

Thirsting for God

1. **PSA 42:2** My soul THIRSTS for God, for the living God. When shall I come and appear before God?
2. **ISA 41:17** “The poor and needy SEEK WATER, but there is none, Their tongues fail for THIRST. I, the LORD, will hear them; I, the God of Israel, will not forsake them. 18 I will open RIVERS in desolate heights, And FOUNTAINS in the midst of the valleys; I will make the wilderness a POOL OF WATER, And the dry land SPRINGS OF WATER.
3. **PSA 63:1** A Psalm of David when he was in the wilderness of Judah. O God, You are my God; Early will I seek You; My soul THIRSTS for You; My flesh longs for You In a dry and THIRSTY land Where there is NO WATER. 2 So I have looked for You in the sanctuary, To see Your power and Your glory.
4. **ISA 12:3** Therefore with joy you will draw WATER FROM THE WELLS of salvation.
5. **ISA 32:15** Until THE SPIRIT IS POUED UPON US from on high, And the wilderness becomes a fruitful field, And the fruitful field is counted as a forest.
6. **ISA 44:3** For I will pour water on him who is THIRSTY, And FLOODS on the dry ground; I will pour My Spirit on your descendants, And My blessing on your offspring; 4 They will spring up among the grass Like willows by the watercourses.’
7. **ISA 55:1** Ho! Everyone who thirsts, Come to the waters; And you who have no money, Come, buy and eat. Yes, come, buy wine and milk Without money and without price.
8. **JOE 2:28** “And it shall come to pass afterward That I will POUR OUT MY SPIRIT on all flesh; Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, Your old men shall dream dreams, Your young men shall see visions.
9. **AMO 8:11** “Behold, the days are coming,” says the Lord God, “That I will send a famine on the land, Not a famine of bread, Nor a thirst for water, But of hearing the words of the Lord.
10. **JOH 7:37** On the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, “If anyone THIRSTS, let him come to Me and DRINK. 38 “He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow RIVERS OF LIVING WATER.” 39 But this He spoke concerning the Spirit, whom those believing in Him would receive; for the Holy Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet GLORIFIED.
11. **JOH 4:10** Jesus answered and said to her, “If you knew the gift of God, and who it is who says to you, ‘Give Me a drink,’ you would have asked Him, and He would have given you LIVING WATER.” 13 Jesus answered and said to her, “Whoever drinks of this water will thirst again, 14 “but whoever drinks of the WATER that I shall give him will never THIRST. But the water that I shall give him will become in him a FOUNTAIN OF WATER SPRINGING UP INTO EVERLASTING LIFE.”
12. **JOH 6:55** “For My flesh is food indeed, and My blood is drink indeed. 56 “He who eats My flesh and DRINKS MY BLOOD abides in Me, and I in him.
13. **1CO 10:4** and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them, and that Rock was Christ. 21 You cannot DRINK the cup of the Lord and the cup of demons; you cannot partake of the Lord’s table and of the table of demons.
14. **1CO 11:25** In the same manner He also took the cup after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in My blood. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”
15. **1CO 12:13** For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free—and have all been made to DRINK INTO ONE SPIRIT.
16. **EPH 5:18** And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but BE FILLED WITH THE SPIRIT,
17. **REV 21:6** And He said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. I will give of the FOUNTAIN OF THE WATER OF LIFE freely to him who THIRSTS.
18. **REV 22:1** And he showed me A PURE RIVER OF WATER OF LIFE, clear as crystal, proceeding from the throne of God and of the Lamb. 17 And the Spirit and the bride say, “Come!” And let him who hears say, “Come!” And let him who THIRSTS come. Whoever desires, let him take the WATER OF LIFE freely.
19. **EZE 47:1** Then he brought me back to the door of the temple; and there was WATER, flowing from under the threshold of the temple toward the east, for the front of the temple faced east; the WATER was flowing from under the right side of the temple, south of the altar. 3 And when the man went out to the east with the line in his hand, he measured one thousand cubits, and he brought me through the WATERS; the WATER came up to my ankles. 4 Again he measured one thousand and brought me through the WATERS; the WATER came up to my knees. Again he measured one thousand and brought me through; the WATER came up to my waist. 5 Again he measured one thousand, and it was a RIVER that I could not cross; for the WATER was too deep, WATER in which one must swim, a RIVER that could not be crossed. 7 When I returned, there, along the bank of the RIVER, were very many trees on one side and the other. 8 Then he said to me: “This WATER flows toward the eastern region, goes down into the valley, and enters the sea. When it reaches the sea, its WATERS are healed. 9 “And it shall be that every living thing that moves, wherever the rivers go, will live. There will be a very great multitude of fish, because these WATERS go there; for they will be healed, and everything will live wherever the RIVER goes.

