

*"...And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely." Revelation 22:17*



It's a hot dusty summer's day, and you've been working so hard that the heat and humidity are making you almost pass out. You stop and head for the shade and the water jug. You don't bother with a cup, but turn the jug up and the cool liquid begins to soothingly pass over your tongue and down your throat while some escapes to run down onto your clothing. You drink long and hard until you must finally stop to breathe. You take a few breaths and again pull long and hard at the cooling liquid until your thirst is finally quenched. You look for a place to sit and rest in the shade. There is not a more satisfying feeling than quenching a hard thirst. It is an all-consuming desire that needs satisfying. Are you thirsty for truth? Does the desire to see justice prevail drive you relentlessly? The Lord bids us *"Come."* Drink long and hard at the fountain of His Truth and you will be at once satisfied and left longing for more. Like a cold drink on a hot day, you'll drink till you can hold no more, but you'll long for another sip. If we are working hard in the fields of the Lord, we will need to come often to the spring to refresh ourselves lest we faint from exhaustion. Every child of God needs to be often refreshed at the fount of *living water*. Do you find yourself weary and worn? *"Come."* Are you tired and in need of rest? *"Come."* Are you tired of seeing evil triumph over good? *"Come."* Do you see many that need to be refreshed? Bid them, *"Come."* Does the load seem too heavy to bear? *"Come."* Is the burden too great? *"Come."* The Living Water will not only revive you, but will flow from you to refresh others as well. We have a mandate from the Master to pray the Lord of the harvest to send forth laborers. Will you say with Isaiah, *"Here am I Lord, send me"*? Will you be found busy at work when the Lord returns? We will spend eternity being refreshed at the Spring of Living Water, but we only have now to labor. *"Work for the night is coming when no man can work."* Does the cross seem heavy you are called to bear? The Spring of Living Water ever flows freely to all who will *"Come."*

*"Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light." Matthew 11:28-30*

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