

Thirst

Why Do We Thirst?

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Because We Caught A
Glimpse Of Our
Theophanies

What Is Thirst?

Psalm 42:1-2

1 As the hart panteth after the water brooks, so panteth my soul after thee, O God.

² My soul thirsteth for God, for
the living God: when shall I
come and appear before God?

Matthew 5:6

⁶ Blessed are they which do
hunger and thirst after
righteousness: for they shall be
filled.

65-0919 — Thirst

25 Then I was looking and thinking about that word “thirst,” so I looked up in the dictionary, to see what it means.

And here is what Webster says,
“It’s a painful desire,” a
painful, when you want
something so bad until it
becomes painful to you.

26 Now, it's—it's not an unnatural thing, to thirst. Thirst is a—a natural thing. It's just simply something that God has given us, that we could, to give us a—a desire for something.

Sometimes God has, also, has
given you a—a control tower,
something that sets inside of
you, that—that controls these
different desires.

And this thirst, this control tower that sets in a man's heart, is something that God give him to—to warn him of the desires that's needful for him.

27 Now there is two different kinds of thirst. There is a thirst, physically. And there is a thirst, also, spiritually. I would like to read this, what David said, again.

65-0919 — Thirst

29 Now we find, God gives the control tower to you, to give to you the things that you need.

Now, the control tower in you is what directs you. And this thirst runs in on this co-...tower, control tower, and tells you what you have need of, spiritually speaking.

The control tower in the body,
and in the soul, also. There is a
control tower in the body, that
tells you the need that's
needed in your body, and it's
brought to you by thirst.

Also, there is a control tower in your soul, that tells you the spiritual things that you have need of, something in your spirit, and, and you by this can tell what kind of a life is controlling you.

30 When you—when you can see what your desires are, then you can tell, by that, what kind of something that's in you, that's creating this desire that you have.

See, there is a certain thing that you thirst for, and it—and it can tell you in your soul what this desire is, by the nature of the thirst that you have. I hope that you can understand that.

31 There is a—a control tower of the soul, and one for the body, and each tower is a warning caller for the needs of the other. Each one calls to the need for what the caller is calling for, it sends out a wave of warning.

32 For instance, the—the flesh
thirst to satisfy the desires
that's in the body, and the
spirit desires for the things
that's in the soul, desire is, and
many times these war one
against the other.

We find there, what's a great
trouble today, that too many
people try to live between
those two desires. For, one of
them desires the things of the
earth, the other desires the
things of Heaven.

33 Like Paul said, describes as
in Romans 7:21, “When I would
do good, then evil is nigh.”
When you try, did you ever
have that in experience,
Christians?

That when you're trying to do something that's worth-while, go to make an effort to do something that's good, then you find out that there is the devil, on every hand, just to upset you, everything that you'd...

And that's one good thing, that.
I'd like to say this, that the
Christians might know. That
when you are—when you are
starting to do something,

and there is something always
trying to upset you in doing it,
do it anyhow. That's the devil
there, trying to keep you from
doing what's right.

Your Desire Shall Be
To Thy Husband

Genesis 3:16

¹⁶ Unto the woman he said, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children; and thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee.

John 4:13-19

¹³ Jesus answered and said unto her, Whosoever drinketh of this water shall thirst again:

¹⁴ But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life.

¹⁵ The woman saith unto him,
Sir, give me this water, that I
thirst not, neither come hither
to draw.

¹⁶ Jesus saith unto her, Go, call thy husband, and come hither.

¹⁷ The woman answered and said, I have no husband. Jesus said unto her, Thou hast well said, I have no husband:

¹⁸ For thou hast had five husbands; and he whom thou now hast is not thy husband: in that saidst thou truly.

¹⁹ The woman saith unto him,
Sir, I perceive that thou art a
prophet.

65-1125 — The Invisible Union
Of The Bride Of Christ

206 Life is a sacred thing, to God, and it's recorded in a book. God is the Author of life. Do you believe that?

207 Our natural life here, we
have, is just a perversion. It
really should be the right life,
to begin with, but it's
perverted by the natural birth.

The first life, or your first
union, you were joined in at
birth, by nature, a natural act.

A natural human being
associated, man and woman
together, associated together in
sexual affair, which brought
your first life here, and that's
associated with sin and death.

