the Savior of the world.”

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