

**Chapter 1 : The LGBTQ Movement and Christianity (Its Threat and Our Response): Part 1**

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Psalm part 1 Have you ever been reading the Word when something you have read before suddenly jumps out at you, God shines His light on it, and you gain a much deeper understanding of it? As I was reading Psalm this morning, it was like I was reading it for the first time even though it was underlined and starred already! Father, I pray for deep insight into the Word today. I pray You would fill me with a Spirit of wisdom and understanding. I pray that You would open the eyes of my heart. But, it has sections of praise of different people, for different reasons. He can deceive us and lead us into areas of bondage. The passage that I want to begin with is actually the second group of people in the psalm, but as I read it, it pierced my heart because I saw myself in this group, and so many other Christians. So He subjected them to bitter labor; they stumbled, and there was no one to help. He brought them out of darkness and the deepest gloom and broke away their chains. Let them give thanks to the LORD for His unfailing love and His wonderful deeds for men, for He breaks down gates of bronze and cuts through bars of iron. There is so much packed in just this passage! All through it, the writer of Proverbs will offer two ways- the way of the wise and the way of the fool- the way of good or the way of the rebellious. One of my favorite verses in Jeremiah Plans to prosper you and not to harm you. They had been following after idols and He wants to draw them back to His heart. Sometimes I will try to call every one of my friends on the phone, but God will make sure no one is home!! It is only the trouble that finally breaks my rebellious heart! He saves us from it! He sets us free! Thank God He has cut through the bars of iron around my stubborn heart! He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners. He does not want us to be captives!

*The answer is that the root cause of suffering and the reason we suffer is sin. I want to take you back to the Garden of Eden. I want to give you a simple proof that suffering is due to sin and that sin is the root cause.*

Survival Water Filtration, Purification, and Disinfection Methods continued Without water, survival is impossible, even if you have a storage facility filled with bullets, bandaids , beans , and batteries. In parts 2 and 3 of this article series, I thoroughly covered both professional drilled and hand dug wells. But once you have access to the water, you need to be sure it is safe to drink. So, in Part 4, we began looking at methods for survival water filtration, purification, and disinfection. We looked at boiling, building your own distillery, and two water filter systems—the Sawyer Mini and Web-Tex in-line filters. Today, we will wrap up this article series with more options for filtering, purifying, and disinfecting water in a survival situation. The LifeStraw is primarily meant to be used to suck water directly from water sources, but some models can be set up to gravity filter water using a water bladder. It weighs two ounces and is almost nine inches long, which is significantly larger than the Sawyer Mini and slightly longer than the Web-Tex. The LifeStraw is rated to filter roughly gallons and uses a hollow membrane filter to remove bacteria and protozoa. This is the same as the Sawyer Mini filter. Cleaning the Filter Much like the Sawyer, it is recommended to blow clean water back through the filter the opposite way of the flow to remove particles that build up along the hollow membranes. Cleaning the filter by blowing clean water back through it is a great way to extend the life of this filter. Water That is Free of Silt and Mud It is also recommended, with any of these three filters, to draw water that is free of silt and mud. This can be done by simply filtering the water initially through a handkerchief or rag before using the store-bought filter Note on the LifeStraw There is one note on the LifeStraw. This filter will not remove chemicals, herbicides, pesticides, and viruses. Below are the supplies you will need: One empty plastic two-liter bottle 2 cups of sand 2 cups of activated charcoal 1 coffee filter or handkerchief 1 pocket knife 2 feet of wire, string, or paracord Steps For Build Your Portable Water Filter Using a pocket knife, puncture a small hole or slit in the cap of the 2-liter bottle for the filtered water to escape through. Unscrew the lid to the 2-liter bottle of soda and cover the threads and mouth of the lid with the coffee filter or handkerchief. Screw the lid back over the threads to firmly secure the coffee filter or handkerchief over the opening of the bottle. The remaining ten percent can act as a hinge to keep the base connected in case you want to use it as a lid for your water filter. This lid can be taped closed to keep the sand, pebbles, and charcoal secure while transporting the filter. Pour two cups of activated charcoal into the newly opened base of the soda bottle, so that an inch or two of the charcoal completely covers the handkerchief or coffee filter. You can use charcoal remnants from a regular campfire, if that is all that is available; however, activated charcoal will be much more effective at absorbing toxins in the water. Activated charcoal has been treated to be extremely porous in order to absorb and trap a wide variety of toxins. You can buy activated charcoal online or make it at home. After the charcoal has been poured in, level it out by shaking the bottle back and forth slightly so it creates an even layer of charcoal. Then repeat this process with the fine sand and again with the pea gravel. Once the layers are even, you can cut two small holes on either side of the bottle near where the base was cut open. Use your string, wire, or paracord to hang this filter off of a tree branch so that the screw top lid is closest to the ground. Dirty water can be poured into the sliced opening and will filter through the layers of rock, sand, activated charcoal, and coffee filter. The water will then drip out of the slit at the bottom of the cap and can be collected in an open sterile container. This method of filtration will greatly increase the chances of removing bacteria and chemicals from your drinking water. Many hikers and outdoors enthusiasts alike appreciate how simple and light water purification tablets are. When used properly, these tablets can last years and can make bacteria ridden water safe to drink. In addition, it is important to be aware of some of the health impacts that can stem from using these chemicals in large doses or for long periods of time. Having this skill set can keep your family from making potentially harmful mistakes when using emergency water disinfection methods. Chlorine Dioxide Tablets Chlorine dioxide tablets are generally regarded as the most effective of the three main chemical purification methods. They can treat cryptosporidium, viruses, and bacteria. However, they can

