

Prime the pump! Let the river flow!

Do you remember the old hand pumps of days gone by? Have you ever primed one of them? The deal with this is that in order for the pump to literally draw water up from the underground stream to which it is connected, it is necessary to create a vacuum that would seal off the air between the spout of the pump (outlet) and the water below. One does that by pouring water into the pipe from the top down. Then one begins pumping rather vigorously and continue until the vacuum action “grabs” hold of the water below and draws it up the pipe and out of the pump nozzle. This whole action of pouring a small amount of water down and pumping until water is drawn up is known as “priming” a pump. Just in case you’ve never seen one, here’s a photo.



I’ve been struck recently by the Lord’s Word as He speaks about His Presence, His Power and His Grace flowing from Himself into and through believers. He speaks of His flowing Presence as a river. Here is what I’ve been struck by from His Word:

18 "Remember not the former things, nor consider the things of old. **19 Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.** **20** The wild beasts will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches; for **I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people,** **21** the people whom I formed for myself that they might declare my praise. KJV (Authorized)

Be alert, be present. **I'm about to do something brand-new. It's bursting out! Don't you see it?** There it is! **I'm making a road through the desert, rivers in the badlands.** Isaiah 43:19
The Message

I The man brought me back to the entrance of the temple, and **I saw water coming out from under the threshold of the temple.** **8** He said to me, "This water flows toward the eastern region and goes down into the Arabah, where it enters the Sea. **When it empties into the Sea, the water there becomes fresh.** **9** **Swarms of living creatures will live wherever the river flows.** There will be large numbers of fish, because **this water flows there and makes the salt water fresh; so where the river flows everything will live.** Ezek 47: 1,8-9 HCSB

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy place where the Most High dwells. Psalm 46:4 NIV

"Then Isaac dug again the wells of water which they had dug in the days of Abraham his father, for the Philistines had stopped them up after the death of Abraham." Gen 26: 18a.

"Also Isaac's servants dug in the valley, and found a well of running water there." Gen 26:19

"Then they dug another well..." Gen 26:21

"And he moved from there and dug another well..." Gen 26:22

"....and Isaac's servants dug a well." Gen 26:25

New wine must be stored in NEW wineskins. That way both the wine and the wineskins are preserved." Matt 8:17 NLT

"He who believes in Me, as the Scripture said, 'From his innermost being (KJV says **"out of his belly"**) **will flow rivers of living water.'** " John 7:38 NAS

And this is what I am hearing as I listen to these words. I believe they are a word of the Lord for us today.

Oh, my children, I'm doing a new thing! I'm making rivers where there was nothing but desert and badlands. I am sending forth My river whose streams make glad all whom I have called! I'm making Living Water to flow so as to feed my people.

This water is poured out by Me into My own as they come to Me in full confidence as their Savior. It is then that My overflowing, life-giving water erupts from deep within them and overflows out of them and transforms My world, and they function like a primed pump!

Oh, but there has been a problem! The wellsprings I dug out in them when My people came to faith have been plugged up and dried out. They have been plugged up by the Philistines of convention, the Philistines of the traditions of men, the Philistines of busyness, the Philistines of drinking the pleasures of other waters..... Some of my children have even hoarded My Living Water, keeping it to themselves because they don't care about their neighbors and friends who have none to drink at all.

And thus My own Bride is anemic. Her waters are fouled, polluted, hardly flowing at all..... And many are dying for lack of My Living Waters.

My son, My daughter, I counsel you to do as Jacob did: re-dig the wells that were first dug in you by Me. Dig out of our relationship the deadwood in you; dig out of our relationship meaningless routine; dig out of our relationship compromise. Dig it out!

Then begin Priming the Pump! Go down deep into your spirit and begin to sing to Me as you did in the days of your spiritual youth. Worship and adore Me as the source of all of your life.

Don't hang onto your little cup of Living Water, afraid or unwilling to pour it on those around you. Oh, I am your Source! I am your Source of never ending Rivers of Living Water!! Keep priming the pump of our relationship through worship, and I will cause you to literally gush out Living Waters through every area of your life!

Why hang on to former blessings? Yesterday's blessings are like yesterday's manna. It was wonderful, but today is a new day! I have new manna for you today! I'm doing a new thing today! Can you not perceive this? Oh, come to My table and eat! I have new wine (Living Water) for you today! Come to My wellspring of heartfelt praise and deep worship, and pour out the little you have upon Me. Then stand back and watch Me bring up the floodwaters of revival in you. I tell you, I will fill you so full you will not be able to contain Me!

So Forget the former things!

Embrace the new!

Look! I'm doing a new thing, pouring out New Blessings in these Last Days!

Don't try to live on old blessings! Don't get stuck in a rut of "the way things used to be!" or what I did for you yesterday, last year or 30 years ago!

My River of Life is pouring directly to you today, to the pump of your life. Will you prime your pump and become a reservoir of My blessing to the world I have placed you in?

If you will dig out the impediments to the flow of My grace, and if you will pour out your affection upon Me in earnest praise and worship, I will indeed give you a new wineskin heart capable of withstanding the awesome things I am doing on the earth today. And I will so fill you that out of your innermost being will flow miraculous rivers of Living Water."