

## “Are You Thirsty?”

July 5, 2026     John 7:37-39     Pastor Todd McAllister

Can you think of a time when you were extremely \_\_\_\_\_?

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Feast — Tabernacles (Jewish camping)

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Bridge #1: Jesus’ ministry in the \_\_\_\_\_

Bridge #2: The children of Israel’s \_\_\_\_\_ after leaving Egypt but before entering the promised land.

The \_\_\_\_\_ of Israel dwelling in booths *Leviticus 23:43*  
Remember how the delivered people lived.

The \_\_\_\_\_ problem: lack of \_\_\_\_\_ in an arid land *Exodus 15:23; 17:1*

The \_\_\_\_\_ problems:

\_\_\_\_\_ God

Thinking their \_\_\_\_\_ way will bring satisfaction *Jeremiah 2:13*

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## “Are You Thirsty?” (continued)

Now, let’s walk back across one bridge into the time of Jesus.

- Jews seeking to kill Jesus
- His brothers didn’t believe in Him.
- Middle of a feast Jesus began teaching
- Problem Jesus created—healed a man on the Sabbath
- Controversy about Jesus among the people
- Chief priests and Pharisees sent officers to arrest Jesus.

“Stood up, cried out, whoever believes in Me...”

Various \_\_\_\_\_ of belief:

- Intellectual
- Deliverer, Provider
- Lord of all

Belief determined by \_\_\_\_\_ of thirst

- \_\_\_\_\_ *2 Timothy 3:7*
- \_\_\_\_\_ *John 6:26, 60-66*
- LORD God *John 6:68-69; Matthew 5:6*

Not only will your thirst be \_\_\_\_\_, but also you will become a \_\_\_\_\_ to others.

How does this happen? The \_\_\_\_\_ of this refreshment is the indwelling Spirit of God.

⇒ **How are you attempting to satisfy the thirst of your soul?**

Creating your own cistern?

Self-focused following?

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The **visible** problem: lack of **water** in an arid land *Exodus 15:23; 17:1*

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