not remove chemicals and turbidity. Also, it takes these around four hours to properly purify drinking water. They can be stored for roughly five years, if properly kept in packaging, and can be used in place of iodine for those individuals who may have an allergy or thyroid problems. Chlorine Tablets Chlorine tablets can treat the Giradia Lamblia parasite. Yet, they can not remove cryptosporidium, chemicals, or turbidity. Out of the three most common chemical purification tablets, chlorine tends to work the fastest, but be sure to follow the usage instructions on the packaging. Chlorine treated water can become contaminated again over time, if the treated water is not used because the chemical will eventually evaporate allowing the bacteria to regrow in the stored water. Furthermore, chlorine can be used in place of iodine for those individuals who may have an allergy or thyroid problems. Iodine Tablets Iodine tablets can treat the Giradia Lamblia parasite, but they can not treat cryptosporidium, chemicals, turbidity, or viruses. It takes roughly 30 minutes to purify 75 degree water. Iodine will take longer to purify the colder the water. For example, it takes around a full hour to adequately purify water that is 45 degrees. Using Iodine will alter the taste of the water you are purifying; however, you can use Iodine Neutralizer tablets to counterbalance the taste. A small amount of table salt and products high in vitamin C, such as Tang , can also be used to drastically improve the taste of iodine in the drinking water. Make sure to add these products after the water has been purified. Notes on Iodine Tablets Iodine is necessary for thyroid function. Too much iodine can cause complications with the thyroid and cause conditions such as hypothyroidism, which prevents the thyroid gland from producing important hormones the body needs. Be sure to follow the directions on the packaging indicating how many tablets should be used to purify the desired amount of water. Women who are pregnant or over the age of 50 or persons with an allergy to shellfish should avoid using iodine as a purification method, as it will likely cause complications to the thyroid or stimulate an allergic reaction. Iodine tablets should be kept in a dark cool container as exposure to sun can damage their effectiveness. Additionally, it is important follow the instructions that explain the effective time frame of the tablets as they tend to expire quickly after opening. Ultimate Guide to Water Purification Tablets , Princeton University OA guide to water purification House Liquid Bleach To Disinfect Water Although the tablets listed above are the preferred method of chemical disinfection, regular unscented household liquid bleach can be used to help purify water if no other sources are readily available. If the water in question is particularly cloudy or turbid, let the water settle and filter the water. Directions For Using Liquid Bleach To Disinfect Water The dosage chart below illustrates the appropriate amount of chlorine drops for creating up to eight gallons of purified drinking water. This dosage chart is intended to be used for room temperature water. However, if the water is cold, double the amount of drops, as chlorine is less effective in lower temperatures. Using a clean eye dropper or teaspoon, mix in household bleach that has been kept for under a year in a cool, dry place. Stir in the bleach to the clean room temperature water, and let the mixture sit for 30 minutes before use. To test the chlorine PPM , there are inexpensive and easy to use test strips. The SenSafe test strips have worked well for me.

