

water, I'm speaking here of that water of which Jesus said, he that drinks of the water that I give him shall never thirst. There is a water today that is vital for us to be planted beside, and if we are to serve the Lord as he wants us to, if our lives are to be worthwhile as he wants us to be, then we must be like trees planted beside this stream, and so this morning I'd like to think with you a little bit about this stream, about the stream which flows today, the stream beside which each of us should be planted, and from which we draw our nourishment.

The modernist talks a great deal about fine character, he talks a great deal about improving the world, he talks a great deal about all the good things the Church should accomplish and that we should accomplish in our lives, and we're interested in good things too. But where do we get those good things, do you water the fruit of the tree, do you put your water and fertilizer on the leaves of the tree? Is it not the source of his life that he's writing of, the water which it draws up from the source, the stream beside which it is planted, which gives it its life, its nourishment and enables it to go forward.

Well, in these patterns that we've looked at there are three aspects of this river I'd like to look at, and first I'd like to call your attention to the source of the trees. There is nothing in the first Psalm about the source of the trees, but we do have something told us elsewhere about it. Let's look (12½) the other two, at Revelation 22 . And he shewed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb. The river that John saw came from the throne of God and of the Lamb. The river that Ezekiel saw, he told us in chapter 47, verse 1, waters issued from under a threshold of the house eastward, for the forefront of the house stood toward the east, and the waters came down from under from the right side of the house, at the south of the altar. One speaks of it as coming from the temple of God, from the side of the altar: John speaks of it as coming from the throne of God and of the Lamb. And here there is a mighty force (13½) about the waters from which we receive our nourishment, the water from which we get our life, where does it come from? What is the source of your life. I know people who have gone to modernist seminaries, I've known people who have gone to places and books of uncleanness