

Full of the Holy Spirit

Le 23:34–36

³⁴ “Speak to the people of Israel, saying, On the fifteenth day of this seventh month and for seven days is the Feast of Booths to the LORD. ³⁵ On the first day shall be a holy convocation; you shall not do any ordinary work. ³⁶ For seven days you shall present food offerings to the LORD. On the eighth day you shall hold a holy convocation and present a food offering to the LORD. It is a solemn assembly; you shall not do any ordinary work.

Le 23:39–43

³⁹ “On the fifteenth day of the seventh month, when you have gathered in the produce of the land, you shall celebrate the feast of the LORD seven days. On the first day shall be a solemn rest, and on the eighth day shall be a solemn rest. ⁴⁰ And you shall take on the first day the fruit of splendid trees, branches of palm trees and boughs of leafy trees and willows of the brook, and you shall rejoice before the LORD your God seven days. ⁴¹ You shall celebrate it as a feast to the LORD for seven days in the year. It is a statute forever throughout your generations; you shall celebrate it in the seventh month. ⁴² You shall dwell in booths for seven days. All native Israelites shall dwell in booths, ⁴³ that your generations may know that I made the people of Israel dwell in booths when I brought them out of the land of Egypt: I am the LORD your God.”

Is 12:1–6

You will say in that day:

“I will give thanks to you, O LORD, for though you were angry with me, your anger turned away, that you might comfort me.

² “Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid; for the LORD GOD is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation.”

³ **With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.** ⁴ And you will say in that day: “Give thanks to the LORD, call upon his name, make known his deeds among the peoples, proclaim that his name is exalted.

⁵ “Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously; let this be made known in all the earth.

⁶ Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.”

Description of the Feast of Booths / tabernacles

- Was a Harvest festival
- Prayer for autumn rains
- Took place shortly after the day of atonement
- Commemorated the season when Israel stayed in booths in the wilderness
- Also thanksgiving for the harvest
- A very busy feast – “Rabbi Yehoshua ben Chanina said: During the days of the water libation ceremony, we barely got to sleep at all. The first hour of the day saw us attending to the daily offering; following this we were engaged in prayer - afterwards, the additional offering. Then we ate, and it already became time to attend to the afternoon service. And this was followed by the celebration of the festival of the water libation, which lasted the entire night, and we would begin again” (Jerusalem Talmud, Sukkah 5).

- A joyful celebration of the freedom they gained in their deliverance (Passover) from death and Egypt
- Thus the Talmud says distinctly: 'Why is the name of it called, The drawing out of water? Because of the pouring out of the Holy Spirit, according to what is said: "With joy shall ye draw water out of the wells of salvation.'" (Is 12:3) Hence, also, the feast and the peculiar joyousness of it are alike designated as those of 'the drawing out of water'; for, according to the same Rabbinical authorities, the Holy Spirit dwells in many only through joy.

Also called:

- Sukkot
- Season of our rejoicing
- Festival of nations (*Zechariah 14*)

First six days of the feast

- Procession to draw water each morning at dawn – golden vase
- High Priest drew the water
- From the Pool of Siloam
 - Was called 'living water' (what Israel called drinkable water)
- Singing by choir – Is 12:3 – With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.
- Assistant had a silver vase containing the wine
- Whole procession makes its way back to the temple
- Pass through people lining streets waving branches – various species – “You shall take for yourselves on the first day [of the festival] the splendid fruit of a tree [etrog], palms of dates [lulav], the branch of the thickly leafed tree [hadas], and willows [aravot] of the brook.” (Leviticus 23:40)
- Another procession started at exactly the same time from a place in the Kedron valley, close by, called Motza, whence they brought willow branches, which, amidst the blasts of the priests' trumpets, they stuck on either side of the altar of burnt-offering, bending them over towards it, so as to form a kind of leafy canopy.
- They all enter temple from Water Gate (South)
- Trumpet blasts as they arrive at the temple
- Come up ramp (South side) of the altar and circle the altar
- Just as morning sacrifice was complete
- People waving branches filled the women's courtyard
- Temple gates were open – could see into the Priest's courtyard where the altar was
- Priests pour water (South West) and wine (South East) into silver cups at corner of the altar
- Only festival or sacrifice when water was poured onto the altar