**Chapter 3 : Jesus and the Thirsty Soul Part 1 – Back to Basics**

*Beth Moore | To Hunger and Thirst for God, part 1 | Christian Videos From the "Awaken Now" conference, Beth explains how dissatisfaction may be a sign that God wants something new in your life.*

It includes the reconciliation of racially torn communities; it includes the restoration of the single mother struggling to make ends meet. What does that mean? Well, if God rules all things in order to display His name in all the earth Habakkuk 2: Our Lord makes this point in John The telos of all our prayers must be that the beauties of God—the glory of God—fill our hearts and fill the hearts of other. In prayer, we seek to behold the beauty of God and so be transformed by it. What does this actually look like, on the ground? I think it looks like Jesus. It looks like a Jewish man in the garden, sweating drops of blood and yet saying for the joy set before Him! It looks like Jesus stealing away to be alone with God. Mark 1 In prayer, we pour through the Scriptures asking God to show us His glory so that we can reflect His glory. In prayer, we ask God to come through in this way or that way so that He might show His beauty. In other words, prayer admits that it is out of our affections since the heart is the location of the treasures Matt 6: The one who prays admits their own weakness to see God adequately or manifest His name. Prayer is to be done to this goal. He frequently takes evangelicals to task, and rightly calls out evangelical culture for not loving the world or caring for people. Should you do the former for the sake of the latter? He quotes Amos 5 to demonstrate this: I hate, I despise your feast days, and I will not smell in your solemn assemblies. Though ye offer me burnt offerings and your meat offerings, I will not accept them: Take thou away from me the noise of thy songs; for I will not hear the melody of thy viols. But let judgment run down as waters, and righteousness as a mighty stream. In other words, these people worship and offer burnt offerings while missing the entire point. Am I reading into the text? In Mark 7, Jesus quotes Isaiah against the Pharisees. And many such things you do. What you really love will manifest in how you act. What is it that leads to the hypocrisy of the Pharisees, who surely perform all the religious rituals? Go be with the vulnerable, religious bigots! Rather, prayer expresses our desire to see and savor and manifest God. If the telos of all righteousness is the glory and praise of God Philippians 1: And so Matt is right to say that prayer expresses our inability to change the world. It is the expression of our complete weakness to change the world or deal with its evils. It is the total surrender of the imposition of our will onto God or His world. Prayer both forges our hearts into God-centered chambers of affection, and empowers us to reflect the God we adore. As we pray, may God make it increasingly so! May God make His church the kinds of people who love all that He is, and long to see Him displayed in everything. May we thirst so strongly to see God glorified that we cannot be satisfied until we see Living Water go forth everywhere. And as ones who pray, may we always ask in longing groaning to see this happen. May we come thirsty for a drink only God can satisfy; the drink that He alone is.

**Chapter 4 : Blessed are the Thirsty, Part 1 - Times of Refreshing by Bill Crouch - ChristianRadio**

*According to Colossians , Romans , Ephesians and other texts, God has created the world for His glory. What does that mean? What does that mean? In a nutshell, the glory of God is the display of who He is.*

