



The Word at Work

Don't Ignore The Source Of The River

Reading the Word

Key Scriptures: Psalm 84

Key Points:

Revelation 22 & Ezekiel 47 say to us:

- Enjoy the river and learn to flow in it
- Realise that the river is to transform the environment of our community as the miraculous breaks out on the streets

Both scriptures also make this important point

- The river flows from the throne of God/the temple

God's prophetic word to us at the moment is "*Seek my Face*"

"For us to turn up each week expecting to simply jump in the river is naive and disrespectful. The river comes out of a relationship with God. The river is not something I come to; it is where I live, the river comes with me"

John 7:37

- We are the channels for the river
- Don't just swim, drink (we drink in the sanctuary)

Ps.84

"How lovely is your dwelling place My soul Yearns, My heart cry's out for the living God". (vv.1-2)

Remember that God's house is the source of the river. It is important that we grasp the truth of this desire if we want to truly flow with the river. .Are we thirsty? (Psalm 42:1-2) Then seek his face and drink from the source!

- It doesn't matter how you see yourself, make your home in the throne room. No one is excluded.
- The dwelling place is where we live, it is who we are, it is what we are.
- We are on a pilgrimage. We have a goal, a focus; we are on the move and not wandering aimlessly
- We turn the downcast to rejoicing so they go from strength to strength.
- Better is one day in your courts - remember the source

Romans 5:11/John 15:15

1. We have a relationship with God
2. He has made us friends of God
3. He wants to confide in us

God is passionate about spending time with us. He actually desires our friendship and relationship. If we give ourselves to this then flowing in the river will become a daily way of life and will impact everywhere we go.

Doing the Word

To Discuss:

1. What do you think being friends with God really means?
2. Look at verses 6 & 7 and try to articulate what you think this means for us and the people we are in contact with.

To Do:

1. What do you need to do practically to ensure that you continually dwell in the house of God
2. Read Psalm 84 and talk to God about what it means for you (expect God to communicate back to you. Remember he is your friend)

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