

Rivers

1. Read Genesis 2:10-14
What was provided to water the garden? Eden means pure delight or paradise.
What happened to the river and where did it flow? Pison means spreading or overflowing:
Gihon means a stream: Hiddekel means swift or rapid: Euphrates means fullness or sweet water.
Is it usual for rivers to arise out of a garden?
What do you think God was wanting to demonstrate by these rivers and their origin and them watering the garden and then flowing out to water the areas all about?
2. Read Isaiah 35
What was the state of things at first and what did God say would happen? What was the reason for the change? (vs. 6-7) Do you think the change in the landscape would have been obvious? What was the degree to which it should blossom? What do you think this chapter is a picture of? What was the state of the redeemed as a result? Is it an encouragement to those who are weak and feeble to know that God will come and bring streams into the desert? What is the way which God provides for us to walk in? Who can walk in it?
3. Read Leviticus 17:10-12
What is the life in? Could the blood be described as a river which flows to every part of our body supplying the need of every part?
4. Read Ezekiel 47:1-12
The house Ezekiel was brought to was the house of God.
What did he see flowing out of the house? Where in the house did it come from?
What do you think the altar represents? Read John 19:34 to read where rivers flowed out from an altar. If you read Ezekiel 47:9 the rivers are two rivers, could this fit in with the blood and water which flowed from Jesus' side? What happened to everything where the rivers came? What did this river do to the waters of the sea? What was the unusual characteristic of the fruit of these trees? Did Ezekiel get right into the deeps of the waters right away?
Is there a way in which if we let God bring us fresh to His river of life, He will bring us deeper each time?
5. Read John 7:37-38
What did Jesus promise to these that came to Him to drink? What condition did they have to be in? Read Isaiah 55:1-2 Is this God fulfilling His word to those who were thirsty and to whom He spoke in this prophecy? What was to be the source of the rivers in those who drank? What should happen when we receive the Holy Ghost? Now read John 4:7-15 Can you see the same principle here although Jesus talks of a well etc.? What sort of water is it? What will it do to every part of our life? Even the parched and dry bits? Will we ever thirst again?
6. Read Psalm 1
With us the river is inside, but understanding that, what happens to our life if we delight in the Lord day and night?
7. Read Revelation 22:1-4, Psalm 46:4-5
Where does the river flow from? What is the river like?
What does it bring? What is in the midst of the river?
Does this mean that wherever it flows it brings God's authority?
Is there any curse with the river? What are the leaves for?
What shall happen to those to whom the river comes? (vs. 4) What does the river do to those who are of the city of God? Is this like the desert rejoicing and being glad?
8. Read Isaiah 66:12
What is the peace like which God brings? What does a river do? Should joy and peace in God flow through our lives when the river of God is the source of our spiritual lives?