How can you miss seeing the
serpent's seed?

212 Now, it was nature,
associated with death. Your
first husband, that had rule
over you, was your nature by
natural birth. Natural, you love
the world because you are the
world, and part of the world.

That right? Your desires was,
by nature, to love the world
which you're a part of. You're a
part of nature. You believe
that? And that's your natural
thing.

213 That's the reason you have to be born again. You have to separate; you have to die to that first husband. You can't live with it. You just can't say, "Well, I'll divorce him, and hang him up here till occasion."

No, sir. No writing of
divorcement! He dies. The
nature of the world has to die.
Every speck of him has to die.
You have to be reunited, again,
with another Nature.

214 Your name of your first nature, was born, and put in a book of life. And all your deeds was wrote in it, too. Everything you done under that nature was put in a book, called the book of life.

216 Now, you, but when you
were separated from that
union, by spiritual death: Your
natural desire is to cut your
hair. Your natural desire is to
wear shorts, paint your face.

Your natural desire is to be
intellectual, smart man, know
something better than the
other. That's what Eve wanted.
That's the very thing she
wanted.

218 That's what Eve took. She
was pregnated with that kind
of a pregnation. That's what
the church is today, by Bible
schools and intellectuals.

And, look, every one disagreeing
with the other, a big mess just
exactly what the Bible said,
“Babylon.”

219 The Bride knows where
She stands. She is very few.
There won't be many saved;
just a very, very, very few.

You say, “Well, there, said, ‘thousands.’” Yes. But they’ve come up through the two thousand years, too, on every age where it come out. Ever...

222 Well, you separated from your first union, by spiritual death. Now you are born again, or remarried again, to the new spiritual union;

of not your natural life of the
things of the world, but of
Eternal Life. That germ that
was in you at the beginning,
found you.

223 Now, your old book is
gone, with your old union.
Now, your name in your old, in
your...has been transferred.

Now, you say, “Do you mean to tell me that my old book...” God put it in the Sea of His Forgetfulness. You stand perfectly before God.

224 Now, your name is now in
the new Book; not the book of
life, but the Lamb's Book of
Life, what the Lamb redeemed.
Not the old book of your
natural union, but your new,
Bride.

Hallelujah! Your new life is in
the Lamb's Book of Life, your
marriage certificate, hallelujah,
where your true Eternal germ,
from the beginning, takes hold.

Now you're not only forgiven,
but you're justified. Glory!

“Justified,” Romans 5:1 said.

Yeah. Romans 5:1 said,

“Therefore being justified by
faith.”

230 You never did it. Because,
that little germ that was in
you, was to be you, before the
foundation of the world. God
put your name in the Lamb's
Book of Life.

65-1212 — Communion

44 Like in the Book here, and the spot there we was talking about the—the two Books being One, the Book of Life.

The first Book of life coming
up, was when you were born,
that was your natural birth.

See? But then one time, way back down in there, there was a little grain of Life as I was explaining to some of the young sisters at the house this afternoon.

See, there's a little grain of Life
laying there, that you wonder,
"Where did It come from?
What—what these strange
things?"

45 I was saying this, taking for myself, like you was going to say, “William Branham, well, forty years ago, the William Branham, it isn’t the same one tonight.”

If somebody back there would say, “William Branham, he was a rank rascal,” see, because I was born of Charles and Ella Branham.

In their nature I was a sinner, I
came to the world, a liar, and
all the habits of the world laid
right in me.

But down in there, too, was
another Nature present, see,
predestinated, was in there by
God. In this same body, see,
two natures in there.

46 Well, I only catered to one.
As it growed, I goosed as a baby,
“Dad-da.”

First thing you know, I become
a liar, become everything else
that's a sinner, because I raised
up that way. But down in there
was a little speck of Life all the
time.

49 What was it? There was
another William Branham. See?
A little spot of Eternal Life
down there, from
the—the—the genes of God,
the Word of God that was
placed in there.

Each one of you can think of
similar things. See, It was
working.

51 Now, then one day as I walked on, that Voice talking, “Don’t never smoke, drink, so forth.” And the young fellows and all got older. See, there was Something moving.

52 But yet all at once I looked up, and I said, “I’m not the son of Charles and Ella Branham. There’s Something calling.”