The Promise

20. **ISA 44:3** For **I WILL pour water on him who is thirsty, And floods on the dry ground; I WILL pour My Spirit on your descendants, And My blessing on your offspring;**
21. **EZE 36:27** “**I WILL put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will keep My judgments and do them.**
22. **JOE 2:28** “And it shall come to pass afterward That **I WILL pour out My Spirit on all flesh; Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, Your old men shall dream dreams, Your young men shall see visions.**
23. **LUK 11:13** “If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!”
24. **LUK 24:49** “**Behold, I send THE PROMISE OF MY FATHER upon you;** but tarry in the city of Jerusalem until you are endued with power from on high.”
25. **ACT 1:4** And being assembled together with them, He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to **wait for THE PROMISE of the Father, “which,” He said, “you have heard from Me;** 5 “for **John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”**
26. **ACT 1:8** “But **you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”**
27. **ACT 2:33** “Therefore being exalted to the right hand of God, and **having received from the Father THE PROMISE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, He poured out this which you now see and hear.**

The Breath and Wind of God

28. **GEN 2:7** And **the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and BREATHED INTO HIS NOSTRILS THE BREATH OF LIFE;** and man became a living soul.
29. **EZE 37:5** ‘Thus says the Lord God to these bones: “**Surely I will cause BREATH to enter into you, and you shall live.** 6 “I will put sinews on you and bring flesh upon you, cover you with skin **and put BREATH in you; and you shall live. Then you shall know that I am the Lord.”**’ 9 Also **He said to me, “Prophecy to the BREATH, prophesy, son of man, and say to the BREATH, “Thus says the Lord God: “Come from THE FOUR WINDS, O BREATH, and BREATHE on these slain, that they may live.”**’ 10 So **I prophesied as He commanded me, and BREATH came into them, and they lived, and stood upon their feet, an exceedingly great army.**
30. **JOH 3:7** “Do not marvel that I said to you, ‘You must be born again.’ 8 “**The WIND BLOWS where it wishes, and you hear the sound of it, but cannot tell where it comes from and where it goes. So is everyone who is born of the Spirit.**”
31. **JOH 20:22** And when He had said this, **He BREATHED on them, and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit.** 23 “If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”
32. **ACT 2:1** When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. 2 And **suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of A RUSHING MIGHTY WIND, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting.** 3 Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them. 4 And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

The Tongue and Language of God

33. **GEN 11:6** And **the Lord said, “Indeed the people are one and they all have one language, and this is what they begin to do; now nothing that they propose to do will be withheld from them.** 7 “**Come, let Us go down and there CONFUSE THEIR LANGUAGE, that they may not understand one another’s speech.”** 8 So the Lord scattered them abroad from there over the face of all the earth, and they ceased building the city.
34. **NUM 11:25** Then **the Lord came down in the cloud, and spoke to him, and took of the Spirit that was upon him, and placed the same upon the seventy elders; and it happened, WHEN THE SPIRIT RESTED UPON THEM, THAT THEY PROPHESED,** although they never did so again. 26 But two men had remained in the camp: the name of one was **Eldad, and** the name of the other **Medad.** And the Spirit rested upon them. Now they were among those listed, but who had not gone out to the tabernacle; yet **they prophesied in the camp.** 27 And a young man ran and told Moses, and said, “Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.” 28 So Joshua the son of Nun, Moses’ assistant, one of his choice men, answered and said, “Moses my lord, forbid them!” 29 Then **Moses said to him, “Are you zealous for my sake? Oh, that all the Lord’s people were prophets and that the Lord would put His Spirit upon them!”**
35. **ISA 10:10** When they came there to the hill, there was a group of prophets to meet him; then **the Spirit of God came upon him, and HE PROPHESED among them.** 11 And it happened, **when all who knew him FORMERLY saw that he indeed prophesied among the prophets, that the people said to one another, “What is this that has come upon the son of Kish? Is Saul also among the prophets?”**
36. **ISA 50:4** **The Sovereign LORD has given me AN INSTRUCTED TONGUE, to know the word that sustains the weary.** He wakens me morning by morning, wakens my ear to listen like one being taught.
37. **2SA 23:2** “**THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD SPOKE BY ME, AND HIS WORD WAS ON MY TONGUE.**
38. **PSA 55:9** **Destroy, O Lord, and divide their tongues,** For I have seen violence and strife in the city.

