

Beautified by a Scar

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Suppose that your record should be: From birth a sufferer, through life a struggler, at home a wrestler, and abroad a soldier and a cross-bearer – and not withstanding all this you proved to be full of joy and peace, through strong believing in God; tried to the uttermost, yet found faithful. In such a chronicle there is something worth remembering. There is no glory in being a featherbed soldier, a man bedecked with gorgeous medals, **but never beautified by a scar, or ennobled by a wound.** All that you ever hear of such a soldier is that his spurs jingle on the pavement as he walks. There is no history for this carpet knight. He is just a dandy. He never smelled gunpowder in battle in his life. If he did, he fetched out his cologne to kill the offensive odor. Oh, if we could be wise enough to choose, even were as wise as the Lord Himself, we would choose the troubles which He has appointed to us, and **WE would not spare ourselves a single pang.**

Charles Spurgeon

The Great Crowning Festival

The Feast of Great Rejoicing, the Feast of Tents

Everybody Brings the Lulab

Branches of thick foliage gathered and bound together. The materials used to build temporary festival houses.

And you shall take you on the first day the boughs of goodly trees, branches of palm trees, and the boughs of thick trees, and willows of the brook **and ye shall rejoice before the LORD . . .**

Leviticus 23:40

Go forth unto the mountain, and fetch olive branches, and pine branches, and myrtle branches, and palm branches, and branches of thick trees, to make booths, as it is written. So the people went forth, and brought them, and made themselves booths . . . **And there was very great gladness.**

Nehemiah 8:15-17

The Almighty Tent-Maker

And all the men of Israel assembled themselves unto king Solomon at the feast in the . . . seventh month . . . Then spoke Solomon . . . I have surely built Thee an house to dwell in, a settled place for thee to abide in for ever.

1 Kings 8:2,12-13

After these things Paul departed from Athens, and came to Corinth; And found a certain Jew named Aquila, born in Pontus, lately come from Italy, with his wife Priscilla; (because that Claudius had commanded all Jews to depart from Rome:) and came unto them. And because he was of the same craft, he abode with them, and wrought: for by their occupation they were tentmakers.

Acts 18:1-3

Jesus answered and said unto them, Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up. Then said the Jews, Forty and six years was this temple in building, and wilt thou rear it up in three days? But he spoke of the temple of his body.

John 2:19-21

The Pool of Siloam

The Pool of *Apostellō*

The Pool of He that is Sent Forth

God *apostellō* his Son into the world . . . that the world through him might be saved (3:17) . . . The Father hath *apostellō* me (5:36) . . . And ye have not his word abiding in you: for whom He hath *apostellō*, Him you believe not (5:38) . . . This is the work of God, that you believe on Him whom He hath *apostellō* (6:29) . . . the living Father hath *apostellō* me, and I live by the Father (6:57) . . . He hath *apostellō* me (7:29) . . . I proceeded forth and came from God; neither came I of myself, but He *apostellō* me (8:42) . . . Go, wash in the pool of Siloam, (which is by interpretation, *Apostellō*.) He went his way therefore, and washed, and came seeing (9:7) . . . Say ye of him, whom the Father hath sanctified, and *apostellō* into the world (10:36) . . . thou hast *apostellō* me (11:42) . . . And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast *apostellō* (17:3) . . . they have believed that thou didst *apostellō* me (17:8) . . . that the world may believe that thou hast *apostellō* me (John 17:21).

Fetches with a Golden Ewer

An ancient wine vessel

Into the Two Silver Basins

the water and the wine co-mingle on the sacrifice

5 Elements of this Feast of Great Rejoicing

1. Living Tents
2. Blood (Wine)
3. Water
4. Tremendous Sacrifice
5. Abundant Rejoicing

The Apostello Speaks

Now the Jews' **feast of tabernacles** was at hand . . . In the last day, **that great day of the feast**, Jesus stood and cried, saying, **If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink.** He that believes on me, as the scripture hath said, **out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.** (But this spoke He of **the Spirit**, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.) Many of the people therefore, when they heard this saying, said, **Of a truth this is the Prophet.** Others said, **This is the Christ.** But some said, **Shall Christ come out of Galilee? Hath not the scripture said, That Christ cometh of the seed of David, and out of the town of Bethlehem, where David was?**

The River of Life

There is a **river**, the streams whereof shall make glad the city of God, the holy place of the tabernacles of the most High.

Psalm 46:4

And it shall come to pass in that day, that the mountains shall drop down new wine, and the hills shall flow with milk, and all the rivers of Judah shall flow with waters, and a **fountain shall come forth of the house of the LORD**, and shall water the valley of Shittim.

