

# TEMPTATION

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If I lived in a tree  
And ate the fruit of that tree,  
The tree would live in me.

**Joh 6:56** He that eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, dwelleth in me, and I in him.

What was the first temptation of man? Who conquered temptation? How can we withstand temptation today, and have eternal life?

## INTRODUCTION

We suffer from innumerable temptations today. However, all of the temptations we have today stem from only three roots, which were originally found in the tree of knowledge of good and evil in the Garden of Eden. Jesus pulled out permanently these three roots of temptation when he overcame the tempter in the wilderness.

If only Adam and Eve had eaten of the tree of life instead of the tree of knowledge of good and evil, there they would have found the three roots of the Godhead, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit [Col 2:6-9].

### I. What was the first temptation of man?

Adam and Eve suffered the first temptation of man in the Garden of Eden in the form of secular humanism, which means to be as God:

Root 1: Physical appetite: You may eat of any tree [Gen 3:1]

Root 2: Personal gain: You will not die [Gen 3:4]

Root 3: Power and glory: You will be like God [Gen 3:5]

## II. Who conquered temptation?

While in the wilderness for forty days, Jesus suffered the same temptation Adam and Eve suffered by being tempted of the devil. Instead of succumbing to the devil; however, Jesus quoted the Word of God as the last Adam, for our example.

Root 1: Physical appetite: You may eat by changing stones to bread [Mat 4:3]

Root 2: Personal gain: You will not dash your foot against a stone [Mat 4:6]

Root 3: Power and glory: You will have all the kingdoms of the world [Mat 4:8-9]

### Jesus' Answer:

Root 1: It is written, Man shall not live by **bread** alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God [Mat 4:4].

Root 2: It is written again, Thou shalt not **tempt** the Lord thy God [Mat 4:7].

Root 3: Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt **worship** the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve [Mat 4-10].

## III. How can we withstand the same temptation today, and have eternal life?

We now have the same victory over temptation that Jesus had in the wilderness through the Word of God:

Root 1: Physical appetite: Give us this day our daily **bread** [Mat 6:11].

Root 2: Personal gain: And forgive us our **debts**, as we forgive our debtors [Mat 6:12].

Root 3: Power and glory: And lead us not into **temptation**, but deliver us from evil: For thine is **the kingdom**, and **the power**, and **the glory**, for ever. Amen [Mat 6:13].

## CONCLUSION

I. Adam and Eve tried to have eternal life without the cross in the Garden of Eden. The Lord God told Adam not to eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, a "type" of secular humanism. Later, Adam told Eve not to eat of it or even touch it. Satan, the tempter, came along to see if they had any faith to overcome his temptation to become as God, and they didn't, so they ate of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. Before Adam and Eve could make another mistake and eat of the tree of life, a "type" of the cross and the Lord Jesus Christ, and live forever in sin, God had to guard them from the tree of life, and remove them from the Garden of Eden [Gen 3:24].

II. Jesus conquered the original sin of man in the wilderness, and took back our authority over Satan, which Adam lost. Later, Jesus would ultimately hang on a tree so we could freely eat of the tree of life, which is His body, and have eternal life [John 6:53-54].

III. We will be tempted today, but succeeding where Adam and Eve failed, Jesus has returned our *spiritual* "paradise lost" back to us, and one day we will walk with Him physically in paradise. If we resist the temptation of secular humanism and accept Jesus Christ as Savior, then because of the cross, we can now eat of the tree of life, Jesus Christ, and have eternal life [Jas 1:2-3; Rom 6:23; Heb 12:2; Rev 2:7; Rev 22:2; Rev 22:14].

## **THE BEATITUDE'S**

### **INTRODUCTION**

In order for us to understand the Beatitudes, which lie within the first book of the New Testament, Matthew, we must first understand the fall of Adam in the first book of the Old Testament, Genesis. Together we're going to journey back in time, and find out what precious thing Adam lost, but now is given back to us today because of the work of Jesus Christ, if we believe. God, as the man Jesus, came to earth in human form to take back what Adam lost.

Eve had nothing to do with original sin and the fall of man. Sin only passes through man. Therefore, Adam was in the sole transgression when he ate of the tree of knowledge of good and evil. So by the sin of one man all men and women born after him were doomed. **[Rom 5:12-16]**. That is why Jesus had to be born of a virgin.

But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour; that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man **[Heb 2:9]**.

Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil; **[Heb 2:14]**.