Like my little eagle, “I’m not a chicken. There’s Something up yonder, somewhere. O Great Jehovah, Whoever You are, open up! I want to come home. There’s Something in me, calling.”

53 Then I was born again. That
little Life was laying there, the
life of water was poured upon
It, then It begin to grow.

Now, that old life was forgiven,
put in the sea of God's
forgetfulness, to never be
remembered against me no
more. See? Now we stand
justified (as though we never
had sinned) in the Presence of
God.

63-1110M — Souls That Are In⁷⁵
Prison Now

36 Now, the soul of man is not
the body of man, it's the soul.

See? And the soul is something
that's the—the nature of the
spirit. And then when the
nature of a man...

When he said, “We are dead,”
the Scripture plainly tells us
that, “we are dead, and our
lives are hid in God through
Christ, sealed there by the Holy
Spirit.”

Now, it wasn't that your body
died; it wasn't your spirit died.
It was the nature of your spirit
died; see, the nature, which is
the soul. The nature of your
soul is—is God, if you're born
again.

If it's not, it's of the world.

Anything that begin has to end,
so therefore the only way that
you can have Eternal Life is to
have a Life that never did begin.

And then your life did begin
when you were born, when God
breathed the breath of life into
your nostrils and you became a
living soul, then you begin then.
But when you...

37 That nature that was in you,
by nature you was of the
world, alienated from God, you
were actually an animal. That's
exactly right.

Anyone knows that we are mammal. How many knows that? We, we are mammal, we are warm-blooded animal, but that is what we are by our earthly creation.

But, you see, what made us
different from other mammals,
that—that God put a soul upon
us. See? Now, the other
mammals don't have to wear
clothes.

No other animal has to wear clothes to hide his shame, but us. We're the only ones that does, because we have a soul. But, see, God, in the beginning, knew what a man would be like.

And He created the earth, and brought up all kinds of animals, from the very lowest to the highest; and the highest animal come forth, was man.

44 But, that soul that's in
there, see, that soul is what
God is working on, see. If He
can only get that nature, that
spirit, to agree with Him, then
that nature dies,

the nature and the love of the
world dies, and the things of
the world is dead. See?

Because, “If you love the world,
or the things of the world, the
love of God is not in you.”

See? And a man must be born
again. So, this nature has to
die, and the nature of God
comes and lives in you. And
God is the only thing there is
that never did begin or never
can end.

Abraham And His Children

Hebrews 11:8-10,13-16

⁸ By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed; and he went out, not knowing whither he went.

⁹ By faith he sojourned in the land of promise, as in a strange country, dwelling in tabernacles with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise:

¹⁰ For he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God.

¹³ These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of them, and embraced them, and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth.

¹⁴ For they that say such things declare plainly that they seek a country.

¹⁵ And truly, if they had been mindful of that country from whence they came out, they might have had opportunity to have returned.

¹⁶ But now they desire a better country, that is, an heavenly: wherefore God is not ashamed to be called their God: for he hath prepared for them a city.

2 Corinthians 5:1-4

1 For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

² For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed upon with our house which is from heaven:

³ If so be that being clothed we shall not be found naked.

⁴ For we that are in this tabernacle do groan, being burdened: not for that we would be unclothed, but clothed upon, that mortality might be swallowed up of life.

56-1125M — A Secondhanded Robe

37 He knew the end from the beginning. He knew he was going to choose.

He knew Elisha would take
Elijah's place, before the world
was ever formed. Everything
has to work just exactly right.

39 Now notice, in Elijah, then,
after he threw his robe on him,
and tried it on him. In other
words, Elijah the prophet, who
had the mantle of God on his
shoulders,

he came down and laid it
across Elisha, the farmer, to
see if it would fit him. And it
taken about ten years to get
altered, to fit that mantle.

40 You know, God usually puts
us in the shop and trims us up.
Now, He didn't alter his robe to
fit Elisha; He ordered Elisha to
fit the robe.

And that's what He does today.
He alters us to fit the robe, not
the robe to fit us. Sometimes
we want to make the robe fit
us, but we can't do that.

You've got to (let) be altered,
yourself, for the robe. It's
God's robe, and He made it
perfect. And we've got...He has
got to bring us into that realm,
to make the robe fit us.

