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(Scriptures from KJV)

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- Or v.19 – *Go you therefore, and **disciple all nations.***
- God has given us a command to go - **all of us** not just the disciples!
- How is it possible to evangelise the whole world then?
- Jesus had the secret!

Luke 4:18-19

¹⁸ **The Spirit of the Lord is upon me**, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the broken hearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, ¹⁹ *To preach the acceptable year of the Lord.* (KJV)

- It is by and through the Holy Spirit – **He is the one** who does the work.
- It is done **by the Anointing – God on flesh doing only what God can do!**

DEFINITION - The anointing - poured on, rubbed into and smeared onto!

- To understand this we turn to Ezekiel a Jewish captive in Babylon more than 500 years before Christ – God often spoke to him in visions.

Ezekiel 40:1-4

¹ *In the five and twentieth year of our captivity, in the beginning of the year, in the tenth day of the month, in the fourteenth year after that the city was smitten, in the self-same day the hand of the Lord was upon me, and brought me there.* ² *In the visions of God brought he me into the land of Israel, and set me upon a very high mountain, by which was as the frame of a city on the south.* ³ *And he brought me there, and, behold, there was a man, whose appearance was like the appearance of brass, with a line of flax in his hand, and a measuring reed; and he stood in the gate.* ⁴ *And the man said unto me, Son of man, behold with thine eyes, and hear with thine ears, and set thine heart upon all that I shall show you; for to the intent that I might show them unto you art thou brought here: declare all that you see to the house of Israel.* (KJV)

Ezekiel saw this man measuring out a new temple that would be on the mountain in Jerusalem, where the Jews would someday worship God.

- He was instructed on its objects, laws and the actual sacrifices/worship.
- The man then led Ezekiel out of the north gate and around on the outside of the outer gateway which faced east toward the Jordan river.
- There Ezekiel could see the water running out on the right side of the Temple.

Ezekiel 47:1-7

¹ *Afterward he brought me again unto the door of the house; and, behold, waters issued out from under the threshold of the house eastward: for the forefront of the house stood toward the east, and the waters came down from under from the right side of the house, at the south side of the altar.* ² *Then brought he me out of the way of the gate northward, and led me about the way without unto the utter gate by the way that looks eastward; and, behold, there ran out waters on*



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the right side. ³ And when the man that had the line in his hand went forth eastward, he measured a thousand cubits, and he brought me through the waters; **the waters were to the ankles.** ⁴ Again he measured a thousand, and brought me through the waters; **the waters were to the knees.** Again he measured a thousand, and brought me through; **the waters were to the loins.** ⁵ Afterward he measured a thousand; and it was a river that I could not pass over: **for the waters were risen, waters to swim in, a river that could not be passed over.** ⁶ And he said unto me, Son of man, hast thou seen this? Then he brought me, and caused me to return to the brink of the river. ⁷ Now **when I had returned, behold, at the bank of the river were very many trees on the one side and on the other.** (KJV)

Notice that Ezekiel was taken from dry land into the water of this glorious river – a picture of the life-giving flood of the Holy Spirit.

- From the dryness and deadness of cold religion into the swirling reality of the Holy Spirit.
- From before salvation to being “born again.”

2. Ankle Deep is Gods Minimum.

4 times the angel carefully measured 1,000 cubits, leading the man of God in degrees (of progression).

The first stage Ezekiel was brought into were waters that were ankle deep.

- Direct contact with the Holy Spirit is wonderful, but do not stop there.
- Do not settle for Gods minimum when there is more.
- It is good advice not to follow a parked car – somebody who is not going anywhere.
- Do not follow people, a church or a pastor that are parked here.
- Do not compare yourself with other people who are not even in ankle deep water – compare yourself with a depth that you can go to!

Many people have a great potential in God but never get out of the baby’s splash pool – it must be difficult swim in 10 cms of water.

- Charles Haddon Spurgeon wrote: “Some Christians sail their boat in such low spiritual waters that the keel scrapes on the bottom all the way to heaven, instead of being carried on a floodtide.”
- Many people “do-it-yourself” and then sprinkle their works with some prayer.
- Jesus commands to launch out into the deep Luke 5:4.
- Jesus promised that we would do greater works that He because He would send the Holy Spirit – John 14:12-17.
- That means He would do the work – His power, His anointing.

The normal Christians life is this – “He shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water” Psalm1:3.