## PART I

### The Garden of Eden

Adam walked with God in the garden, everything was beautiful and perfect. But Adam didn't understand what God was trying to teach him. So, Adam fell because he wanted a worldly kingdom of power, money, and greed.

Where were the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil and the Tree of Life situated in the Garden of Eden?

Answer: In the midst of the garden.

*Visual -*

*Two volunteers:*

*Two trees: One with a Bible*

*One who stands for Power, Money, Greed*

Did Adam eat of the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil or the Tree of Life?

Adam was in total rebellion when he ate of the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil.

Satan's way of life looked much better to him than God's way. He knew he was rejecting God's kingdom for Satan's. He didn't want to be more like God; he wanted to be more like Satan. We have to understand that what overtook the mind of Adam there in the garden was not good it was evil. Satan is the father of lies and he deceived Adam, but Adam acted of his own free will.

For the love of money is the **root** of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows [1 Tim 6:10].

But he answered and said, Every plant, which my heavenly Father hath not planted, shall be **rooted** up [**Mat 15:13**].

It was a terrible thing when Adam ate of the tree of knowledge of good and evil. Because he did this, God would have to send His only Son to save us from this seemingly small deed, eating a piece of fruit. But it was more than that; Adam had it in his heart to do this thing for many days, maybe months, maybe years. He was greedy for the money that was on the earth, in the form of gold and jewels. He lusted after it, just as Satan had once lusted after it before his fall.

The children of Israel fell for the same reason too, sudden wealth. They didn't know what to do with the money they had spoiled from Egypt. God intended the gold and jewels to be used to build His tabernacle, but the children of Israel fashioned a calf of gold instead, and God made them drink it (This will be commented on in more detail later). Just as Adam ate of his sin, Jesus asks us instead to hunger and thirst after righteousness, not gold and jewels, which are things, made of this earth.

Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled [**Mat 5:6**].

When we lust after something we first covet it, and meditate on how we can have it, the deed follows later. This is why I don't believe that Adam just suddenly walked up to this tree and took a bite of the fruit on a whim. No, it took much longer than that, and because of it he deliberately turned his back on the tree of life standing there in the garden and turned his back on God. He had already committed the sin in his heart, eating the fruit was just an outward show of his sin to the world and to Satan. Of course, God knew Adam would do this thing before He ever breathed the breath of life into him.

That's why God had to breathe the breath of life into His only son, Jesus, so He could redeem us from Adam's sin. And because of Adam's sin, Jesus, the **root** of David, will never leave His human form. Jesus became our perfect substitution, the last Adam.

But **this man**, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins forever, sat down on the right hand of God [**Heb 10:12**].

## **PART II**

### **The Wilderness**

When Adam fell, he lost his authority he held over Satan, so Jesus had to win back Adam's authority. Now if we look at Matthew Chapters 4 and 5 in context, we can see the plan God had for us all along, so he could bring us back to the Garden of Eden. Beginning with Mat 4:4 Jesus win's back our authority that Adam lost.

#### **[read 3 saying's of Jesus]**

- 1) . . . It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God [**Mat 4:4**].
- 2) . . . It is written again, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God [**Mat 4:7**].
- 3) . . . Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve [**Mat 4:10**].

These are the sayings that Adam should have said. As long as Adam lived by the Word he had the authority over Satan. If Adam had known the Word, he would not have sinned.

#### **[read 2 saying's of Jesus]**

. . . Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand. (Jesus is giving us back the kingdom Adam lost.) [**Mat 4:17**].

. . . Follow me, and I will make you fisher's of men. (Adam should have followed Jesus.) [Mat 4:19].

Have you ever asked yourself, I wish I could know what Jesus and Adam talked about in the Garden of Eden when they walked together in the cool of the day? If Adam hadn't eaten of the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil and walked over to the Tree of Life and eaten it instead, I wonder what God would have told him?

Mat 5:1 Beatitudes -

And seeing Adam, he went up into the Garden of Eden: and when He was set, Adam came unto him: And he opened his mouth, and taught Adam, saying,

[read Beatitudes]

Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the **kingdom of heaven**.

Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.

Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.

Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God.

Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the **kingdom of heaven** [Mat 5:3-10].

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". . . The beatitudes are not simple statements; they are exclamations: 'O the blessedness of the poor in spirit!'

