

**GENERAL SUBJECT:  
FULFILLING GOD'S PURPOSE  
BY THE EXPERIENCE AND GROWTH OF LIFE**

Message One

**The Fountain of Living Waters**

Scripture Reading: Jer. 2:13; Psa. 36:8-9; John 4:14; 7:37; Rev. 22:17

**I. "My people have committed two evils: / They have forsaken Me, / The fountain of living waters, / To hew out for themselves cisterns, / Broken cisterns, / Which hold no water"—Jer. 2:13:**

- A. God's intention in His economy is to be the fountain, the source, of living waters to satisfy His chosen people for their enjoyment:
  - 1. The goal of this enjoyment is to produce the church as God's increase, God's enlargement, to be God's fullness for His expression—Eph. 1:22-23.
  - 2. God needs to be the fountain of living waters to His elect because He has an economy, and His economy is to produce a counterpart, a bride, for Himself—John 3:29a; Rev. 19:7-8.
  - 3. God's economy is to dispense Himself as the living water to produce His increase, His enlargement, for His expression—Col. 2:19.
  - 4. Nothing apart from God as the fountain of living waters can quench our thirst and satisfy us; nothing apart from God dispensed into our being can make us His increase for His expression—John 4:13-14; 7:37; Rev. 22:17.
  - 5. God's intention is to be everything to His chosen people that they may trust in Him and rely on Him for everything; if they do this, they will receive God's dispensing—Jer. 17:7-8.
- B. God's intention is to dispense Himself into man as man's satisfaction that God might be enlarged—Rom. 8:11; 12:4-5.

**II. "With You is the fountain of life"—Psa. 36:9a:**

- A. The divine life may be considered the first and the basic attribute of God—Eph. 4:18; John 5:26; 1 John 5:11-12; Rom. 8:2:
  - 1. According to the divine and eternal nature of the life of God, God's life is the unique life; only the life of God can be counted as life—John 1:4; 10:10b; 11:25; 14:6.
  - 2. Life is the content of God and the flowing out of God; God's content is God's being, and God's flowing out is the impartation of Himself as life to us—Eph. 4:18; Rev. 22:1.
  - 3. Life is Christ, and life is Christ living in us and lived out from us—John 14:6; Col. 3:4; Gal. 2:20; Phil. 1:21a.
  - 4. Life is the Holy Spirit—John 14:16-17; 1 Cor. 15:45b; Rom. 8:2; 2 Cor. 3:6.
  - 5. Life is the Triune God dispensed into us and living in us—Rom. 8:10, 6, 11.
- B. God wants us to take Him as the fountain, the source, of our life and our being—Jer. 2:13; Psa. 36:9a:
  - 1. God's intention in His economy is to be the fountain, the source, of living waters to His chosen people for their enjoyment.
  - 2. The Bible shows us that God is the source in every way; the principle in the Bible is that God does not want His chosen people to take anything other than Himself as the source—Rom. 11:36; 1 Cor. 8:6; Matt. 15:13.

- C. We need to drink of God as the fountain of living waters so that He may increase for the fulfillment of His economy to have His expression through His counterpart—Jer. 2:13; 1 Cor. 12:13:
1. When we drink of God as the fountain of living waters, He becomes one with us, and we become one with Him—Psa. 36:8-9.
  2. The more we drink of God, the more He is one with us and the more we are one with Him and constituted with Him in His life and nature.