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Pastor's thought for the week.

Living Waters Flowing.

"He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water. (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.)" John 7:38 - 39

If you believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, you are a most blessed person. Blessed because God loved you before the foundation of the world, gave you as a gift to His Son Jesus Christ, sent His Son to die for you, Jesus died as your substitute and suffered your penalty for your sins. If you have in your spiritual heart believed this, you are saved and you are most blessed of all God's creation. This is not Baptist doctrine this is bible doctrine and that makes it Baptist doctrine. Jesus Himself said *"He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said..."* not as Baptist have said, not as John has said, not as anyone else has said, but as the bible has said. Jesus made it clear that the scriptures verified that He is the Saviour of mankind. The scriptures tell us repeatedly that salvation is only possible in Jesus Christ and none other. *"Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved."* Acts 4:12

Once saved then we are God's children, we are part of God's family that includes Jesus Christ His Son. God made us a promise, that He would never leave us or forsake us. Heb. 13:5c. Jesus said *"...out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water."* This is also verified by the scriptures, so what exactly does this mean? Jesus said in verse 39 that this flow of living waters is without question is the Holy Spirit. The "flow" of the living waters is the continual working of the Holy Spirit, it flows from our belly because our spirit is our inner man. This human spirit is where the Holy Spirit resides in us. This is from where these blessings of God flow, and it's a continual flow like a river. For those who believe on Jesus Christ as their Saviour God's blessings never stop, they continually flow like a living river. Praise God! Just as it is water satisfies our thirst and produces our godly fruit, so the Spirit of God satisfies the inner person and enables us to bear fruit. God's Holy Spirit given fruits, *"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law. And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts."* Galatians 5:22 – 24 God also said of our inner works, *"flowing like living water from our belly or inner spirit. God also said in For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light: (For the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness and*

righteousness and truth;) Proving what is acceptable unto the Lord. And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them." Ephesians 5:8 - 11 Every good thing, thought, or action is a gift from God by the workings and power of the Holy Spirit, it never ends because it is a continual flow like a river of water flowing. How wonderful and beautiful is our great God, Saviour, and Spiritual power? "For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods. In his hand are the deep places of the earth: the strength of the hills is his also. The sea is his, and he made it: and his hands formed the dry land. O come, let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the LORD our maker. For he is our God; and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand. To day if ye will hear his voice, Harden not your heart, as in the provocation, and as in the day of temptation in the wilderness: When your fathers tempted me, proved me, and saw my work." Psalms 95:3 - 9

"My yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

By A. W. Pink

"Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light." Matthew 11:28-30

"My yoke is easy, and my burden is light." This is not a poetic hyperbole, but the language of truth and soberness, and, therefore, is not to be denied or doubted. The Savior was there drawing a blessed contrast with the scribes and Pharisees, of whom He said, "For they bind heavy burdens and grievous to be borne, and lay them on men's shoulders; but they themselves will not move them with one of their fingers" (Mat 23:4). In order to gratify a domineering spirit, they usurped authority, and, by their inventions and traditions, removed liberties which God allowed, and imposed irksome injunctions which He had never enjoined. They demanded a greater strictness in the observing of the ceremonial law than the Lord did, obtruding severe tasks (under pain of heavy penalties), but offering no assistance unto those who submitted to their dictates. They were the false shepherds who ruled "with force and with cruelty" (Ezekiel 34:4). Such has ever characterized a carnal-priesthood. Now, in sharp and blessed opposition thereto, the great High Priest of God's people presents a yoke which is easy and a burden that is light — and places His everlasting arms beneath those who voluntarily take and wear the same.

Christ is no cruel Egyptian taskmaster, requiring men to make bricks without straw, but "a merciful and faithful high priest" (Heb 2:17), One who can be "touched with the feeling of our infirmities" (4:15). Therefore, it is not fetters and chains which He imposes upon His followers, but a yoke that is pleasant and a burden that is light. As others before us have pointed out, the Greek word rendered "easy" also signifies "good and gracious." So far from Christ's yoke being galling and painful — to the yielding neck it is benignant and delightful. It is designed not for our injury, but for our benefit.

The first reference in His "my yoke" and "my burden" is unto the one that Christ Himself wore and bore, and which He declared to be easy and light. And what did they consist of? Why, doing the Father's will, being about His Father's business. In that will He delighted (Psalm 40:8), and to do that business was what had brought Him down from Heaven to earth (Luke 2:49). Since His followers are predestined to be conformed unto His image, He requires that they should wear the yoke which He sets before them. Christ gives rest not in sin and unlawful pleasures — but from them, by engaging the heart with something infinitely better. It is rest, not in our lusts, but in Himself!

First, the Lord says, "Take My yoke upon you" (Mat 11:29). To take His yoke upon us is to enlist under His banner, to make a public profession of His Gospel, to surrender to His lordship.

"Learn of Me." To learn of Him is to take our place at His feet as little children to be instructed by Him. It is to submit ourselves wholly to His will, to obey His precepts, and to pattern our lives after His example.

Then, second, He assures us "For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light." That is the inducement to comply with His terms. By those words, each professing Christian reader should honestly and seriously examine himself. They afford a sure criterion by which we may test ourselves and ascertain whether or not we have really taken His yoke upon us.