That is most important, for it means that the beatitudes are not pious hopes of what shall be; they are not glowing, but nebulous prophecies of some future bliss; they are congratulations on what is. The blessedness which belongs to the Christian is not a blessedness which is postponed to some future world of glory; it is a blessedness which exists here and now. It is not something into which the Christian *will enter*; it is something into which he *has entered*."

William Barclay. The Gospel of Matthew Vol. 1 Rev. Ed. 1975. pg. 88.

### **CONCLUSION**

The precious thing that Adam lost was his blessings. He exchanged his blessings for cursings. Jesus wouldn't have told Adam anything differently then what he tells us today.

John 1.1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

We now get to go beyond what Adam knew by reading God's Word. Adam didn't get to have the blessings we enjoy today because of his unbelief.

Seeing therefore it remaineth that some must enter therein, and they to whom it was first preached entered not in [rest] because of unbelief: [Heb 4:6].

Adam didn't want to listen to God, he didn't want to be merciful, he didn't want to be meek, and he didn't want to thirst after righteousness. Adam chose to eat of the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil because he didn't have enough of the Word in him. When Jesus gave the disciples the beatitudes they entered into blessings that had never before been available, these were the blessings originally intended for Adam.

We must never think that Adam was more special than us, because we have more today than Adam ever dreamed of!

Why?

Because we're back in the Garden of Eden! Its like we never left! As long as we stay connected to God's Word we will remain in the garden with Jesus! He will never leave us or forsake us. So if someone leaves the garden it will have to be us. In reading God's Word we get to hear the "Sermon on the Mount," which should have been named the "Sermon of the Garden of Eden," but God had to save it for another age because Adam left Him.

Now, during the church age, we must try to understand what God is saying to us through His Word. He want's to give us the kingdom of heaven; He mentions it in the Beatitudes twice. He begins and ends it with the kingdom of heaven. But we can only have the kingdom of heaven when we realize that *He* is the Kingdom! When we make God the most important thing in our life, He will gladly give us *all* things.

But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and *all* these things shall be added unto you [**Mat 6:33**]. [emphasis added.]

But, if we chose the worldly kingdom as Adam did, we will find its only temporary, and one day very soon it will all be destroyed, so God can usher in His kingdom here on the earth, the one true and good kingdom, where He will rule and reign forever and ever.

The Word of God is here for us today so that we may know Jesus. The very same way Adam could have known Him, if he had believed.

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### **MOSES, JOSEPH, ESTHER, AND DANIEL**

What do Moses, Joseph, Esther, and Daniel all have in common? They were all given a kingdom out of either captivity or slavery by God. Out of poverty they were given the throne next to the king himself. The Bible was written with all these glorious stories of

redemption, so that the children of Israel might realize them for their own lives and teach others. God did not want to give the children of Israel a king, because He wanted them to worship him as God and He in return would give them the kingdom, not just one but all! But instead they asked for a worldly king, so God gave them Saul:

Yet I *am* the Lord thy God from the land of Egypt, and thou shalt know no god but me: for *there is* no saviour beside me. . . . I gave thee a king in mine anger, and took *him* away in my wrath [Hosea 13:4 & 11].

The children of Israel did not accept Jesus as their Saviour so the responsibility to teach the world of God's plan was given to someone else – the church. The woman of Samaria (whom the Jews hated) was granted the Heavenly Kingdom when she leaves her waterpot, as she is a type of the church leaving at the rapture to inherit the Kingdom of God.

**Blessed** - *Makarios* (mak-ar-ee-oss) - means happy, supremely blessed

The word "blessed" is in the NT "88" times. The number of Jesus is "888." "8" is the eternal number of God. We are to forgive others 70 x 7; God makes sure are blessings are more, even to infinity.

Happy is the man of a

1. broken spirit
2. penitent spirit
3. mild-tempered, gentle spirit
4. hungering-thirsting spirit for righteousness
5. compassionate and merciful spirit
6. pure spirit

7. spirit of wisdom and mediation
8. longsuffering and forgiving spirit

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## ADAM AND THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL

Adam **hungered and ate sin**, and the children of Israel **thirsted and drank sin**. Jesus want's us to **hunger and thirst** after righteousness.

Blessed *are* they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled. [**Mat 5:6**].

### PART I

#### THE GARDEN OF EDEN

Adam - Beatitudes *lost* until another age. Adam *hungered and ate* after the wrong tree; he should have eaten of the tree of life.

Adam *ate his sin*:

And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; **and he did eat [Gen 3:6]**.

Lucifer had been given dominion over the earth's money before he fell from heaven.