Joel 3:18

In that day there shall be a **fountain opened** to the house of David and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem for sin and for uncleanness.

Zechariah 13:1

And it shall be in that day, that **living waters** shall go out from Jerusalem . . .

Zechariah 14:8

And he showed me a **pure river of water of life**, clear as crystal, **proceeding out of the throne of God** and of the Lamb . . . And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.

Revelation 22:1,17

7 Months Later - The Great Outpouring of God's Life

But one of the soldiers with a spear pierced his side, and forthwith came there out **blood and water**.

John 19:34

The Cross

1. A Living Tent, housing the Almighty Holy Spirit of God
2. Blood (Wine), poured out
3. A Tremendous Sacrifice - The Holy Lamb of God
4. Water, gushing forth - Agalliaō

Agalliaō - ä-gäl-lē-ä'-ō

much leaping; a vigorous springing or gushing up of water, exceeding joy

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fades not away, reserved in heaven for you, Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. Wherein you *agalliaō*, though now for a season, if need be, ye are in heaviness through manifold temptations: That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perishes, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honor and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ: Whom having not seen, ye

love; in whom, though now ye see him not, yet believing, you *agalliaō* with joy unspeakable and full of glory:

1 Peter 1:3-8

But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that, when his glory shall be revealed, you may be glad also with *agalliaō*.

1 Peter 4:13

Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake. Rejoice, and be *agalliaō*: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.

Matthew 5:10-12

Blessed are ye, when men shall hate you, and when they shall separate you from their company, and shall reproach you, and cast out your name as evil, for the Son of man's sake. **Rejoice ye in that day, and leap for joy:** for, behold, your reward is great in heaven: for in the like manner did their fathers unto the prophets.

Luke 6:22-23

What Brings Forth the Rivers of Living Water?

The Point of the Spear

He that believes on me, as the scripture hath said, **out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.**

John 7:38

We greatly rejoice, we rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory (1 Peter 1:6-8); Blessed are we, let us rejoice and be exceeding glad (Matthew 5:11-12); we may be glad with exceeding joy (1 Peter 4:12-13); we are exceeding joyful (2 Corinthians 7:4); we count it all joy (James 1:2-4)

We are grieved by many trials (1 Peter 1:6-8); we are reviled, persecuted, and falsely accused (Matthew 5:11-12); we are partakers of Christ's sufferings (1 Peter 4:12-13); we enduring tribulations (2 Corinthians 7:4); and face trials and testings (James 1:2-4)

So, when the point of the spear touches our center . . .

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Apostolos - Those that were Sent forth

Those beautified by the Scars of Christ

As thou hast *apostellō* me into the world, even so have I also
apostellō them into the world.

John 17:18

As my Father hath *apostellō* me, even so send I you.

John 20:21

Our Sufferings Prove What is Inside of us

But one of the soldiers with a spear pierced his side, and forthwith came there out **blood and water**.

John 19:34

1. Have we been made a Living Tent, housing the Almighty Holy Spirit of God?
2. Is the Life of Christ (The Blood, The Wine) our Life?
3. Is His Living Water (His Rivers and Rivers of Agalliaō) bubbling beneath the Throne of God within, ready to gush forth?

If so, then when the point of the spear touches our center, it will gush forth the Life, Love, Forgiveness, Exceeding Joy, and the Sweet Healing Waters of Jesus Christ.

What is the Spear Drawing Out of You?

- Irritation?
- Frustration?
- Fear?
- Anxiety?
- Fretting?
- Foreboding?
- Anger?
- Rage?
- Revenge?
- Murder?
- Self-Defensiveness?
- Pride?
- Grievance?
- Unforgiveness?
- Resentment?
- Bitterness?

What Came Out of Jesus?

Therefore **with joy shall ye draw water out** of the wells of salvation.

Isaiah 12:3

- Joy
- Agalliaō
- Love
- Forgiveness
- His Very Life Given
- Healing
- Restoration
- Gentleness

And when they were come to the place, which is called Calvary, there they crucified him . . . **Then said Jesus, Father, forgive them;** for they know not what they do.

Luke 23:33-34

God's love, even in the face of torture, is always the best of ways.

Richard Wurmbrand

Remember them that are in Bonds

Remember them that are in bonds, as bound with them; and them which suffer adversity, as being yourselves also in the body.

Hebrews 13:3

The salutation by the hand of me Paul. Remember my bonds. Grace be with you. Amen.

Colossians 4:18