

Scriptural Quotes on WATER

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Old Testament

Isaiah, 43:2-3

When you pass through the water, I will be with you; in the rivers you shall not drown. When you walk through the fire, you shall not be burned; the flames shall not consume you. For I am the Lord, your God, the Holy One of Israel, your savior.

Ezekiel, 47:9

Wherever the river flows, every sort of living creature that can multiply shall live, and there shall be abundant fish, for wherever this water comes the sea shall be made fresh.

Genesis, 9:13-17

I set my bow in the clouds to serve as a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth, and the bow appears in the clouds, I will recall the covenant I have made between me and you and every living creature with you: I set my bow in the clouds to serve as a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth, and the bow appears in the clouds, I will recall the covenant that I have made between me and you and all living beings, so that the waters shall never become a flood to destroy all mortal beings. As the bow appears in the clouds, I will see it and recall the everlasting covenant that I have established between God and all living beings- all mortal creatures that are on earth. God told Noah:” This is the sign of the covenant I have established between me and all mortal creatures that are on earth.”

Psalms 23:1-6

A psalm of David.

The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I lack.

In green pastures you let me graze;
to safe waters you lead me;
you restore my strength.

You guide me along the right path for the sake of your name.

Even when I walk through a dark valley, I fear no harm for you are at my side;
your rod and your staff give me courage.

You set a table before me as my enemies watch;

You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

Only goodness and love, will pursue me all the days of my life;
I will dwell in the house of the Lord for years to come.

New Testament

John, 7:37-39

Rivers of Living Water.

On the last day and greatest day of the feast, Jesus stood up and exclaimed, "Let anyone who thirsts come to me and drink.

Whoever believes in me, as scripture says:

'Rivers of living water will flow from within him.' "

He said this in reference to the Spirit that those who come to believe in him were to receive.

There was, of course, no Spirit yet, because Jesus had not yet been glorified.

John, 3:3-7

Jesus to Nicodemus

Jesus answered and said to him "Amen, amen I say to you no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." Nicodemus said to him, "How can a person once grown old be born again?" Surely he cannot reenter his mother's womb and be born again, can he?"

Jesus answered, Amen, amen, I say to you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit." What is born of flesh is flesh and what is born of spirit is spirit. Do not be amazed that I told you, 'You must be born from above.'

John, 4:7-15

A woman of Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." His disciples had gone into the town to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, "How can you, a Jew, ask me, a Samaritan woman for a drink?" (For Jews use nothing in common with Samaritans) Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God and who is saying to you, give me a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water." [The woman] said to him, "Sir, you do not even have a bucket and the cistern is deep; where then can you get this living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob who gave us this cistern and drank from it himself with his children and his flocks?" Jesus answered and said to her, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again; but whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst; the water I shall give will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may not be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water."

1 John 5:6-7

This is the one who came through water and blood Jesus Christ, not by water alone, but by water and blood. The Spirit is the one that testifies, and the Spirit is truth. So there are three that testify, the Spirit, the water, and the blood, and the three are of one accord.

Matthew, 3:11-17

I am baptizing you with water, for repentance but the one who is coming after me is mightier than I. I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fan is in his hand. He will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

The Baptism of Jesus

Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan to be baptized by him. John tried to prevent him saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and yet you are coming to me?” Jesus said to him in reply. “Allow it now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he allowed him. After Jesus was baptized, he came up from the water and behold, the heavens were opened [for] him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove [and] coming upon him.

And a voice came from the heavens, saying, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.”

Matthew 10:40-42

Rewards

Whoever receives you receives me, and whoever receives me receives the one who sent me.

Whoever receives a prophet, because he is a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward, and whoever receives a righteous man because he is righteous will receive a righteous man’s reward.

And whoever gives only a cup of cold water to one of these little ones to drink because he is a disciple-amen, I say to you, he will surely not lose his reward.

Matthew 14:24-33:

The Walking on the Water

Meanwhile the boat, already a few miles offshore, was being tossed about by the waves, for the wind was against it. During the fourth watch of the night, he came toward them, walking on the sea. When the disciples saw him walking on the sea they were terrified. “It is a ghost,” they said, and they cried out in fear. At once [Jesus] spoke to them, “Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid.”

Peter said to him in reply, “Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.” He said, “Come.” Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water toward Jesus. But when he saw how [strong] the wind was he became frightened; and, beginning to sink, he cried out, “Lord, save me!” Immediately Jesus stretched out his hand and caught him, and said to him, “O you of little faith, why did you doubt?”