Within the Reformed fold specifically, it is Peter Leithart who sometime around began peddling the notion that the Church fathers such as Origen, Cyril, Lactantius, Cyprian, Tertullian, Athanasius, Augustine, et al. And per this revolutionary hagiography, he insists Christianity is to be understood as originating in and built natively upon African spirituality: Read that title again. Understand what is in the offering here: Adopted seemingly overnight without a scintilla of circumspection, we witness now its implications and their implementation. This inversion of historical narrative necessarily portends revision of all areas of theology. For instance, corollary to this new Afrocentric ecclesiology, Ken Ham has introduced the theory that Adam and Eve were dark Brown to Black in color. They are clearly Africans. His outfit the preeminent creationist ministry today is promulgating the notion not only that the African type is prototypical Man, but also that Whiteness is presumed to denote the mark of Cain! So the fair European phenotype is cast as the symbol of murder. Accordingly, we see this paradigm shift is even now beginning to work its way into Bible translation; specifically, the passage quoted at the top of this piece “1 Samuel David had a dark, healthy complexion and was handsome. It posits a diametrically opposite vision of David from the one known heretofore. The assumption that one can know God without knowing blackness is the basic heresy of the white churches. They want God without blackness, Christ without obedience, love without death. Whiteness, as revealed in the history of America, is the expression of what is wrong with man. God cannot be white even though white churches have portrayed him as white. When we look at what whiteness has done to the minds of men in this country, we can see clearly what the New Testament meant when it spoke of the principalities and powers. To speak of Satan and his powers becomes not just a way of speaking but a fact of reality. When we can see a people who are controlled by an ideology of whiteness, then we know what reconciliation must mean. The coming of Christ means a denial of what we thought we were. It means destroying the white devil in us. Reconciliation to God means that white people are prepared to deny themselves whiteness , take up the cross blackness and follow Christ black ghetto. Though entirely foreign to historic Christianity, this Afrocentric paradigm is being adopted now by the same denominations absent cursory examination or circumspection. Which is really the only explanation for their collective amnesia: Which I shall prove in the case of John Piper in an upcoming article. But behold now the unfolding implications of this new Afrocentric Christianity: African biblicism has arisen because of the revolutionary impact of vernacular Bible translations. Mbiti says, When the translation is first published, especially that of the New Testament and more so of the whole Bible, the church in that particular language area experiences its own Pentecost. The church is born afresh, it receives the Pentecostal tongues of fire. Africans have no use for the pansy Jesus of modern liberalism. They want a savior with the testosterone to fight for them. No pale Galileans need apply. My jaw drops every time I read that portion. So the African Christianity he holds forth here is one which sees itself as having a racial and religious mandate against White Christians and orthodox Christendom, generally. And this anti-White sentiment, he assures us, is the real Christianity “the empowerment of Africans to overcome White Christians! Which is all a little too coincidentally confluent with the ethos and eschatology of our zeitgeist. In fact, this is the very thing of which Kinists stand so wrongly accused and by the very same Alienists preaching race war on Whites! Just the opposite, Kinists hold that God demands as a matter of Christian love, that we are to honor the bounds and belongings of other peoples. Meantime, Leithart, the African religion which he lauds, and the Alienist convivium are preaching just such a tribal deity. Whence comes such an onus? Aside from the bald assertion that unless we acquiesce to Afrocentric charismata with its overtly anti-White ethos, yield the rewrite of the Christian history and faith, the dispossession of our children, and genocide, we are damned. We could laugh to tears at all of this nonsense if not for the fact that it is actually being taken seriously within the majority of the churches at present. Which of course raises the question of whether or not these people can be considered Christian in any sense of the word. In part 2 we shall quench this strange fire.