- Music and singing begin – Psalm 113-118 – Giving thanks
- Water and wine runs onto and into altar and down the ramp of the altar
 - Mixed with the ashes of the sacrifice
- Natural direction would be to flow down South side of the altar. From there, if it were enough, it would flow out the water gate on the South and then Eastward down toward the Kedron Valley and the Dead Sea

Joyous celebrations

- On at least the first night of the feast – seemed as if it was every night
- Four huge menorahs lit in court of women
- Said to have lit up the entire city
- Dancing and celebration throughout the night – men only. The women watched from balconies
- *He who has not seen the Water-Drawing Celebration has never seen joy in his life (Talmud)*

Seventh day

- Greatest day of the feast
- **Hoshana Rabbah** (Great Salvation)
- A Sabbath day
- Water for this day was fetched the day before
- Priest and people circle altar seven times
- Waving of branches
- Songs being sung
- Trumpet blasts
- Water and wine poured into the altar and is running down the ramp
- People call out a prayer for salvation (We beseech Thee, O Eternal, save us, we pray)
- **On this day Jesus cries out – Jn 7:37-39**

Rivers of living water

Jn 7:37–39

³⁷ On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and cried out, “If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. ³⁸ Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, ‘**Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.**’ ” ³⁹ Now this he said about the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were to receive, for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

He also referred to this in **Jn 4:10–14**

¹⁰ Jesus answered her, “If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, ‘Give me a drink,’ you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.” ¹¹ The woman said to him, “Sir, you have nothing to draw water with, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? ¹² Are you greater than our father Jacob? He gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did his sons and his livestock.” ¹³ Jesus said to her, “Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴ but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him **a spring of water welling up to eternal life.**”

Once He was glorified He fulfilled this and poured out the Holy Spirit

- On us who are called to be living sacrifices

Ac 2:31–33

³² This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses. ³³ Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this that you yourselves are seeing and hearing.

Descriptions of the Holy Spirit coming on us and filling us

- Baptised Acts 1:5
- Come upon Acts 1:8
- Filled with Acts 2:4, 4:31, 9:17,
- Pour out on Is 44:3, Joel 2:28-32, Acts 2:7, 2:33, 10:45
- Fell on Acts 10:44
- The Promise of the Father – Given by Jesus – received by those who believe in Him Acts 2:33, 38

The picture is one of us being saturated and filled up by the Holy Spirit

Like water being poured all over and into us

Ac 1:4–5

⁴ And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, “you heard from me; ⁵ for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”

Ac 1:6–9

⁶ So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?” ⁷ He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. ⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

Ac 2:1–4

When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. ² And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³ And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. ⁴ And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Is 44:3–4

For I will pour water on the thirsty land,
and streams on the dry ground;
I will pour my Spirit upon your offspring,
and my blessing on your descendants.
⁴ They shall spring up among the grass
like willows by flowing streams.

Ac 2:17–18

¹⁷ “ ‘And in the last days it shall be, God declares,
that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh,
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
and your young men shall see visions,
and your old men shall dream dreams;
¹⁸ even on my male servants and female servants
in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy.

Ac 2:38–39

³⁸ And Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹ For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself.”

Ac 4:31

³¹ And when they had prayed, the place in which they were gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and continued to speak the word of God with boldness.

Ac 9:17–19

¹⁷ So Ananias departed and entered the house. And laying his hands on him he said, “Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus who appeared to you on the road by which you came has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.” ¹⁸ And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and he regained his sight. Then he rose and was baptized; ¹⁹ and taking food, he was strengthened.

Ac 10:44–48

⁴⁴ While Peter was still saying these things, the Holy Spirit fell on all who heard the word. ⁴⁵ And the believers from among the circumcised who had come with Peter were amazed, because the gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out even on the Gentiles. ⁴⁶ For they were hearing them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter declared, ⁴⁷ “Can anyone withhold water for baptizing these people, who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?” ⁴⁸ And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked him to remain for some days.

Ac 11:14–18

¹⁵ As I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell on them just as on us at the beginning. ¹⁶ And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he said, ‘John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’ ¹⁷ If then God gave the same gift to them as he gave to us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could stand in God’s way?” ¹⁸ When they heard these things they fell silent. And they glorified God, saying, “Then to the Gentiles also God has granted repentance that leads to life.”