Later, Adam was given dominion over the earth's money, but he didn't know what to do with it, so he idolized it instead of giving it to God, and then Satan was able to take it from him when Adam ate of the tree of knowledge of good and evil.

## PART II

### THE WILDERNESS

Moses - Ten Commandments broken. The children of Israel *thirsted and drank* after the wrong tree. They should have drunk of the tree of life.

In the wilderness, the bitter water of Marah turned sweet is a "type" of the cross, which is also a "type" of the tree of life:

Then Moses led Israel onward from the Red Sea, and they went into the wilderness of Shur; they went three days in the wilderness and found no water. When they came to Marah, they could not drink the water of Marah because it was bitter; therefore it was named Marah. And the people murmured against Moses, saying, "**What shall we drink?**" And he cried to the LORD; **and the LORD showed him a tree**, and he threw it into the water, and the water became sweet. There the LORD made for them a statute and an ordinance and there he proved them [**Exodus 15:22-25**].

Here the children of Israel have been introduced to the saving grace of Jesus and the cross. But just as Adam didn't understand the Word, neither do the children of Israel. They didn't know what to do with all the money they spoiled from Egypt. The gold was not to build a calf [Exodus 32:4], but the kingdom of God! God wanted the children of Israel to hunger and thirst after righteousness, but they in turn failed, as did their predecessor, Adam. When Moses came down the mountain and saw what they had done, he broke the Ten Commandments.

God made the children of Israel *drink their sin*:

And it came to pass, as soon as he came nigh unto the camp, that he saw the calf, and the dancing: and Moses' anger waxed hot, and he cast the tables out of his

hands, and brake them beneath the mount. And he took the calf which they had made, and burnt it in the fire, and ground it to powder, and strawed it upon the water, and made the **children of Israel drink** of it [Exodus 32:19-20].

The children of Israel will receive a blessing, if they consecrate themselves:

For Moses had said, Consecrate yourselves to day to the Lord, even every man upon his son, and upon his brother; that he may bestow **upon you a blessing** this day [Exodus 32:29].

If we hunger and thirst after evil God is not able to bless us. Furthermore, He makes us eat and drink of the sin if that is what we choose. Today we live in the time of grace, the church age, so God is merciful to us and doesn't make us eat and drink of His judgment.

But one day those who are not saved will eventually go to hell and then ultimately to the lake of fire. What a terrible judgment to eat and drink of for all of eternity, and why?

Because we didn't want to believe that Jesus was the true Son of God. For the unbelievers in the Lake of Fire, eternity will ever be searching for land, food, and water, but they will never be able to find it, and all the while, they will be burning with heat from the fire that will never be quenched.

But as long as we have a heartbeat it is not too late to repent and believe that Jesus is the Son of God, so we can eat and drink of the great banquet table before the very presence of God, forever.

**PARALLEL'S OF  
OLD TESTAMENT  
AND  
NEW TESTAMENT**

HUNGER and THIRST is in OT "3" times: (and the phrase is never in the OT nor NT THIRST and HUNGER).

1. Therefore shalt thou serve thine enemies which the LORD shall send against thee, in **hunger**, and in **thirst**, and in nakedness, and in want of all things: [Adam] and he shall put a yoke of iron upon thy neck, until he have destroyed thee [**Deut 28:48:15**].
2. And gavest them bread from heaven for their **hunger**, and broughtest forth water for them out of the rock for their **thirst**, and promisedst them that they should go in to possess the land which thou hadst sworn to give them [**Neh 9:15.9**].
3. They shall not **hunger** nor **thirst**; neither shall the heat nor sun smite them: for he that hath mercy on them shall lead them, even by the springs of water shall he guide them [**Isa 49:10.4**].

Beatitudes

Blessed are they which do **hunger** and **thirst** after righteousness: for they shall be filled [**Mat 5:6.6**].

Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy [**Mat 5:7.9**].

HUNGER AND THIRST IS IN NT "6" TIMES:

1. Blessed are they which do **hunger** and **thirst** after righteousness: for they shall be filled [**Mat 5:6.6**].
2. And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never **hunger**; and he that believeth on me shall never **thirst** [**John 6:35.19**].
3. Therefore if thine enemy **hunger**, feed him; if he **thirst**, give him drink: for in so doing thou shalt heap coals of fire on his head [**Rom 12:20.5**].
4. Even unto this present hour we both **hunger**, and **thirst**, and are naked, and are buffeted, and have no certain dwelling-place [**1 Cor 4:11.8**].
5. In weariness and painfulness, in watchings often, in **hunger** and **thirst**, in fastings often, in cold and nakedness [Adam] [**2 Cor 11:27.9**].
6. They shall **hunger** no more, neither **thirst** any more; neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat [**Rev 7:16.3**].