**Chapter 5 : Prayer: The Language of the Thirsty (Part 1) – Pursuing God's Thoughts**

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August 28, As a prepper who has lived in an off-the-grid home in the arid southwest desert for the past 20 plus years, I am no stranger to the challenges of obtaining safe and reliable sources of water. My family and I have used a professionally drilled well for our water. However, the unfortunate reality is that the water table in our region is dwindling. Years of historic drought in our area, coupled with the significant increase in the population, have made it apparent that water scarcity will continue to be a growing issue. I wrote this article to hopefully inspire you all who also live where water is scarce to consider the importance of planning for clean drinking water. This applies even after the collapse of our modern water infrastructure. Water is Life Without access to clean drinking water, survival is impossible. Survival Time Without Rehydrating The average healthy human will die after three to six days without rehydrating, because water is life. Now, if you add physical exertion from activities, such as, running, hiking, building, and fighting, that time frame for survival without rehydrating can drop significantly. If environmental stressors are added to the equation, such as extreme heat or extreme cold, that timeline can drop to as little as one day. Amount of Water Required Daily The amount of water required daily by each person varies. Ultimately, it is important to realize that roughly eight glasses of water a day is a good average to strive for. However, some individuals will require more, while others may need less. A good general rule is to drink whenever you feel thirsty, and if you are going to be doing physical labor then you need to drink much more often than if you are sedentary. How Much Water Required in Daily Life It is somewhat easy to lose sight of just how much water we require in our daily life. We use water every time we wash our clothes, hands, cars, dishes, and bodies. Every time we cook food, clean the house, and brush our teeth, we require water. Now obviously, during a catastrophic collapse, some of these amenities can fall by the wayside but only to a certain extent. If we lose the ability to wash ourselves and the food we intake, then we can quickly run into serious risks to our health. This series of articles are aimed towards getting you to think about how you can adequately supply yourself and your family with clean drinking water for as long as necessary. These articles will cover a variety of water related topics, including well building, water purification, filtration, and disinfection. Although this article will discuss the capabilities of certain products and how to build your own, it is important to realize that this article is not a paid endorsement of these products. It is simply a collection of information gathered from my own personal use and the use of our prepping group. Location, Location, Location Water is undeniably one of the fundamental components necessary for our survival. Therefore, it is critical that we position ourselves in a way that ensures we have access to it when the normal utilities we use are no longer functioning. The average four-person family uses 12, gallons of water a month! That is enough gallon jugs to fill an entire two car garage. So, we must ask ourselves, do we have enough space to store water for as long as we may need it? In all honesty, this is a trick question, because no one can predict how long we may be without traditional water services. In a routine disaster, it may be anywhere from a few hours to a few days. However, in a truly catastrophic event, it may be weeks, months, or years until services are restored. Mentioning this is not with the intention of discouraging you from storing large volumes of water. It is simply to recognize that there is a real possibility that the average prepping family may not be able to rely on stored water alone to adequately service their needs in a long-term disaster or collapse. Dedicated Water Sources Ideally, you should deliberately choose to live relatively close to a dedicated water source, such as a stream, spring, lake, well, aquifer, or even a place that has consistent and regular precipitation. Although this is not always feasible, it is an important consideration when choosing your next home, cabin, or compound. It may also be worth doing research about what waterways are in close proximity to your home, to see what potential challenges you may have with purifying and transporting the water to where it will be used. Well Drilling Before running out and hiring a drilling company, it is important to do some research on the area that you would like to start a well. This is because there are a myriad of factors that can determine the viability of a well in that location. Hydrogeology

Now well drilling experts will refer to the term hydrogeology, which ultimately means the study of the groundwater. It is highly recommended that you put time and effort into familiarizing yourself with the hydrogeology of the area in which you would like a well, because depending on where you live, the geological conditions can be vastly different. Without proper research, it is easy to spend thousands of dollars drilling a professional well without ever finding a drop of clean water.

**Well Contaminants** It is important to note that not all groundwater will be naturally clean, and so it is critical to make sure your well site is not near or down hill of potential contaminants. These can include septic systems, chemical storage areas, heavy metal deposits, recent flood areas, live stock farms, and even underground salt water seepage, for those of you who are planning on digging near coastal areas.

**Finding Clean Groundwater** Since the hydrogeological conditions will vary in your specific region, it is important to get help from experts, if you can. Local, county, and state geologists will be your best bet for obtaining detailed information about the conditions existing in your area. They should be able to provide you with guidance on where the safest as well as most abundant source of groundwater is. For more information on water tables, different types of wells, the effects of wells, and regional U. S. Maps of groundwater levels, you can visit the United State Geological Survey website. Although the information is more generalized, they can provide real time information on water tables throughout the continental United States. Many times, they can give you insight on the geological and hydrogeological conditions present in your region, and often this information is provided for free. Additionally, if you have the funds, it may be worth hiring a hydrologist expert to survey your land to give you the best shot at finding a clean and accessible water table.

**Methods and Techniques Used to Find Groundwater** There are many methods and techniques used to find groundwater. Arguably the most reliable methods of them are the ones that are scientifically proven, such as using topography, test hole drilling, and the study of geological formations. However, there are some methods, such as Dowsing, which should be approached with a healthy dose of skepticism. Tomorrow, we will continue to go over more methods and techniques used for finding groundwater as well as continue with the information of how to go about obtaining a well, including legalities, so that you and your family can have water in the event that normal services discontinue.