- **The success of the Christian is in the fullness of the Holy Spirit!**
- Once you are in the flood- stream you will change!

3. God has a Personal Approach.

Why did the man only measure 1,000 cubits at a time?

- Sometimes we want to jump in at the 4,000 cubits position.
- God knows each of us are at different positions of spiritual growth, and He will never throw us into the deep end so that we might drown, He knows that our spiritual growth takes time.
- The angel was instructed to first “measure” then move – God measures our individual ability – and then leads us.
- The Lord brings us along gently and not to rush in brashly – that way we do not get cold feet or big heads.

4. Learning to Swim.

Do you know what it means to swim?

- When you are swimming you are in another element, and a **new law operates.**
- You have to let go and rest fully upon the waters (of the River). Those waters **carry you or support you.**



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- Swimming in the natural takes the stress off you for the water carries you, the water does the work – in the same way when I am swimming in the Holy Spirit, He lifts me, He carries me – **He does the work.**
- You are handicapped if you only rely upon yourself, your energy, your ability – learn to be in the glorious river of God being borne along by the Holy Spirit – these are the waters in which God intends for you to float.

Do not walk along beside the river when you can float along in Him!

- We are not to endure, but to enjoy our Christian life.
- Remember Ezekiel – God will lead you from minimum to maximum.

5. A River of Life.

Rev.22:1

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. (KJV)*

- Rivers flow – there is a constant freshness because it never has the same water.

6. A River of Power.

Have you ever watched a full flowing river – there is much power in the waters, enough to move huge objects, rivers know no boundaries or can be restricted by Mans efforts.

- In this vision, Ezekiel swam in deeper waters and all who discover this secret will have their lives and ministries changed.
- Make sure that you are baptized in the Holy Spirit, then you can enter the river and swim in Him.
- The Apostle Paul said that he was going from “faith to faith” and “from glory to Glory” (Rom.1:17; 2 Cor.3:18).

7. The Surprise That Followed.

Once we have been in the river, the river will be in us – those “rivers of living water” will be springing up within our hearts.

- The experience had transformed the prophet of God.
- At the end of the river experience, there was a surprise waiting for him.

Ezekiel 47:7

⁷ *When I returned, there, along the bank of the river, were very many trees on one side and the other. (NKJV)*

Ezekiel saw something that was not there when he entered the river, he saw – TREES!

- This is the great truth of the chapter: **while God changed Ezekiel in His River**, He was changing the whole landscape around Ezekiel at the **Same time – Conditions change with anointed people and anointed churches.**
- God showed Ezekiel that He can do within seconds, what people have not been able to do in many years.
- This is our faith for today!

Zech.4:6

⁶ *Then he answered and spoke unto me, saying, This is the word of the Lord unto Zerubbabel, saying, **Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, says the Lord of hosts.** (KJV)*

- When you learn to flow in and with the Holy Spirit, you will be surprised at what will do.

8. Divine Energy.

While Ezekiel was discovering the depth of the River of the Holy Spirit God had planted and grown the trees in no time – He is the creator of time and He can shrink it whenever He wants to.



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Ezekiel 47:12

¹² *And by the river upon the bank thereof, on this side and on that side, shall grow all trees for meat, whose leaf shall not fade, neither shall the fruit thereof be consumed: it shall bring forth new fruit according to his months, because their waters they issued out of the sanctuary: **and the fruit thereof shall be for meat (food), and the leaf thereof for medicine.** (KJV)*

- All of a sudden the man of God was in partnership with the Holy Spirit, not doing his own thing, but being co-laborer with God.
- This is how our world will be won for the Lord **through Holy Spirit evangelism.**
- ***This begins when we are obedient to the promptings of the Holy Spirit and follow Him out into the depths, where there are waters in which to swim.***

9. In Our Element.

The Christian who is not in the river of the Holy Spirit is out of his element.

- We are not called to be desert dwellers.
- We move in Him and live in Him

Acts 17:28.

²⁸ *For in him we live, and move, and have our being; as certain also of your own poets have said, For we are also his offspring. (KJV)*

- You can not expect to live a successful Christian life if you are not in the Spirit, for that is how God arranged for you to live.

Ps.91:1

¹ *He that dwells in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. (KJV)*

When we are in the Spirit we are unconquerable, invulnerable, going from victory to victory, our life hid with Christ in God.

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Believers not doing their own thing, but being co-laborers with God, in partnership with the Holy Spirit!

Jesus is Lord!