

THERE IS A RIVER

Scripture: Psalm 46:4

Introduction

For nearly 2,000 years there has been a river which flowed from a hill called Golgotha. From Calvary has issued the torrents of God's grace--the unmerited favor--which has brought men from the depths of despair.

"There is a river, the streams whereof shall make glad the city of God...." The river of God's grace continues to flow, and its streams continue to give comfort to the despairing. Many and varied are these streams--here are a few:

I. The stream of divine provision

But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:19

- A. A supernatural supply--Exodus 16
 - 1. Israel in the wilderness
 - a. No food supply
 - b. Discouraged
 - 2. Manna supplied
- B. A continuing supply--I Kings 17
 - 1. The famine
 - 2. The widow's dire circumstance
 - a. Little food
 - 1. Handful of meal
 - 2. A little oil in a cruse
 - b. Preparing to eat last meal
 - 3. The promise

The barrel of meal shall not waste, neither shall the cruse of oil fail, until the day that the Lord sendeth rain upon the earth.

I Kings 17:14

I. The stream of divine provision

B. A continuing supply

4. The fulfillment

And the barrel of meal wasted not,
neither did the cruse of oil fail,
according to the word of the Lord,
which he spake by Elijah.

I Kings 17:16

C. An abundant supply--Matthew 14

1. Meager resources--Five loaves, two fishes

2. Divine blessing

3. Abundant ingathering

And they all did eat and were filled:
and they took up of the fragments that
remained twelve baskets full.

Matthew 14:20

II. The stream of divine protection

There shall no evil befall thee, neither
shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling.

For he shall give his angels charge over
thee, to keep thee in all thy ways.

Psalms 91:10-11

A. Elisha--II Kings 6

1. Syria's war with Israel

2. Elisha's predictions of their movements

3. City of Dothan surrounded

4. God's encircling care

And Elisha prayed and said, Lord,
I pray thee, open his eyes that he may
see. And the Lord opened the eyes of
the young man; and he saw: and, behold,
the mountain was full of horses and
chariots of fire round about Elisha.

II Kings 6:17

II. The stream of divine protection

B. Daniel in the lion's den

My God hath sent sent his angel, and hath shut the lions' mouths, that they have not hurt me.

Daniel 6:22

C. God's promises

1. The angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them.

Psalms 34:7

2. For the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show himself strong in the behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward him.

II Chronicles 16:9

III. The stream of divine healing

I will come and heal him

Matthew 8:6

A. The centurion's servant--Matthew 8

1. Servant sick of the palsy
2. The centurion's great faith

Speak the word only, and my servant shall be healed

3. The servant healed

B. The woman with the issue of blood--Mark 5

1. Her condition
 - a. Twelve years illness
 - b. Condition worsening
 - c. Money all spent

2. Her faith

If I may touch but his clothes, I shall be whole.

Mark 5:28

3. Her healing

And straightway the fountain of her blood was dried up; and she felt in her body that she was healed of the plague.

Mark 5:29

III. The stream of divine healing

C. Healing promised

Who his own self bare our sins in his own body that we, being dead to sins should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed.

I Peter 2:24

IV. The stream of salvation

And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved.

Acts 2:21

A. For all who will receive

B. A gift of God

But the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Romans 6:23

C. Purchased by Christ on Calvary

D. Terrible punishment to those who refuse

How shall we escape if we neglect so great salvation.

Hebrews 2:3

Of how much sorer punishment, suppose ye, shall he be thought worthy, who hath trodden under foot the Sson of God, and hath counted the blood of the covenant wherewith he was sanctified, an unholy thing, and hath done despite unto the Spirit of grace?

Hebrews 10:29

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