**Chapter 6 : \*Gospel-driven Disciples: Are You Thirsty? (Part 1)**

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And walk in love, as Christ also has loved us and given Himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling aroma. Its a self-sacrificing love that endures personal pain and seeks the benefit of the other person. Its a word picked by the New Testament writers to distinguish the love of God from other loves, even parental love or affection. This kind of Love is not an option. A life which manifests NO love for others is a life where the seed of God is not germinating. The basic motivations of such a person are all wrong. A person whose principle motivations are to make a name for themselves, to feed their pride, to satisfy their fleshly longings, or their desire for more stuff is a person who is living according to the flesh. Its one thing to know that God demands the fruit of love from us " but how do you do it? I know for many years my life was totally devoid of the love of God, even though I was brought up with the Bible in a good Christian home. Even after encountering the reality of God it was a slow process to learn to walk in the love of God, and I am still learning. The first step to walking in the love of God, is to be born again and receive a new nature from God, which is able to love. That step is vital. If you are not born again, you can be born again simply by calling upon the name of Jesus, asking Him to save you and make you a new person, trusting in His sacrifice of Himself for you, and his resurrection, and giving your life to Him. Once born again, we still need a lot of change before we are really walking in love. The programming of our brain does not cause us to react in love. There is an ongoing process of sanctification which we must embrace if we are going to walk in love, as God requires us to. Although our spirits are made new when we are born again, our minds are not " they need to be renewed also, by an application of the Word of God to our lives. We are not originators of this God-kind of love. We have to receive it first. We must know it experientially, then we can give it out. We find healing from God as we realise that in Christ, God truly accepts us. And with our sins taken away through the atonement of Christ, God actually has a real pleasure in us. He wants us to respond to His love. Its a work of the Holy Spirit to come to know this love. We cannot achieve this knowledge of God by striving, by trying to, or anything like that. What can make this hard for us is when our hearts are hardened and crusted over by layers of pride, cynicism, anger, selfishness and unbelief. This can be happening even when we are not conscious of it. I know from my own experience. It can take a work of God to soften a hard heart. It takes a work of God to heal a heart that has been hurt by rejection over the years. But God can do it, and does do it. Instead, just talk honestly with God. And talk out loud. This helps a lot. Tell Him how you feel. Invite Him to work in your life. It may not happen immediately. He may be talking to you about forgiving others first. Respond to what he shows you, and in time, He will reveal His love to you personally. Even though this verse has a definite financial application, I believe it applies also to all our emotional needs as well. We need to trust that God will give us what we need in terms of companionship and love. Even if there is no human being who gives us this, God Himself can truly satisfy our hearts. Jesus truly is both the bread of life and the water of life. This is true even for single people wanting a spouse. If you are single, God is able to satisfy the longing of your heart until such time as he is ready to give you a good spouse. But you need to go after God in prayer and with meditation on the Word, and the cross also, if you want to know this fulfilment in reality. God does not allow us to be tempted beyond what we are able to endure, in terms of loneliness and sexual longing 1 Corinthians His plan is good for us. He requires us to be pure in heart while we wait. But we need to make sure we are looking to HIM for the provision, and not in other directions. Because if we are looking elsewhere " to ourselves or to others, we will be miserable. The true love of God will enable us to give ourselves in joyful service to God and others even while we are still waiting for the right partner. When we truly have our security in the Lord, and we know that He will provide our material needs as well while we follow Him, we are then freed to think about others, and how we can bless them. When this consideration translates to actions of kindness, a joy is released in our life that surprises us. And many unexpected blessings of favor and goodness tend to come our way also, as we begin to be released from the tyranny of selfishness and pride. The love of

