

TABERNACLES

Day 6 - Living Water & Light of the World

Introduction (to be read aloud by the patriarch)

Two great ceremonies marked the Feast of Tabernacles in the days of the temple. The first was the water-drawing ceremony, when priests carried water from the Pool of Siloam and poured it out at the altar while the people sang Isaiah's words: *"With joy shall ye draw water out of the wells of salvation"* (Isaiah 12:3). The second was the lighting of the great lamps in the temple courts, turning Jerusalem into a city of fire that declared God's glory to the nations.

On the final day of the feast, Jesus stood and declared: *"If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink"* (John 7:37). He fulfilled the water ceremony, promising the Holy Spirit as living water to all who believe. Shortly after, He also declared, *"I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life"* (John 8:12).

Today, our sukkah reminds us that Christ is both our water and our light. In Him we never thirst. In Him we never walk in darkness. The ceremonies of Tabernacles pointed to Him, and He is the fullness of all they foreshadowed. As we rejoice in our booths, we declare that the Messiah has come, and He is enough.

Scripture Reading (KJV)

Isaiah 12:2-3

2. *Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and not be afraid: for the Lord Jehovah is my strength and my song; he also is become my salvation.*
 3. *Therefore with joy shall ye draw water out of the wells of salvation.*
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Isaiah 60:1-3

1. *Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee.*

2. *For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people: but the Lord shall arise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen upon thee.*
 3. *And the Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising.*
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John 7:37–39

37. *In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink.*
 38. *He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.*
 39. *(But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.)*
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John 8:12

12. *Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.*
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John 9:4–5

4. *I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work.*
 5. *As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.*
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Revelation 22:1–5

1. *And he shewed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb.*
2. *In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, was there the tree of life, which bare twelve manner of fruits, and yielded her fruit every month: and the leaves of*

the tree were for the healing of the nations.

3. *And there shall be no more curse: but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it; and his servants shall serve him:*
 4. *And they shall see his face; and his name shall be in their foreheads.*
 5. *And there shall be no night there; and they need no candle, neither light of the sun; for the Lord God giveth them light: and they shall reign for ever and ever.*
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Reflection

The water ceremony was not just ritual. It was a prophecy. The people drew water and rejoiced, but Jesus stood up and cried out that He Himself is the living water. To drink of Him is to receive the Holy Spirit, overflowing and eternal.

The lighting of the temple was not just spectacle. It was a sign. The lamps illuminated Jerusalem, but Jesus declared that He is the true light, the one that scatters all darkness. To walk in Him is to never stumble in night again.

Tabernacles trains us to see through symbol into fulfillment. Christ is our drink. Christ is our light. Without Him, our booths are empty shadows. With Him, our feast is filled with glory.

Family Application / Activities

- Pour out a pitcher of water in your sukkah and read John 7:37–39 together. Explain that Christ gives the Spirit as living water.
 - Light a candle or lantern at night in the sukkah and read John 8:12. Rejoice that Jesus is the true light of the world.
 - As a family, sing a hymn about Christ as water or light (e.g., “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah” or “Jesus, the Light of the World”).
 - Pray together for unbelieving friends and family, that they may thirst for Christ and be drawn to His light.
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Discussion / Family Questions

For Young Children (Ages 5–8):

1. Who is the living water?
2. What happens if we drink from Jesus?
3. Who is the light of the world?

For Older Children / Teens (Ages 9–15):

1. Why did Jesus stand up and speak on the last day of the Feast of Tabernacles?
2. How does the Holy Spirit flow out of us like living water?
3. What does it mean to walk in the light instead of darkness?

For Adults:

1. How do the ceremonies of Tabernacles (water and light) point to Christ's fulfillment?
2. What role does the Holy Spirit play in making Jesus the "living water" in our lives?
3. How does Revelation's vision of eternal water and light connect back to the feast?

Hymn: Hark the herald angels sing, Jesus the light of the world

Author (stanzas): Charles Wesley; Author (refrain): George D. Elderkin

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Hark! the herald angels sing,
Jesus, the Light of the world;
glory to the newborn King,
Jesus, the Light of the world.

Refrain:

We'll walk in the light, beautiful light;

come where the dewdrops of mercy are bright,
shine all around us by day and by night,
Jesus, the Light of the world.

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Joyful, all ye nations, rise,
Jesus, the Light of the world;
join the triumph of the skies,
Jesus, the Light of the world.

[Refrain]

3

Christ, by highest heav'n adored,
Jesus, the Light of the world;
Christ, the everlasting Lord,
Jesus, the Light of the world.

[Refrain]

4

Hail the heav'n-born Prince of peace!
Jesus, the Light of the world.
hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Jesus, the Light of the world.

[Refrain]

 **Closing Prayer**

Lord Jesus,

You are the living water who quenches our thirst, and You are the light of the world who scatters all darkness. Teach us to drink deeply of Your Spirit and to walk daily in Your light. Let our family never be satisfied with empty rituals, but always see You as the fulfillment of every promise. May the water of life flow through us to bless others, and may Your light shine in us until the day when night is no more. We pray in Your holy name, Amen.