

that he can separate the truth from the false he does not need to go to seminary. He is foolish to think that he (1½)

The source from which we get most of our nourishment must be the source which is dependable, a source which is pure, the river of life flows from the throne of God and of the Lamb. It must come from the house of God and from the south side of the altar.

Now, you know I like this little touch that John puts in here, it proceeded, he doesn't just say from the temple of God, he says from the throne of God. John here in Patmos was very conscious of the throne of Jesus, he was very conscious of the force of wickedness which was turning the world over and destroying the godly, and establishing wickedness everywhere. He was conscious of the horror of the persecution and he saw the river proceeding from the throne of God. What a source it is of blessing to him, what a source it is of health and comfort to realize that all the good things we get come from the throne, what comfort the salvation of God is to the believer, to realize that He makes all things to work together for good to them that love him, to realize that even though the things seem bad to us, they don't seem what we want at all, if we are his children they are coming from his throne and have his purpose in and for our good, and when things turn contrary to what we desire, let's look in ourselves to see if there's a cause there, if God is showing us something that should be changed in us. But if we do not find such a thing, let us then know that there is a lesson, there's a purpose, there's a way in which he is working, which is in these things that are disagreeable to us, and if we realize that we can, like Daniel lie down before the lions and know that God has closed their mouths. We can lie down in peace because our, everything proceeds from the throne of God, and He is in control. What a comfort it is to get our substance from the throne of God, what a blessing it is to know that nothing in our lives should cause us worry or anxiety because he controls them all. But what a responsibility it is to make sure that we're planted beside the right stream and we're drawing our nourishment from it and not wandering over here to some other stream that will give us that which will stunt our growth and injure our hearing.

Do you notice John didn't stop with saying the throne of God. He said the Throne of God and of the Lamb. And it's interesting that Ezekiel said that the waters came from the