

“THREATS TO THIRST”
Jeremiah 2:13

Last week we learned our thirst for life can only be quenched by faith in Christ. Yet many still live with a dehydrated soul. If God makes available cool, abundant, life-giving water, why don't we drink? Threats to thirst:

1. The Threat of _____.

2. The Threat of _____.

3. The Threat of _____.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Against the threat of the Babylonian invasion, Judah put their trust in false gods and hopeful allies. What do you tend to trust in when your security is threatened?
2. Many of us would rather go buy something than spend time with God when we are down or bored. Why do you think that is? How does this choice correlate to Jeremiah 2:13?
3. To take care of ourselves physically, we must drink adequately and consistently. What are the consequences if we fail to do the same thing spiritually?
4. Read Psalm 63. What does David do to move from thirst to satisfaction in this psalm? How could you incorporate into your life what David describes?

A stone path leads from the foreground towards a bright, glowing blue light source in the distance. The path is made of irregular, weathered stones. The light source is surrounded by a misty, ethereal glow, and the overall scene is dark and atmospheric.

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“The soul of man has in it a raging and inextinguishable thirst.”

Henry Scougal

“At times I feel like a fish in the desert: designed for water, but stuck in sand.”

Larry Crabb





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I. The Threat of **DEPRAVITY .**

A. Rejection of the Spring

B. Reliance on Self



“There has been a widespread loss of confidence, and major sectors of America's financial system are at risk of shutting down.”

II. The Threat of **DISBELIEF**

- A. We don't drink **Confidently**.
- B. We don't drink **Completely**.
- C. We don't drink **Consistently**.

“Behind every sin is the fundamental conviction that God is not good— that He’s holding out on us...When I am not convinced that God is good, I will quietly— but with tight-lipped resolve— take over responsibility for my own well-being.”

Larry Crabb



III. The Threat of **DECEPTION**

A. False Sources

B. Failed Supply

“Sin has introduced the insane belief in all of us that our God-given thirst can be quenched in God-absent waters...illicit sex, drugs, alcoholism, materialism, egotism, religiosity, etc.”

Dwight Edwards



“If there lurks in most modern minds the notion that to desire our own good and earnestly to hope for the enjoyment of it is a bad thing, I submit that this notion crept in from Kant and the Stoics and is no part of the Christian faith. Indeed if we consider the unblushing promises of reward and the staggering nature of the rewards promised in the Gospels, it would seem our Lord finds our desires not too

strong, but too weak. We are half-hearted creatures, fooling about with drink and sex and ambition when infinite joy is offered us, like an ignorant child who wants to go on making mud pies in a slum because he cannot imagine what is meant by the offer of a holiday at the sea, we are far too easily pleased.”

C.S. Lewis

