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The Fountain of Life

Youth seems all too fleeting and strength fades fast but there is a source of living waters welling up to eternal life. A source of water that will refresh us now, and revive us in the life to come.

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Much of mankind is spending a great deal of time and money searching for ways to recapture their youth. They are looking for an elixir of some kind to give them long life, vigor, health and an easy way to the world's knowledge, understanding and wisdom.

But just as Ponce de Leon, whose long search in the 16th century for the fabled "Fountain of Youth" led him to the discovery of Florida, people are disappointed that they are not able to find that fountain which is so longed for. And so many are today living below their best possibilities, settling for less with disappointment because they have not found the source of all good, the true **Fountain of Life**.

The Holy Bible reveals what that **Fountain of Life** is and what benefits it has for us. We need to examine several scriptures to better understand this important phrase.

*"For with **thee** is the **fountain of life**: in thy light shall we see light."* Psalms 36:9 (KJV)

Biblical references tell us that the word **fountain** in Hebrew is the same as a well or spring of water. So we see first that, **God** is that **Fountain of Life**.

The Psalmist also tells us elsewhere that *"in **Him** are all our springs."* He is the source of all the benefits we attribute to the water flowing from that Fountain.

*"The **mouth** of the righteous is a well (**fountain**, RSV) of life."* Proverbs 10:11 (KJV)

*"The **law** (teaching, RSV) of the wise is a **fountain of life**, to depart from the snares of death."* Proverbs 13:14 (KJV)

*"The **fear** of the **Lord** is a **fountain of life**, to depart from the snares of death."* Proverbs 14:27 (KJV)

We can see from these last three scriptures that the good words, the conversation, and the teaching of the Law of God by a Christian is a source of life to others. And his own respectful awe of God and His ways are the source of life and good and are an antidote to death. While the words of a bad person produce only death.

Let's also notice these two similar scriptures in Jeremiah 2:13 *"For my people have committed two evils; they have forsaken me, the **fountain of living waters**, and hewed them out cisterns, broken cisterns, that can hold no water."* And Jeremiah 17:13 *"O **Lord**, the hope of Israel, all that forsake thee shall be ashamed, and they that depart from me shall be written in the earth, because they have forsaken the **Lord**, the **fountain of living waters**."*

Mankind, with his false, humanistic and idolatrous ways, has neglected the pure ways of God. He ends up empty, thirsty, ashamed and lifeless. We know water is one of the very necessary elements of life. Without it we will die. The water from the **Fountain Of Life** is that vital living force we need to live spiritually as well as physically.

Jesus spoke some very interesting words to the

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Samaritan woman who had come to fetch water at Jacob's well:

"Jesus answered and said unto her, whosoever drinketh of this water shall thirst again: but whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life." John 4:13-14

Jesus used the Greek word "Pege" for well, which translates in English as a gushing fountain, a source or supply. It is also interesting to note that this word does not necessarily mean the original source or well. It can be taken as other springs or fountains supplied by the original. He also used the Greek word "Hallomai" for springing, which means to jump, gush, or leap. It is translated literally as the leaping of the healed cripple in Acts 3:8.

So Jesus was telling us that the water He gives would be a source of good, gushing forth in a healing manner. The original source of that good and healing is God. We can, however, be secondary sources passing on to others the spiritual and physical salve that is needed to heal the wounds of many in this world. This is a wonderful thing that God is doing.

Here are three final scriptures for us to consider.

"Understanding is a wellspring (fountain, RSV) of life unto him that hath it: but the instruction of fools is folly." Proverbs 16:22 (KJV)

"The words of a man's mouth are as deep waters, and the wellspring (fountain, RSV) of wisdom as a flowing brook." Proverbs 18:4

A person's understanding of God's way is a blessing to himself as he directs his own way of life according to God's will. And he is able to share with others the true and deep treasures of life. The **Eternal God is the Fountain of Life** to all. We too can be a fountain of life to others as we share with them knowledge, wisdom, understanding, and fear of God's way. If you do not have those living waters flowing through you, then go directly and quickly to Him who is the **Fountain of Life**.

If you are a participant of those benefits, then why not look for ways to share what you have by whatever means you can, wherever you happen to be?

Think about Jesus' promise to all believers in Revelation 21:6

"I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely."

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