42 Notice, all these years, as far as we know, he just had that one baptism of the robe going over him.

But through the years, God had
molded the man's character
into a place to where, after his
call, that he would fit into the
robe and be the servant of the
Lord.

43 And then when Elijah passed through and throwed it on him, and they started up towards Gilgal and many of the other places they went,

on to the school of prophets, on their road, journeying on. And, finally, Elijah was trying to get Elisha to turn back. Did you notice it?

Trying to get him to turn back.
Said, “I...” Otherwise, “Maybe
the road is a little too steep for
you, son. Maybe it’s a little too
narrow for you to walk.”

44 You know, where Elijah was, was straightness. And wherever God's true servant preaches the Gospel, it's a straight, unadulterated Gospel where it's preached.

54 And then Elijah told Elisha,
“You better turn back, because
the way may be a little hard.”

But a man of God who has
once faced it, or been thrown
across his shoulder the robe of
God's righteousness and
power, it's not too easy to turn
back.

55 When I heard the pastor
say, this morning, that
our...“Many are becoming
discouraged.” What we need,
brother, is take courage!

What we need is to be
encouraged, that's right. Trials
may come. We never was
promised to be immune from
them,

but He'll give grace to go
through them. If the mountain
is too high to go over, too deep
to go under, too wide to go
around it, He'll give grace to go
through it.

That's right. Just don't worry,
but keep your eyes on Christ,
for He's the only One that can
take us through.

58 Stay with it, no matter how much discouragement, even it comes from your mother, your papa, or from your pastor. Stay with Him.

59 On to the Jordan they went.
They crossed over. And Elijah
said, “Now, what will you that I
do for you?”

60 He said, “A double portion
of your spirit to come upon
me.” He knowed he had a work
to do. He said, “A double
portion.”

Not just a good warm
experience, not just a good
handshake, or a good
fellowship with the rest of the
church. But, “What I want is a
double portion of what’s the
best now.”

61 I tell you, when God sets a
man for a world task, he has
got to have something better
than the world has got.

He has got to have something
better than the church has got.
He has got to go for a double
portion.

62 And if there ever was a time that a double portion is needed, it's today, in the realms of the people; something better, something higher.

I can't...I think beans and
cornbread is very good, but
sometimes I have to reach up a
little higher. And we do that;
we've got to.

We've got to keep climbing.
Israel was backsliding if it kept
staying on the same ground.
She has got to be moving on or
moving back. And that's the way
the church is.

63 So, as they went along, it wasn't but a few minutes until he said, "You've asked a great thing, but, nevertheless, if you see me when I go, you can have what you asked for."

64 Now, that has to be
singleness of motive,
singleness of heart, singleness
of eye, keeping your eye on the
promise. Hum!

If you're sick this morning, if you're afflicted, there is one great promise; not by Elijah, but by God Himself. "If thou canst believe, when you pray, believe that you get what you ask for,

and you shall receive it.” No matter what the doctor says, how much this goes or that goes; keep single on the promise.

65-0418M — It Is The Rising Of
The Sun

138 And one day, the story
goes, this old eagle flew over
the barnyard.

She was looking everywhere,
and she found him. Oh, for that
resurrection, to recognize that
he really wasn't a chicken,
after all.

He was an eagle! And he was always taught to look down, look for a bug or something in the barnyard. But he heard a scream, that said, “Look up this way!” And he looked above him,

and there was a creature with fourteen-foot wings, powerful-er than all the chickens there was in the barnyard, and claimed him to be her son.

He said, “Mama, how can I get to you?”

139 Said, “Just jump, start flopping your wings, for you’re an eagle.”

140 See, she knew she had a son somewhere. No matter what he's been raised up in, she's got a son somewhere.

141 And God knows!
Hallelujah! He's got a
predestinated, foreordained
Church! He knowed He's got
sons and daughters, and a
Bride, waiting somewhere;

when the Holy Spirit begins to fly over it, that wave Sheaf. Oh, my! He's the same yesterday, today, and forever. Not some mythical story, but a reality!

142 No matter how many tried
to tell him, “a eagle,” he didn’t
know what a eagle was. Yet, he
was a eagle.

He would not understood it
until he seen something that
reflected him, that he
reflected, rather.

