

I would have forgotten to do that. That's why I said thank you to him.

Yeah. Welcome everybody. Can you adjust the volume on that a bit maybe?

I don't know what it is. I'm not doing something I don't like.

Just for our newest person wow Maria Maria Celeste I hope I get used to that MC I just want to say this we don't do this on the Sabbath

on a holy day. We find there's seven holy days in three seasons. Passover season, the time of Pentecost, at the end of spring, and course of the Feast of Tabernacle.

That sounds great. What do you think, Eric? Not too bad?

Oh, yes, here, yeah. Yeah,

yeah. Yeah, yeah.

And at the Feast of Tabernacles, I think that's what I said last. So we don't do this every time we meet on the Sabbath day. We don't take up an offering. It's typical the other churches do that, but we don't. Sandy wanted me to make mention of that. I thought, yeah, we should do that, I guess. Welcome here on this Day of Atonement. Has anybody been to Israel before? I know Brennan's going to go out. I knew she'd been there. I haven't been there, but I just recently seen a picture from some friends we met on a river cruise. And they sense it's a picture of an area they were in Israel at the Dead Sea. It is dead there. Brennan, would I be right to say that? It's dead there, yeah. So if you've ever seen videos or pictures on television about that, you know that The Jordan River and the Dead Sea connect, and between those two locations, it's very noticeable. It's a totally different look. Now, the banks of the Jordan are surrounded by trees and lush greenery, but nothing lives at the Dead Sea. Brandon, would I be right to say that? Nothing lives at the Dead Sea.

Yeah, they must water them, I guess, I don't know. But anyway, the reason for this is that there's no outlet. It's stagnant. And when the water flows into the area of that sea, it stays there. And the salt accumulates, and it works as a poison, it just kills everything. So what does the Dead Sea represent? What does the Jordan River represent by comparison? It's an interesting comparison. Let's consider that today in this short operatory. It's a vivid picture of what we could say, two different positions, right two different situations going on there the dead sea compares let's say to the world system which is based on not all not every every time but based on the accumulation of wealth right and the goal is to basically get basically get enough so that you can have enough and this approach results in If that's what you do, if that's what happens, it's self-centered, unfruitful stagnation. Now, Christians who follow this plan mistakenly believe it's probably the path to some sort of security that they're making for themselves. But what they feel to understand is that keeping this just for ourselves makes our lives spiritually unfruitful and hinders the good works that God wants to do through us.

So the plan of God, think about this for a minute, it's like a river that constantly flows. It doesn't stay stagnant. And God's provision, as we know,

flows into our lives. In the right position for us to take up is to pass it along to somebody else. I think Maria, Celeste, can agree with that.

We were passing something out there and she picked it up. That's why she's here. So this results in a fruitful life centered on taking in and doing what else?

Giving out.

It is God who supplies the bread that we all receive for food.

He also supplies something else. The seeds for sewing out to others.

He supplies life and gives,

and he also gives us enough to give out to others. So they can also live the way we're living.

Living what? In the word of God. So just like the example of the Jordan River, it takes in, and it also gives back and return. So here's a direct quote I'm going to

make now. You don't have to turn to it. I'll read it to you. It's in 2nd

Corinthians 9 and 10th chapter, and I quote, Now may he God,

while he supplies seed to the sower and bread to eat, supply your seed and multiply your sowing that he may increase their fruits of your righteousness,

end of quote. So there are needs to the church and in the world as well. And what

he wants to do, he wants to meet through your, to meet those needs through through your might generosity. So let his blessings flow through you like the Jordan River.

Keep the flow going. It will always, always, always come back to you one way or

another. May God increase the fruits of your righteousness. And with that,

I'll pause here now and I'll take up the offering.

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