Finally, Kathy said, "I know where we can go," as she drove up to the gate of an embassy. Inside I beheld the most beautiful sight—a water cooler! I grabbed one of the tiny paper cups and filled it again and again. My body had been deprived too long and now required lots of liquid to reverse the effects of dehydration.

The psalmist compared physical thirst with spiritual thirst: "As the deer pants for the water brooks, so pants my soul for You, O God" (Ps. 42:1). His thirst was that of a desperate longing for God—the one and only living God (v.2).

Do you long for something this world can't provide? This dissatisfaction is a thirst of the soul for God. Run to the One who alone can quench that thirst. "He satisfies the longing soul, and fills the hungry soul with goodness" (Ps. 107:9). —

My hunger for the truth He satisfies; Upon the Word, the Living Bread, I feed: No parching thirst I know, because His grace, A pool of endless depth, supplies my need. —Sanders

Only Jesus, the Living Water, can satisfy the thirsty soul.



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# **Really Thirsty**

As the deer pants for the water brooks, so pants my soul for You, O God. —Psalm 42:1

Have you ever been really thirsty? Years ago, I visited my sister Kathy in Mali, West Africa. During an afternoon of seeing the sights, the temperature had risen far above 100°F. Parched, I told her, "Hey, I need something to drink." When Kathy told me she had forgotten to bring along a supply of filtered water, I began to get a bit desperate. The longer we drove, the more I wondered what it was like to truly die of thirst.





People

#### "One and Only"

(Isaiah 1:3) "The ox knows its owner ..; But Israel does not know, My people do not consider."" (Jeremiah 9:3) "".. they do not know Me," says the LORD."

(John 8:54-55) "... It is My Father who honors Me, of whom you say that He is your God. [55] "Yet you have not known Him, ..."

We ask three questions today in regard to our relationship with the Lord Jesus:

#### 1. Do we just \_\_\_\_\_\_ Jesus or do we really \_\_\_\_\_

**?** Luke 7:36-48



(<u>Matthew 15:8)</u> "These people draw near to Me with their mouth, And honor Me with their lips, But their heart is far from Me."

(Matthew 11:28-30) ""Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. {29} "Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. {30} "For My yoke is easy and My burden is light.""

(*Mark 12:30*) "'And you shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.' This is the first commandment."

**2.** Is Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ of many or is He your \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_? Luke 14:26

(*Mark 12:30*) "'And you shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.' This is the first commandment."

(*Matthew 6:24*) ""No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon."

(<u>Matthew 10:37</u>) ""He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me. And he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not

worthy of Me."

(Jeremiah 3:20) "Surely, as a wife treacherously departs from her husband, So have you dealt treacherously with Me, O house of Israel," says the LORD."

(Hosea 2:2-3) "".. she is not My wife, nor am I her Husband! Let her put away her harlotries from her sight, And her adulteries from between



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her breasts; {3} Lest I strip her naked And expose her..."

(Hosea 2:13) "I will punish her For the days of the Baals to which she burned incense. .." says the LORD."

(*Revelation 2:4-5*) ""Nevertheless I have this against you, that you have left your first love. {5} "Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent and do the first works, or else I will come to you quickly and remove your lampstand from its place; unless you repent."

# **3. Is it \_\_\_\_\_\_ service or is it \_\_\_\_\_\_ service that you give to Christ?** Luke 7:47

(Matthew 23:5) ""But all their works they do to be seen by men. ..."

(Matthew 23:25-28) ""Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you cleanse the outside of the cup and dish, but inside they are full of extortion and self-indulgence. [26] "Blind Pharisee, first cleanse the inside of the cup and dish, that the outside of them may be clean also. [27] "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you are like whitewashed tombs which indeed appear beautiful outwardly, but inside are full of dead men's bones and all uncleanness.

*{28} "Even so you also outwardly appear righteous to men, but inside you are full of hypocrisy and lawlessness."* 

(John 16:7) ""Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you."

(Matthew 7:21-23) ""Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. {22} "Many will say to Me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?' [23] "And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!'

(*Revelation 3:15-16*) ""I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot. I could wish you were cold or hot. {16} "So then, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will vomit you out of My mouth."



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