

“DEEP CALLS UNTO DEEP” (Ezek. 47:1-12)

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INTRO: Psalm 42:7 says, *“Deep calls unto deep.”* Christianity & America’s republic are under intense attack. If we’re going to survive & thrive, we need to go deeper in our faith. Let’s hear & respond to this call (Ezek. 47:1-12).

I. WATER BEGINS TO FLOW (Ezek. 47:1).

- A. God brought Ezekiel to the door of the temple in a vision.
- B. Water was flowing from under the temple threshold.
 - 1. Water – abundant spiritual life (Rev. 22:1) & the flow of the Spirit (Isa. 44:3; Jn. 7:37-39).
 - 2. The Temple– a place of God’s habitation with His people - the house of God corporately (Joel 3:18) & personally (1Cor. 3:16-17; 6:19-20).
 - a. The source of the water – the dwelling of God.

II. THE WATER GETS PROGRESSIVELY DEEPER (vv. 2-5)!

- A. Ankle-Deep Water for 1,000 cubits [1,750’] (Ezek. 47:2-3).
 - 1. A depth for introduction, testing, tasting, experiencing.
 - 2. Not much faith or risk required. Limited impact.
- B. Knee-Deep Water (Ezek. 47:4a).
 - 1. The Pattern: 1,000 cubits; incrementally deeper water.
 - 2. Each water level requires less connection to the earth, less security & control and more trust in God.
- C. Waist-Deep Water (Ezek. 47:4b).
- D. Swimming-Deep Water (Ezek. 47:5).
 - 1. To swim you have to disconnect from the earth!

III. OTHER CHARACTERISTICS OF GOING DEEPER (vv. 6-12).

- A. God wants to do a new thing (v. 6a; Isa. 43:19)!
- B. There’s a time to swim & a time to go to the bank (v. 6b).
- C. The river nourishes and heals what it touches (vv. 7-9a, 12; Psalm 1:1-3; Rev. 22:1-5).
 - 1. Our nation is sick and needs this healing!
 - 2. Seekers need to experience the deep water!
- D. This led to a harvest of fish/souls (vv. 9b-10; Matt. 4:19)!
- E. Jesus said to fish in the deep water (Luke 5:1-11)!
- F. There is death where the river doesn’t flow (Ezek. 47:11).

CONCLUSION: Will you step into the water & go deeper?