**HUNGER AND THIRST PARALLELS**  
**WITH *ADDITIONAL PARALLED* WORDS**

**NAKEDNESS**

OT **1**. Therefore shalt thou serve thine enemies which the LORD shall send against thee, in **hunger**, and in **thirst**, and in nakedness, and in want of all things: and he shall put a yoke of iron upon thy neck, until he have destroyed thee [**Deut 28:48**].

NT **4**. Even unto this present hour we both **hunger**, and **thirst**, and are naked, and are buffeted, and have no certain dwelling-place [**1 Cor 4:11**].

NT **5**. In weariness and painfulness, in watchings often, in **hunger** and **thirst**, in fastings often, in cold and nakedness [Adam] [**2 Cor 11:27**].

## **BREAD**

OT 2. And gavest them **bread** from heaven for their **hunger**, and broughtest forth water for them out of the rock for their **thirst**, and promisedst them that they should go in to possess the land which thou hadst sworn to give them [**Neh 9:15**].

NT 2. And Jesus said unto them, I am the **bread** of life: he that cometh to me shall never **hunger**; and he that believeth on me shall never **thirst** [**John 6:35**].

## **HEAT NOR SUN**

OT 3. They shall not **hunger** nor **thirst**; neither shall the **heat nor sun** smite them: for he that hath mercy on them shall lead them, even by the springs of water shall he guide them [**Isa 49:10**].

NT 6. They shall **hunger** no more, neither **thirst** any more; neither shall the **sun** light on them, **nor** any **heat** [**Rev 7:16**].

Note:

"Hunger" is in the OT **13** times

"Thirst" is in the OT **20** times

= **33** = promise

We should hunger and thirst after righteousness, so we can get our promise, which is Jesus.

## HUNGERING AND THIRSTING

### HUNGERING

#### PHARAOH AND JOSEPH = *BREAD*

#### FIRST MIRACLE OF JOSEPH

#### JOSEPH GIVES *BREAD* TO THE PEOPLE

After two whole years, Pharaoh dreamed that he was standing by the Nile [Gen 41:1].

And the seven years of plenteousness, that was in the land of Egypt, were ended.

And the seven years of dearth began to come, according as Joseph had said: and the dearth was in all lands; but in all the land of Egypt there was bread.

And when all the land of Egypt was famished, the people cried to Pharaoh for bread: and Pharaoh said unto all the Egyptians, Go unto Joseph; what he saith to you, do.

And the famine was over all the face of the earth: and Joseph opened all the storehouses, and sold unto the Egyptians; and the famine waxed sore in the land of Egypt.

And all countries came into Egypt to Joseph for to buy corn; because that the famine was so sore in all lands [Gen 41:53-57].

### THIRSTING

#### JESUS AND MARY = *WINE*

#### FIRST MIRACLE OF JESUS

#### JESUS GIVES *WINE* TO THE PEOPLE

And the third day there was a marriage in Cana of Galilee; and the mother of Jesus was there:

And both Jesus was called, and his disciples, to the marriage.

And when they wanted wine, the mother of Jesus saith unto him, They have no wine.

Jesus saith unto her, Woman, what have I to do with thee? mine hour is not yet come.

His mother saith unto the servants, **Whatever he saith unto you, do it.**

And there were set there six waterpots of stone, after the manner of the purifying of the Jews, containing two or three firkins apiece.

Jesus saith unto them, Fill the waterpots with water. And they filled them up to the brim.

And he saith unto them, Draw out now, and bear unto the governor of the feast. And they bare it.

When the ruler of the feast had tasted the water that was made **wine**, and knew not whence it was: (but the servants which drew the water knew;) the governor of the feast called the bridegroom,

And saith unto him, Every man at the beginning doth set forth good **wine**; and when men have well drunk, then that which is worse: but thou hast kept the good **wine** until now  
**[John 2:1-10].**

## **PARALLEL OF THE WATERPOTS**

### **TO END TIME EVENTS**

#### **Part 1**

#### **JEWS**

##### **A. Old Testament**

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 **[Jer 2:13].**

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.**

Jesus is the fountain of living waters [**Jer 17:13**].