God is closely related to doing the commandments of God see John Jesus said that the things we do for others we are doing to Him. In Matthew 25, Jesus said of those who visited the sick, visited the prisoners, fed the hungry and thirsty, and clothed the naked in their life " that they did these things for him. So what we do counts " if it is done in faith and love! In the gospels, Jesus keeps emphasising the idea of doing good to those who cannot repay us back. Many times worldly people will show kindness and favor to those they hope to receive something back from in the future. This is not the love of God. Jesus told us that when we put on a banquet, we should invite the poor, the blind, the lame, the crippled " those who will never be able to repay us " and then we will be repayed by God at the resurrection of the righteous. Its is possible to give thing to people without showing love. If by our attitude we show that we really hate being with the people we are serving, this is not love. If we are impatient with them, or gloomy, there are defects in our love walk. May God help us to show mercy with cheerfulness, as the Scripture says! Family Life We need to show the love of God in our families. Love can be expressed in different ways. Two very important ways that we can show love is through words of affirmation, and through acts of service. Words of affirmation can rekindle hope and confidence in a person who has suffered blows in life. They are also needed by people who do well. We need words of affirmation to spur us on to greater levels of fruitfulness and achievement. Acts of service are important. It can mean a lot to parents for children to volunteer to do the dishes, or to vacuum the floor. Many wives need the practical help of their husbands at times. If the husband is always pursuing his own interests and not helping his wife, this is not an expression of the love of God. Normally it is women who show far more of the character of God than men, through their unselfish acts of service. Many women feel emotionally alone and abandoned by their spouses. They need someone to tell their story to. Sometimes it can take years before the story of past hurts is fully told. Men need the love of God to listen and be there for their wives. And sometimes, the giving of flowers is exactly what a woman needs. We need to be quick to ask forgiveness of one another if we fail and get angry or irritated with one another. We are to forgive one another if we have a complaint against one another. This is a Huge Topic More ought to be written on this theme of walking in love, and I hope to do so as the Lord enables me. Its a challenging area to write on, because it deals with personal character, and not simply giftedness. May God help us to abide in Jesus, and be renewed in the spirit of our minds, so we can better express the love of God in every area of life in which we are involved.

**Chapter 7 : Ten Eye-Opening Spirituality Books for Christians – Part 1**

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The lion answered this only by a look and very low growl. As Jill gazed at its motionless bulk, she realized that she might as well have asked the whole mountain to move aside for her convenience. The delicious rippling noise of the stream was driving her nearly frantic. Jill was so thirsty now that, without noticing it, she had come a step nearer the lion. It just said it. Thirst is one of the most powerful spiritual symbols in all of scripture. As dehydration draws the whole of our physical being to a longing for water, so a spiritual void will draw our spirits into a search for deeper meaning for our lives. This world is full of those who are thirsty. And yes, if we go to the stream we will be devoured, or consumed by God. I would rather be consumed now by a thirst that can be satisfied by God than to come to the end of my life and be eternally consumed by a thirst that will never be satisfied. We must capture that type of spiritual thirst! We must thirst and long for God and for spiritual living! Genuine believers find satisfaction in God This is a good reminder for us all that we as believers are to develop absolute confidence in God during times of trouble by longing, or thirsting for His presence in worship. Therefore I propose to you this morning that the love of God compels genuine believers to develop confidence in God through a passionate thirst for God. So, we have to ask ourselves, how does David depict his passionate thirst for God? David seeks God in his most desperate time of need. David is not look for some symbol, his is not looking for some system, and David is not looking for some type of substitute. David is looking for his God. David has had a relationship with God and he is seeking to continue in that relationship. David is seeking or searching for His God very zealously. What do you think of when you hear the word zealous? He is intense and passionate. His desire is itemized, in other words, David lists the specific object he is earnestly or passionately searching for. It is a desert. It has large amounts of desert land and they are very hot and dry, especially in the summer. Anyone who travels in these areas, especially in the wilderness are experience a parching thirst. You know the kind? This is the kind of thirst that drives men mad. It makes men crazy. The very same way that a thirsty man craves water describes the way David craves or desires God. Picture in your mind – a man is in the desert. It is hot and he is walking in the searing heat. The sun beats down on him without mercy: He is sick for God – David is literally love – sick in his soul. Let me ask you – does this describe your desire for your God? Do you have such an intense thirst for God that can be described as a man in the desert who is parched and dry and ready to faint unless he gets some water? What do you suppose he meant? Soul and flesh are used to denote the whole person of David. By using these two principle parts of ma David is saying that his whole being went out after God in an intense desire. The sincerity of his desire was shown by the fact that it was simply an intellectual desire or even an emotional desire, his was a desire that involved the entire being of David, both his body and souls. I think it helps to give us great perspective and understanding of what David felt and meant. Or really why was David in the wilderness of Judah? We actually have two choices to consider. The first choice is that David is running from King Saul 1 Sam Saul is pursuing David through the wilderness in order to kill him and eliminate him as a threat to his throne. This places David in the hill country of Ziph. More specifically from verse 15 David is near a place called Horesh. In 24 of 1 Samuel is near a place called Engedi. The second choice is that David is fleeing from his son Absalom. David had a son named Absalom. Absalom had a sister from the same mother who was a beautiful girl named Tamar. You know the story, Amon raped Tamar and then rejected her. This caused Absalom to become furious with murderous rage. Finally after two years of seething and waiting Absalom devised a plan to kill his step-brother. This resulted in two or more year separation between David and Absalom. Finally, David wanted to see his son. Absalom refused to see David. Absalom actually developed a conspiracy to take away the kingdom from David. This conspiracy eventually led to him being thought of as King. Do we have any clues that can help us decide when and where David is? David could have been considered the King then and still not contradict our verse What makes it additionally difficult is that the area David ran through when he ran from Absalom is not typically considered the wilderness of Judah. The older scholarship regard it more likely as when David fled from his son Absalom. So I leave it to you to