Ac 13:50–52

⁵⁰ But the Jews incited the devout women of high standing and the leading men of the city, stirred up persecution against Paul and Barnabas, and drove them out of their district. ⁵¹ But they shook off the dust from their feet against them and went to Iconium. ⁵² And the disciples were filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit.

Ac 15:6–9

⁶ The apostles and the elders were gathered together to consider this matter. ⁷ And after there had been much debate, Peter stood up and said to them, “Brothers, you know that in the early days God made a choice among you, that by my mouth the Gentiles should hear the word of the gospel and believe. ⁸ And God, who knows the heart, bore witness to them, by giving them the Holy Spirit just as he did to us, ⁹ and he made no distinction between us and them, having cleansed their hearts by faith.

Our 'feast of tabernacles' has a present and future fulfilment

- A continual celebration of our deliverance
- A continual drawing from the well of salvation
- With joy – anointed with the oil of joy
- A continual flow of living water
 - Jn 7:37-39 – Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water
 - Jn 4:10–14 – a spring of water welling up to eternal life
 - Eph 5:18 – be continually filled with the Holy Spirit

We are the temple of the Holy Spirit

1 Co 3:16

¹⁶Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you?

1 Co 6:19–20

¹⁹Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, ²⁰for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.

Now, this is not only an inflow

- It is also living water continually flowing from our lives
- Into the world
- Water was poured out onto the altar but, figuratively, it also flowed out of the temple

Consider this picture:

Eze 47:1–12

Then he brought me back to the door of the temple, and behold, water was issuing from below the threshold of the temple toward the east (for the temple faced east). The water was flowing down from below the south end of the threshold of the temple, south of the altar. ²Then he brought me out by way of the north gate and led me around on the outside to the outer gate that faces toward the east; and behold, the water was trickling out on the south side.

³Going on eastward with a measuring line in his hand, the man measured a thousand cubits, and then led me through the water, and it was ankle-deep. ⁴Again he measured a thousand, and led me through the water, and it was knee-deep. Again he measured a thousand, and led me through the water, and it was waist-deep. ⁵Again he measured a thousand, and it was a river that I could not pass through, for the water had risen. It was deep enough to swim in, a river that could not be passed through. ⁶And he said to me, "Son of man, have you seen this?"

Then he led me back to the bank of the river. ⁷As I went back, I saw on the bank of the river very many trees on the one side and on the other. ⁸And he said to me, "This water flows toward the eastern region and goes down into the Arabah, and enters the sea; when the water flows into the sea, the water will become fresh. ⁹And wherever the river goes, every living creature that swarms

will live, and there will be very many fish. For this water goes there, that the waters of the sea may become fresh; so everything will live where the river goes. ¹⁰ Fishermen will stand beside the sea. From Engedi to Eneclaim it will be a place for the spreading of nets. Its fish will be of very many kinds, like the fish of the Great Sea. ¹¹ But its swamps and marshes will not become fresh; they are to be left for salt. ¹² And on the banks, on both sides of the river, there will grow all kinds of trees for food. Their leaves will not wither, nor their fruit fail, but they will bear fresh fruit every month, because the water for them flows from the sanctuary. Their fruit will be for food, and their leaves for healing.”

In this age:

- A continual flow of living water
 - Jn 7:37-39 – Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water
 - Jn 4:10–14 – a spring of water welling up to eternal life
 - Eph 5:18 – be continually filled with the Holy Spirit

This is the Promise of the Father

- Received the Holy Spirit at salvation
- Also a promise of baptism in the Holy Spirit
- And of rivers of living water flowing continually into and out of our hearts

What gets in the way?

- Not living as the temple of God
- Not presenting ourselves as a living sacrifice
- Because of the cares of the world
- Because there is too much of the world in us
- Do not pray

Any promise that we do not see being worked out in our lives we turn into prayer

A future fulfillment

- The coming of the Lord – the day of the Lord

Zec 14:8–9

⁸ On that day living waters shall flow out from Jerusalem, half of them to the eastern sea and half of them to the western sea. It shall continue in summer as in winter.

⁹ And the LORD will be king over all the earth. On that day the LORD will be one and his name one.