The Jews are broken cisterns that cannot hold the living water of God because of their unbelief.

### **B. New Testament**

O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not! [**Mat 23:37**].

Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, **Depart from me**, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels: [**Mat 25:41**].

And he said unto me, It is done. 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 [**Rev 21:6**].

### **Part 2**

#### **CHRISTIANS**

##### **New Testament**

Jesus saith unto them, **Fill the waterpots with water.** And they **filled them up to the brim** [**John 2:7**].

The waterpots here represent Christian flesh, which can be filled to the brim with living water! Not like the Jews in Jeremiah who cannot hold any living water, because they're cisterns/waterpots are broken.

Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be **filled** [Mat 5:6.15].

And the disciples were **filled** with joy, and with the Holy Ghost [Acts 13:52].

And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be **filled** with all the fulness of God [Eph 3:19].

And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be **filled** with the Spirit; [Eph 5:18].

Being **filled** with the fruits of righteousness, which are by Jesus Christ, unto the glory and praise of God [Phil 1:11].

For this cause we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to desire that ye might be **filled** with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding; [Col 1:9].

### **JESUS WILL SPEAK AT THE RAPTURE**

**And he saith unto them, Draw out now,** and bear unto the governor of the feast. And they bare it [John 2:8].

For he himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the **trump of God:** and the dead in Christ shall rise first: then we which are alive and remain shall be **caught up** together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore comfort one another with these words [1 Thess 4:16-18].

After this I looked, and, behold, a door was opened in heaven: and the first voice which I heard was as it were of a **trumpet talking with me;** which said, **Come up hither,** and I will shew thee things which must be hereafter [Rev 4:1].

## GOVERNOR OF THE FEAST

3. And he saith unto them, Draw out now, and bear unto the **governor of the feast**. And they bare it [**John 2:8**].

The Hebrew word for governor means "chief of three couches." So, we will be given to the "governor of the feast" who is Jesus Christ, the Chief of Three, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Or it could also mean the head over "our" spirit, soul, and body, because we are three part being as well. Or, well there are so many three's that He is over it could mean all the three's – He is head over all.

Clarke writes:

*Governor of the feast.* The original word signifies one who is "**chief or head over three couches, or tables.**" In the Asiatic countries, they take their meals reclining on small, low couches. And when many people are present, so that they cannot all eat together, three of these low tables or couches are put together in form of a crescent, and one of the guests is appointed to take charge of the persons who sit at these tables. Hence the appellation of *architriclinus*, the "chief over three couches or tables," which in process of time became applied to the *governor* or "steward" of a feast, let the guests be many or few; **and such person, having conducted the business well, had a festive crown put on his head by the guests at the conclusion of the feast.** [emphasis added.]

## AND THEY BARE IT

4. And he saith unto them, Draw out now, and bear unto the governor of the feast. **And they bare it [John 2:8].**

Clarke writes:

*And they bare it. . . .* The water, in all likelihood, was changed into wine *as it was drawn out*, and not otherwise. [emphasis added.]

The water was not wine until it was "drawn out." When Jesus says to us "draw out now" we will be changed from a waterpot to our resurrection body, because our resurrection body is *inside* the waterpot, but will not be manifested until the time of the rapture.

But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell **in you**, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth **in you [Rom 8:11].**

For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with **the glory which shall be revealed in us [Rom 8:18].**

## THE GOVERNOR OF THE FEAST

### CALL'S THE BRIDEGROOM

When the ruler of the feast had tasted the water that was made wine, and knew not whence it was: (but the servants which drew the water knew;) **the governor of the feast called the bridegroom [John 2:9].**

The "governor of the feast, God in heaven, calls the bridegroom, Jesus, home, and we who are the bride go to heaven with Jesus, because now we have a resurrection body and can stand before the very throne of God!

The four and twenty elders fall down before him that sat on the throne, and worship him that liveth for ever and ever, **and cast their crowns before the throne**, saying, Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created [**Rev 4:10-11**].

Jesus gives salvation as a free gift to all that will receive Him.

**Father, I repent of my sin of the rejection of your Son, Jesus as Lord. I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, I believe that He died for my sins according to the Scriptures. I believe that He was buried and that He rose again on THE THIRD DAY to make me right with God. I confess Jesus Christ as my Lord and personal Savior. Thank you Lord for my salvation in Jesus' name. Amen.**

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