



COLD WATER *to a* *THIRSTY* *SOUL*

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“AS COLD WATER TO A THIRSTY SOUL, SO IS GOOD NEWS FROM A FAR COUNTRY”

(Proverbs 25:25)

HAVE YOU HEARD FROM HOME LATELY? Or have you written home to mom lately?

When Solomon the wise wrote this proverb, he probably had in mind a certain kind of good news, i.e., news of a son's success, a beloved daughter's wedding or friend, a healing of a sick person or a battle won. Those are important but there is something far greater in this verse than first meets the eye. This verse can be divided into four parts:

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| (1) Cold Water | (2) Thirsty Soul |
| (3) Good News | (4) Far Country |

Let us start with the thirsty soul in order to appreciate the cold water.

1. The Thirsty Soul

As the body thirsts to the physical water, so also the soul thirsts to another sort of water, the living water. The soul of the believer thirsts for God, for love, for joy, peace and eternity.

In Psalm 63:1, King David says, “O God, You are my God; Early will I seek You; My soul thirst for You.” Also he says, “As the deer pants for the water brooks, so pants my soul for You, O God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God” (Ps. 42:1,2). God calls all the sinners to come unto Him to find the real satisfaction, “Everyone who thirsts, come to the waters” (Isa. 55:1).

St. Augustine experienced this fact when he said, “O Lord, You have created us for Yourself, and our souls will stay restless till they find their rest in You.” The world can not satisfy our thirst with its material things and lusts of the flesh. Twice we read in the book of Exodus that the children of Israel thirsted and became weary. Once for the lack of water in Exodus 17, and in the other instance because of the bitterness of water in the area of Marah (Exodus 15). The remedy in both situations was Christ, the Rock and the Green Branch which represent the CROSS or the CRUCIFIED SAVIOR.

2. The Cold Water

The best gift you can give to a thirsty person in hot weather is a cup of cold water. The Lord Jesus Christ confirmed this fact when He said, “Whoever gives one of these little ones only a cup of cold water in the name of a disciple, assuredly, I say to you, he shall by no means lose his reward” (Matt. 10:42).

This cold, fresh and living water stands for the Holy Spirit (John 7:37,38). It points to the Word of God which can quench the thirst, cleanse the dirt, melt the rocky hearts and give fruit to the trees (Isa. 55:10,11).

3. The Good News

The Gospel of Christ is the real good news. The word gospel in Greek, literally means “Good News.” What other news could be better than the news of God’s love for you and I the sinners. What better news is there than the news of salvation, forgiveness, adoption and eternal life. “The gift of God is eternal life” (Romans 6:23). “For God so loved the

world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him will not perish, but will have eternal life" (John 3:16). "The angel of the Lord said to the shepherds, "I bring to you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people. For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord"(Luke 2:10,11).

4. The Far Country

This far country, from which the good news came to us, is not of this world, it is far remote and out of the universe. It is heaven itself. The New Jerusalem, the dwelling place of God with His saints (Rev. 21:1-4). It is the Holy City of Feasts where your eyes see the King of kings in His beauty and glory" (Isa. 33:17,20).

About this far land, St. Peter says, "Nevertheless, we, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells" (2 Peter 3:13). This is the far country which we look forward to and pray concerning daily saying, "Thy Kingdom come."

This is the far country which we became citizens of at baptism and live in hope to reach to.

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