

Sermon on Drink Divine Energized and Empowered Water for Free

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Text:

Isaiah 55:1-3 Come, all you who are thirsty, come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without cost. ² Why spend money on what is not bread, and your labor on what does not satisfy? Listen, listen to me, and eat what is good, and your soul will delight in the richest of fare. ³ Give ear and come to me; hear me, that your soul may live. I will make an everlasting covenant with you, my faithful love promised to David.

Introduction

On Christmas day, many will be drinking fine liquors, wines, champagnes and beer. Some drink to drown out their sorrows and make them happy. Others drink in celebration of the day as a secular festival. At the end of the day they are done and forget about the day. Today, God is calling you to drink a special and fine drink this Christmas. He calls out to you to come to the waters. It is similar to the call Jesus made that is recorded in John 7:37, “On the last and greatest day of the Feast, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, ‘If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink.’” This is a call to anyone who is thirsty and hungry for God. When Jesus was finally separated from God on the cross he said, “I thirst,” for he was thirsting for his father who had just forsaken him.

Why would anyone want this water?

The water is special water that is divine energized and empowered.

The water is energized and empowered: The water that God is offering is not the same water that you know and that is why he turns around and calls the waters “bread, wine and milk.” It is water that provides the type of nutrients that bread, wine and milk provide. It is special water that completely nourishes your soul.

There is a drink called Bull, which is an energy drink meant to energize and empower your body. I have never tried it but the label shows it is packed with sugar and caffeine to get you hyperactive. This specialized water, that God is offering, is energized soul water. When Jesus made the call to drink on the last and greatest day of the seven-day festival of Tabernacles, he said when you drink this water “streams of living water will flow from within” you. That is, when the water goes into you it transforms you into a turbine that spins the water out. In other words this special water is empowered water. It is packed with the energy of God and the transforming power of God.

The water is Heaven’s water of life that transforms your body: People are always looking for the fountain of youth to live long. But they search for it in the wrong places. The waters you are being offered is the water that was in the rivers (Pishon, Gihon, Tigris, and Euphrates) in the Garden of Eden that will make you live forever. It is the water in Heaven from the “the river of

the water of life, as clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb down the middle of the great street of the city” (Revelation 22:1-2) that will turn your perishable body into an imperishable and glorious body.

This Christmas, God is offering you his energized and empowered water.

If this water is so precious and something that the whole world wants then it must be very, very expensive. This must be so expensive that only the wealthiest dollar billionaires can buy it.

God is offering the special water free of charge

If you take Economics you learn that the product that most people want becomes very expensive. For example, the price of a ticket for the Super Bowl skyrockets beyond the original price. So what is the price of this special water? I have a surprise for you. Even though this water is the most precious product in the world, it is free!

Donkomi: When I was a kid I used to sell cloth in my mother’s store. When the Christmas season was over we will take the cloths that had a lot left over and sell them “donkomi” at steep discounts. In the same way, this energized and empowered water, even though it is precious, is so plentiful that God is giving it away for free! He doesn’t care who you are or how much money you have. He just wants you to come and take this divine energized and empowered water for free.

If it is free then does it have value?

He doesn’t want you to spend money on worthless water!

Here lies the problem. Sometimes when things are for free, people don’t value it. So in business, you have to price your product so that your target customer sees some value in it. Because this energized and empowered water is free, people don’t value it. So, instead, they spend their money on worthless nutrients! God knows this so he is appealing to you not to spend money on worthless food.

People want mystical prayers and want to pay for it: When you need something you come to us and we help you in prayer. I submit that most of the time our prayer is answered. But some people don’t value prayers without mysticism. They want to buy with money before they will feel they have received some value. So they attend these Worcester prophet crusades. The prophet gains their confidence by telling them about their history, telling them about the problem they have and why they have the problem. Then he prescribes some solution that requires a financial contribution in the form of “planting a seed” or expressing their faith through giving.

Con-man Prophet dupes Worcester people: Five years ago, a prophet arranged about 50 chairs for anyone who wanted to be a millionaire. But they had to give a \$100 offering as a seed. There was a rush to occupy the seats. Two years later when the prophet tried to hold a crusade in Worcester he received a message that some people had threatened to beat him up if he shows up because they did not become millionaires. Obviously, here is the work of the devil manifested in

these false prophets. These miracle crusade participants are ignorant of how God works. They practice what I call paganistic Christianity.

People worship God paganistically and want a commercial rather than a filial relationship with God: Paganistic Christianity is rooted in centuries of pagan idol worship. A typical pagan in Ghana does not carry out a relationship with a pagan god/idol. He goes to see the fetish priest when he needs something. Then the priest performs some incantations and gives him a potion or amulet for him to use to solve the problem. The pagan then offers a sacrifice and is required to perform annual sacrifices to uphold the solution or face some punishment from the god.

This relationship with the fetish priest and his god is so ingrained in the subconscious of all Ghanaians that when he becomes a Christian he has the tendency to approach Christian worship in the same way. If he needs something, he goes to the pastor or prophet. He expects the pastor or prophet to perform some incantations (in the form of prayer – speaking in tongues is even better) and give him something (such as “anointing” oil in a bottle, blessed handkerchief, special cream) to use to solve his problem. He is then strongly encouraged to give an offering, sometimes a minimum is specified. Sometimes, he does receive his solution. This is because there are two types of false prophets. One is satanic driven and the other is just a con-man. The con-man usually does not yield any results.

In this passage God is appealing to you not to go to these false prophets and buy water that is worthless. God is asking you to stop calling special pastors in Ghana for prayers and stop sending them your money. God wants you to come to him and get his free special water; his water that is divine energized and empowered.

What advantage does this special water have over the other waters? After all they are all water that you can drink and both nourish your body.

This special water has beneficial side-effects, the alternatives have harmful side-effects.

Water from false prophets have harmful side-effects: Lately, there have been reports of food poisoning in some restaurants. When the victim ate the food he was full and felt nourished. And then a day or two later he started feeling the effects of the E-Coli in his body. In a similar way, when you go to false prophets and eat their food, you will feel nourished but later on you will start feeling the effect of demonization. They have transferred an evil spirit into you. It is that evil spirit that made you receive what you are looking for: money, husband, or child. Now, it starts making you pay with your life.

Because of these harmful side-effects, God’s appeal is urgent and passionate: God loves you so much that he is making an appeal to you to stop chasing after useless food and come and eat the food that will give you eternal life; the food that will not hurt you but make your soul live. There is such an urgency about his call so he says, “Listen, listen to me,” and “Give ear ... hear me.”

God's water has beneficial side-effects: If you eat a meal of salmon, olive oil, and plantains, you will feel full and nourished. But in addition, this meal will lower your bad cholesterol, increase your good cholesterol, and lower your blood pressure. These are all beneficial side-effects to this meal. In the same way, if you respond to God's appeal and drink the divine energized and empowered water, you will get a beneficial side effect - he will make a covenant with you to be merciful to you and faithfully love you. If God is merciful to you and loves you then you've got it made. That means, he will supply your needs, give you your heart's desires, protect you, heal you, and prosper you.

Conclusion

On Christmas day when you take your sparkling wine, eggnog, or any holiday drink, let the drink remind you that God is offering you special water that is divine energized and empowered. It is free of charge and he doesn't want you to spend any money on worthless water from false prophets. The false prophets' waters are not only worthless but also have demonizing side-effects. If you drink God's energized and empowered water, however, you will receive beneficial side-effects – a divine covenant of mercy and love. Why would you want something else?

Please, come to the waters and drink the divine energized and empowered water for free.