

THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

September 17, 2017

John 7:37-39

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Revelation 7:9-17

QUESTIONS for REFLECTION

1. What is significant about Jesus' appeal to thirst and His allusion to water on this occasion?
2. How does Jesus' statement here build upon, or expand, His statement made to the Samaritan woman (4:13-14)?
3. What is this thirst alluded to by Jesus and how do people manifest this thirst? How do people seek to quench this thirst? Are there examples from your own life? Why do people remain "thirsty"?
4. How do we come to Jesus and drink (v. 38)?
5. What is the result (vv. 38-39)? What does the picture of "rivers of living water" bring to your mind? (Why describe the Holy Spirit in this way?)
6. How did the prophets anticipate this?
 - Isaiah 44:3
 - Ezekiel 39:29
 - Zechariah 12:10

7. How is this further described by the Apostles Peter (Acts 2:38) and Paul (Ephesians 2:22)? How is this advantageous for believers (John 16:7; c.f., Psalm 51:11)?

8. What must happen (to Jesus) before the Spirit can be received by believers (v. 39)? What does this mean (John 12:16; 12:23; Romans 8:30)? How, or when, is Jesus' prophecy concerning the Spirit fulfilled (Acts 2:1-4, 38-39)?

9. What elements of the Feast of Tabernacles, as you recall them, are prominent in Revelation 7:9-17? What is the significance of this?

PERSONAL RESPONSE

1. I will take my thirst to Jesus this week by . . .

2. I will allow the Holy Spirit to flow from my innermost being this week by . . .