143 And when we see, not a
denomination, not a Ph.D., not
a LL.D., not a good neighbor;
but a son of God molded in the
image of God,

with the dynamic Power of
God to answer the request of
this day, that He's the same
yesterday, today, and forever,
there ain't no hen going to
hold you.

He hunts for his Mama. He's an
eagle, to begin with. He
recognizes. This real eagle
recognizes the call of God's
Word. Why? He's an eagle. A
eagle to a eagle!

The Word before the
foundation, the Word to the
Word! The Word,
predestinated, to the Word
written for the hour. You
realize your position. He hunts
for It.

144 This then, this earthly
body, is quickened and brought
by the quickening Spirit of God
to obedience to the Word of
God.

65-0221E — Who Is This Melchisedec?

87 His grandpa and grandma were eagles. He was a eagle, all the way back. Eagle don't mix with other things. He is not a hybrid at all, he is a eagle.

88 Then, after you recognized the very Word of God was Eagle Food, then you left the other thing.

You have then been formed into the living image of the living God. You heard from your theophany. “If this earthly body be dissolved, we have one waiting.”

Our Theophany Is
Represented By The
Name In The Lamb's
Book Of Life

63-0319 — The Second Seal

346 Heavenly Father, oh, I—I just, sometimes, Lord, stand here and—and I tremble. I think of that awful hour that's approaching, and I...There is no way to stop it. It's predicted it would come.

And I thought of, “Why don’t the people come and—and—and listen? And won’t they come and accept It?” But, of course, I know that—that You—You said they wouldn’t, so they won’t.

347 But there is some that's
got their names written on the
Lamb's Book of Life.

And when them Seals are
throwed open there, they see
their name there, and the Holy
Spirit speaks to them. They
come. You can't keep them
away; no one can, no one.

62-1230E — Is This The Sign Of
The End, Sir?

128 And he said, “I dreamed a dream.” And there it was! I just sat still, and I listened and watched.

He said, “I dreamed that there was a great big hill, like out in a field, where blue grass or something was.”

And said, “Up on top of this hill, where the water had washed away the soil, there was a top rock, up on top the hill, like the top of the mountain. It was rock; no grass.

And where the water had washed down, it had cut some kind of readings on these stones. And you were standing there, interpreting this reading on these stones.” And said, “All of us,”

and here is the way he put it, said, “the brethren from Georgia, and from all around, we were all standing together, listening to you interpret that mysterious writing on those stone, that mountain.”

129 And said, “Then you picked up something, like from the air, something like a wrecking bar, or—or a crowbar.” Wasn’t it, brother?

“Something like that, a
wrecking bar, real sharp.” And
said, “It, how you done it, I
don’t know.” And said, “You
struck the top of that
mountain, ripped it around,
and lifted the cap of it off.

It was in the shape of a pyramid. And you ripped the top of it off.” Now, that was months and months and months before the pyramid Message was preached.

And said, “Beneath that was
white stone, granite. And you
said, ‘The sun, or the light, has
never shined on This before.
Look in on This. Watch This.’”

131 And he said, “Look upon
This. Light has never come
upon It before.” And when all
of them got up, and I told them
to watch That, and all of them
come up to look in.

132 But he said, while they
were looking in, he looked out
of the corner of his eye, I
believe it was, and watched
me. I slipped off to one side,
and started going towards the
West,

towards the setting of the sun;
coming up a hill, going down a
hill; coming up a hill, going
down a hill; getting smaller
and smaller, and went all the
way out of sight.

133 And he said, then, when I did that, he said, “Then the brethren turned around, after a while, said, ‘Did he vanish?’

Where did he go?” And said,
“Some took out that way;
some took one way, and some
another.” But, a very few
stayed and looked on to what I
had told them.

Let's Obey That Thirst

Colossians 3:1-5

1 If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God.

² Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth.

³ For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God.

⁴ When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory.

⁵ Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry:

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65-0919 — Thirst

221 And, brother, sister, you will never be able to...Don't never try to hush that holy calling in your heart, see, by joining a church, by reciting a creed, by belonging to a certain organization.

222 There is only one thing can
satisfy it, that's the Person,
Jesus Christ. "As the hart
panteth for the water brook, so
my soul thirsts after Thee, O
God.

My soul thirsts for the living
God!” See, there is something
in you, that wants to see the
moving of God. Your soul
thirsts for It. Don’t stop
anything short of That.