

## Passages to Ponder

John 7:37-39

37. On the last day, that great *day* of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink.

38. He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water."

39. But this He spoke concerning the Spirit, whom those believing in Him would receive; for the Holy Spirit was not yet *given*, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

The Jews celebrated the Feast of Tabernacles for eight days. During these feast days they lived in booths, sang the psalms and watched different rituals performed by the priests. One notable ritual performed by the priests was the procession to the pool of Siloam in which they would fill a gold pitcher with water, then come and pour it on the ground of the temple courtyard.

This reminded them of their preservation by God in the wilderness by providing water from the rock. On the eighth day all was the same except they didn't fill the pitcher, but left it empty, this was to celebrate God's provision in giving them the land of Canaan with which they were living.

Jesus on this eighth day stood and invited all that thirst to come to Him. He told them that their relationship with God didn't have to be just a remembrance, but it could be described as rivers of living water flowing from their heart. They could receive and experience God's provision, strength and satisfaction that day, all they had to do was come to Him and believe.

Jesus is here today and He invites all that thirst to come to Him, our relationship with Him doesn't have to be past tense, we can come to Him today by faith and receive, His strength and empowerment. We can come to Jesus and be satisfied, Jesus said our lives can be described as gushing rivers of living water. All we have to do is come to Him and receive by faith.