

Springs of Water
Josh. 15:119

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Half way between Hebron and Beer-sheba there once stood the ancient city of Delir. It was the city of brains and books. One of the names given to the city means the city of books, what Athens was to Greece Delir was to Southern Palestine.

Caleb was anxious to secure the city. Now we are familiar with Caleb. He and Joshua were the only two Israelites born in Egypt, with possibly excepted of the Levites, that entered Canaan. They entered because they put all trust in God.

45 years after the entry Caleb applied to Joshua for the portion of land promised him. See the land given him was this city of Delir but to get the city he had to capture it from the inhabitants.

It was a custom for a man to offer his daughter in marriage to some man who would take a city. Saul made this offer to the person that would slay Goliath. So Caleb offered his daughter to Othniel if he would capture Delir.

Othniel took the city after a great struggle and Achsah Caleb's daughter became his wife. When Achsah went to her home she asked a blessing of her father. The land given her was dry and she asked for springs, and he gave her the upper springs and the nether springs." Josh. 15:19.

There were some fourteen springs in the field. Any way you would look they were gushing forth and made beautiful every thing.

We find in this story a good illustration of all that we receive from our Father.

All that has been bestowed upon us is associated with victory, and that was won by Jesus. It was a struggle for Him but He came off more than conqueror. With Him we have not only received salvation but in Him we are also blessed with all spiritual blessings. Paul writes to Ephesians; "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ Jesus"

I. God starts His children in this world as Caleb started his daughter, with an inheritance. No one is so poor but God has given him some thing.

Some have taken the inheritance and treated it as the woman men with the talents.

God has been very good to us. He has given us this world with all its beauty, its green pastures its still waters, its rivers and seas, and its story canopy stretching out above us. The world is filled with forces but man seems to have gained control over them.

Better than that. He has given us all the faculties of mind and powers of the body. The mind, the hands, the heart, the feet. No one is sent into the world a pauper.

With the mind man is able to search the deep things of God and take hold of the thought of the Eternal. No longer is our mind con-

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fined in this world but through astronomy they
leap out and see the sun kissed hill tops,
and the teeming millions of population in
other worlds.

But if these things of natural inheritance
are all that we have we are most miserable.
They are like the South land of Aesch, they
stretch off to the low lands of sorrow, care, and
darkness. The most miserable people after all
are those who have the world and nothing else.
Man is born to trouble as the sparks fly up-
ward and this dry South land of the universe
is a poor portion. It is beautiful, it is God's
handwork. But we must have more than that
if the soul is to be satisfied.

The stars are beautiful but they pour
no light into the midnight of the
troubled soul. The flowers are sweet
but pour no balm in to the wounded
heart. There are times when the soul must
have what the natural inheritance
can't give and God has made pro-
vision for that.

Man sighs for the Deep. you may
pick up the sea shell and hold it to your ear
you will find in it reminiscences of its
original home. The roar of the sea, the crash of
the wind the groan of the dying wave.

It has the witness in itself that it be-
longs to the mighty deep.

Listen to your heart and you will find proof
of its destined abode. Sighs, yearnings, hopes,
dreams, and music testify that we
are made for God. God knew that so He gave
us spray of water as well as the South land

These springs were given in Achsah because of her marriage to Ethnial, and they are an illustration of what comes to us because of our union with the Son of God. They were a free gift so is the water spring of the Gospel. "By grace are ye saved through faith, and that not of your selves; it is the gift of God"

you have seen the fields parched, a rain came and vegetation took on beauty and freshness. This is not much a miracle as you see when a lifeless soul comes to the water spring and drinks of the water of life.

Nagman dipped in Jordan and the flesh of a child came to him. But here is a greater change for the sinful soul who will come to the water spring.

1. Newton came and left behind his sins on a world
2. Bunyan came cursing his head, feet, neck and mind. He went away to write the book next to the Bible.
3. Here came the thief on the cross and drank of the blood of Christ with the redemption in glory.

There is no much to the Christian life than just being saved. That is the beginning. To drink at the water spring is salvation but to drink at the upper spring is a high privilege that is offered to every child of God. "Set your affection on things above not on things on the earth" Drink at water spring we are at peace with God but at the upper we have peace with God. at U.S. I am made whole with U.S. I live above the world. Spring on coast of England flooded daily by bitter waters flows itself out.

5/ U.S. being converted U.S. living with Christ.
Abel. The main tree

Burning house - fireman at top of ladder -
law the ladder - Christ the span that we cross -
to heaven - not only we are saved in Christ (U.S.)
but by Him mount to God (U.S.)

Abiding in Christ is secret of (U.S.) Dr.
Norton tells of two saplings side by side &
crossed. Stranger observed creature "I live yet
not I but Christ liveth in me and the life which I now
live in the flesh I live not of my self, but by & of
Son of God who loved me and gave Himself for me."



Amen

The oasis under the lee of the rocks - a rich spot - It became, thus became the rocky ridge holds back that which would make all together - the sand.

Long years ago as Isaiah rejoiced under the good ministry of these rocks. His mind went out from dead bones to living men, men of great hearts to whom the weak and ignorant might go for shelter and be nourished into beauty and beauty.

With leaping heart and streaming eyes he cried out: "Oh what a desert is life but for the ministry of the higher manhood! To what shall I liken a good man? A man shall be as the shadow of a great rock in a weary land, a shelter in time of storm."

With all our optimism of more joy than sorrow more happiness than misery yet we have to admit that life has aspects very desert like.

- a. 2-day prosperity tomorrow adversity
- b. To-day God gives; the child to bless the home and to-morrow it is planted in the silent city.
- c. A good man to-day - then temptation - blight, so much of desert

The soul baffled and broken thirsts for sympathy seeks for a great heart.

- a. For Israel Moses was the shadow of a great rock in a weary land.
- b. For Daniel, Jonathan was shelter in time of storm
- c. Solitary in the vale where death will soon dig a grave for each of us stands the monument which is "the shadow of a great rock in a weary land"

God has given man the power to transform the desert into an oasis - the soul has great unfulfilled

1. Reason - & carry fertility where ignorance has been
2. Inventive skill to smite the rocks and have water
3. Love, in Douglass, Judson, and Xavier to transform dark continents.

All social reforms begin with some great heart
65000000 1/4th cousins.

many cities have their singers - where
born and die like flies - where people grow
better - ~~morning~~ grows faint - one man went
to such a district - he and his helpers would number
several hundred, afternoons in a conservatory of
flowers.

A young man spending much on travel etc
was handed a telegram announcing father's death
then the mother faded away - evil associates
came - he thought to see life by seeing the works of
manhood and womanhood. He wasted his fortune
and his friend ships. But a friend of the boy's
father sought him & wrote him a letter that Sunday
Sat. night he would be looking for him. Love
worth the trouble.

This law of human helpfulness asks each man so
to carry himself on as to bless and not blight men.
a soul is easily wrecked. Higher the mechanism
the more delicate they are. Engine leave sport. Thus
the evil a man does lives with him. He is blocked
by the path of destruction he has cut through life.

Every man must bring together his little group
of pilgrim friends using whatever skill he has
guiding them on their pilgrim way or desert march.
Every day let us dig some life spring for thirsty
lips.

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Reformer + Beggar + "Do not be angry with me brother - I have
nothing with me." Gaunt blood shot eyes said "But
you called me brother that was a great gift."