decide. There is a second thing to consider when we look at this Psalm historically and that is a translation issue in verse 1. The wilderness where David was at this time is desert country. He would have to have been constantly looking for signs of water and for water in order to physically survive. Walking in the desert, sitting in the desert David would have gotten very thirsty. David is in exile. He has been forced from his home, his place, his throne, his sanctuary, and all that is familiar to him. His own son, a trusted counselor and a number subjects are coming after him in an armed rebellion. These circumstances caused him to seek the Lord all the more earnestly. Sorrow, grief, trials, and tribulations are designed by God to lead the Christian home. God designs them to drive the believer to seek God more intimately and earnestly. But when a change comes, when I am weary and disappointed, when the skies lower into a somber night, when there is no song of bird, and the perfume of flowers is but their dying breath, when all is sun-setting and autumn, then I yearn for Him who sits with the summer of love in His soul, and felt that all earthly affection is but a glow-worm light, compared to that which blazes with such effulgence in the heart of God. He thirsted after God; he thirsted intensely with both his body and soul. Where did it come from? Where did this desire originate? Our phrase tells us that David looked lovingly on God. The word looked upon gives us the idea that David looked to God in such a way to see the realm of pure spiritual understanding. What was it that David saw when he looked upon God during worship in the sanctuary? What did David want to see? David wanted to see the strength of God. This word is used primarily of God. Think of it as the mighty power of brave and strong warriors. So many times, especially in the OT, words are expressed in pictures. Strength is an attribute of God. David longs for the same experience here in the wilderness that he experienced in the sanctuary. David worshipped God in the sanctuary in the Temple. David desired God because of his relationship with God. What is David saying? Can you say that? Can you mean it? Being alive is usually considered a great treasure. The mouth produces speech. David says that his speech will praise, or speak well, of God even in his sorrowful exile in the hot dry desert wilderness. The acknowledgment that God is a greater treasure than all of life demands a reaction. David must praise God! David will use his lips, his mouth, his speech in adoration and praise towards the power, glory, and majesty of God.

#### Chapter 8 : Thirsty Are Those Who Do Not Prep- Part 1, by The Grumpy Gunfighter - [blog.quintoapp.com](http://blog.quintoapp.com)

*God is with us all the time and wants us to see Him, but we are often blinded by the temptations and worries of the world. How can we experience authentic, spiritual, inspiring worship of our God?*

#### Chapter 9 : the thirsty pastor ~ isaiah

*People live under many restrictions and perceptions that religious people put on them. But when they hear about the message of the grace of God, their thirsty souls see and eventually drink water.*