39. **ISA 6:5** So I said: **“Woe is me, for I am undone! Because I am a man of unclean LIPS, And I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean LIPS; For my eyes have seen the King, The Lord of hosts.”**
40. **ISA 28:9** “Whom will he teach knowledge? And whom will he make to understand the message? Those just weaned from milk? Those just drawn from the breasts? 10 For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept, Line upon line, line upon line, Here a little, there a little.” 11 **For with STAMMERING LIPS AND ANOTHER TONGUE He will speak to this people,** 12 To whom He said, **“THIS is the rest with which You may cause the weary to rest,”** And, **“This is the refreshing”;** Yet they would not hear.
41. **ISA 59:20** “The Redeemer will come to Zion, And to those who turn from transgression in Jacob,” Says the Lord. 21 **“As for Me,” says the Lord, “this is My covenant with them: My Spirit who is upon you, and My words which I have put in YOUR MOUTH, shall not depart from YOUR MOUTH, nor from the MOUTH OF YOUR DESCENDANTS, nor from the MOUTH OF YOUR DESCENDANTS’ DESCENDANTS,”** says the Lord, **“from this time and forevermore.”**
42. **JER 1:7-9** But the Lord said to me: “Do not say, ‘I am a youth,’ For **you shall go to all to whom I send you, And whatever I command you, you shall SPEAK.** 8 Do not be afraid of their faces, For I am with you to deliver you,” says the Lord. 9 Then **the Lord put forth His hand and touched my MOUTH, and the Lord said to me: “BEHOLD, I HAVE PUT MY WORDS IN YOUR MOUTH.**
43. **MAT 10:19** “But **when they deliver you up, do not worry about how or what you should SPEAK. For it will be given to you in that hour what you should SPEAK;** 20 “for **it is not you who SPEAK, but the Spirit of your Father who SPEAKS in you.**
44. **MAR 16:17** “And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; **THEY WILL SPEAK WITH NEW TONGUES;** 18 “they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover.”
45. **LUK 12:12** “For **the Holy Spirit will teach you in that very hour what you ought to SAY.”**
46. **LUK 21:15** “for **I will give you a MOUTH and wisdom which all your adversaries will not be able to contradict or resist.**
47. **ACT 10:45** And those of the circumcision who believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because **the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out on the Gentiles also.** 46 **For they HEARD THEM SPEAK with tongues and magnify God.** Then Peter answered,
48. **ICO 14:1** **Pursue love, and desire spiritual gifts, but especially that you may PROPHECY.** 2 For **he who speaks in a TONGUE does not speak to men but to God, for no one understands him; however, in the spirit he speaks mysteries.** 3 But **he who PROPHECIES SPEAKS edification and exhortation and comfort to men.** 4 **HE WHO SPEAKS IN A TONGUE EDIFIES HIMSELF, BUT HE WHO PROPHECIES EDIFIES THE CHURCH**
49. **ICO 14:5** **I wish you all SPOKE WITH TONGUES, but even more that you PROPHECIED; for he who PROPHECIES is greater than he who SPEAKS WITH TONGUES,** unless indeed he interprets, that the church may receive edification.
50. **ICO 14:18** **I thank my God I speak with TONGUES more than you all; 19 yet in the church I would rather SPEAK five words with my understanding, that I may teach others also, than ten thousand words in a TONGUE.**
51. **ICO 14:21** **In the law it is written: “With men of other TONGUES and other lips I will SPEAK to this people; And yet, for all that, they will not hear Me,”** says the Lord. 22 Therefore **TONGUES are for a sign, not to those who believe but to unbelievers; but prophesying is not for unbelievers but for those who believe.**
52. **ICO 14:26** How is it then, brethren? **WHENEVER you come together, each of you has a psalm, has a teaching, has a TONGUE, has a revelation, has an interpretation. Let all things be done for edification.** 27 **If anyone speaks in a TONGUE, let there be two or at the most three, each in turn, and let one interpret.** 28 **But if there is no interpreter, let him keep silent in church, and let him SPEAK to himself and to God.** 29 **Let two or three prophets SPEAK, and let the others judge.** 30 But if anything is revealed to another who sits by, let the first keep silent. 31 For **you can all prophesy one by one, that all may learn and all may be encouraged.** 32 And the spirits of the prophets are subject to the prophets.
53. **ICO 12:10** to another the working of miracles, **to another PROPHECY,** to another discerning of spirits, **to another different kinds of TONGUES, to another the interpretation of TONGUES.** 11 But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually as He wills.
54. **JAM 3:2** For **we all stumble in many things. If anyone does not stumble in word, he is a perfect man, able also to bridle the whole body.** 3 Indeed, we put bits in horses’ mouths that they may obey us, and we turn their whole body. 4 Look also at ships: although they are so large and are driven by fierce winds, they are turned by a very small rudder wherever the pilot desires. 5 Even so **the TONGUE is a little member and boasts great things. See how great a forest a little fire kindles!** 6 And **the TONGUE is a fire, a world of iniquity. The TONGUE is so set among our members that it defiles the whole body, and sets on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire by hell.**
55. **2PE 1:21** for **PROPHECY never came by the will of man, but holy men of God SPOKE as they were moved by the Holy Spirit.**

The Fire of God

56. **EXO 29:13** “And you shall take all the fat that covers the entrails, the fatty lobe attached to the liver, and the two kidneys and the fat that is on them, and BURN THEM ON THE ALTAR. 14 “**BUT THE FLESH of the bull, with its skin and its offal, YOU SHALL BURN WITH FIRE OUTSIDE THE CAMP. It is A SIN OFFERING.**
57. **DEU 4:24** “For the Lord your God is a consuming FIRE, a jealous God.
58. **ISA 4:4** When the Lord has washed away the filth of the daughters of Zion, and purged the blood of Jerusalem from her midst, by the spirit of judgment and by THE SPIRIT OF BURNING,
59. **ISA 10:17** So the Light of Israel will be for a FIRE, And his Holy One for a FLAME; It will burn and devour His thorns and his briars in one day.
60. **ISA 62:1** For Zion’s sake I will not hold My peace, And for Jerusalem’s sake I will not rest, Until her righteousness goes forth as brightness, And HER SALVATION AS A LAMP THAT BURNS. 2 The Gentiles shall see your righteousness, And all kings your glory. You shall be called by a new name, Which the mouth of the Lord will name.
61. **ZEC 12:6** “In that day I will make the governors of Judah like A FIREPAN IN THE WOODPILE, and like A FIERY TORCH IN THE SHEAVES; they shall devour all the surrounding peoples on the right hand and on the left, but Jerusalem shall be inhabited again in her own place—Jerusalem.
62. **EXO 29:18** “And you shall BURN the whole ram on the altar. It is a burnt offering to the Lord; it is a sweet aroma, an offering made by FIRE to the Lord.
63. **JER 23:29** “Is not My word like a FIRE?” says the Lord, “And like a hammer that breaks the rock in pieces?”
64. **MAL 3:2** “But who can endure the day of His coming? And who can stand when He appears? For He is like a refiner’s FIRE And like launderer’s soap. 3 He will sit as a refiner and a purifier of silver; He will purify the sons of Levi, And purge them as gold and silver, That they may offer to the Lord An offering in
65. **EXO 30:20** “When they go into the tabernacle of meeting, or when they come near the altar to minister, to burn an offering made by FIRE to the Lord, they shall wash with water, lest they die. 21 “So they shall wash their hands and their feet, lest they die. And it shall be a statute forever to them—to him and his descendants throughout their generations.”
66. **LEV 6:12** ‘And the FIRE on the altar shall be kept burning on it; it shall not be put out. And the priest shall burn wood on it every morning, and lay the burnt offering in order on it; and he shall burn on it the fat of the peace offerings. 13 ‘A FIRE shall always be burning on the altar; it shall never go out.
67. **LEV 9:23** And Moses and Aaron went into the tabernacle of meeting, and came out and blessed the people. Then the glory of the Lord appeared to all the people, 24 and FIRE came out from before the Lord and consumed the burnt offering and the fat on the altar. When all the people saw it, they shouted and fell on their faces.
68. **DEU 4:33** “Did any people ever hear the voice of God speaking out of the midst of the FIRE, as you have heard, and live?”
69. **IKI 18:24** “Then you call on the name of your gods, and I will call on the name of the Lord; and the God who answers by FIRE, He is God.” So all the people answered and said, “It is well spoken.”
70. **ISA 43:2** When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; And through the rivers, they shall not overflow you. When you walk through the FIRE, you shall not be burned, Nor shall the flame scorch you.
71. **REV 2:18** “And to the angel of the church in Thyatira write, “These things says the Son of God, who has eyes like a flame of FIRE, and His feet like fine brass:
72. **REV 4:5** And from the throne proceeded lightnings, thunderings, and voices. SEVEN LAMPS OF FIRE WERE BURNING BEFORE THE THRONE, WHICH ARE THE SEVEN SPIRITS OF GOD.
73. **MAT 3:11** “I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance, but He who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. HE WILL BAPTIZE YOU WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT AND FIRE.
74. **LUK 12:49** “I came to send FIRE on the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled!
75. **ACT 2:3** Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of FIRE, and one sat upon each of them.
76. **HEB 12:29** For our God is a consuming FIRE.
77. **2PE 3:7** But the heavens and the earth which are now preserved by the same word, are reserved for FIRE until the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men. 8 But, beloved, do not forget this one thing, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. 9 The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance. 10 But the DAY OF THE LORD will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up.

Watchman Nee: " Because the Lord Jesus died on the cross, I have received forgiveness of sins; because the Lord Jesus rose from the dead, I have received new life; because the Lord Jesus has been exalted to the right hand of the Father, I have received the outpoured Spirit."