

God had prepared for ~~h~~ His people. It was a place where they could multiply and become numerous, ~~a d~~ and then the place where they could have the place experience of the power of evil and to learn of God's great power and to bring them out, and a wonderful picture of the way that we must be ~~h~~ delivered by God's power from the force of sin, and so here to day we find that all through these passages we have a river and trees beside the river, and in Psalm it definitely says that the man whom ~~h~~ God blesses, ~~his is~~ is like a tree ~~pl~~ planted by the rivers of water, and so this morning I would like to look a little with you at this ~~river~~ river, in its application to our present time. Certainly the figure of water ;~~xxx~~ is a <sup>frequent</sup> figure for the Word of God. We find over in Ephesians 5:46 the statement, Christ loved the church and gave Himself for it that He might ~~h~~ ~~sancti~~-sanctify and cleanse it by the ~~wash~~-washing of water by the Word. ~~h~~ Water is often a figure for the Word of God, but this river here means all of ~~ox~~ God's wonderful grace as He gives it to those who become like trees planted by the rivers of water. Now, there are three things that I would like ~~for you~~ to notice about this river this morning, particularly, and the first of them is an extremely important one, it is the source of the river. Where does this river come from. Well, Psalm 1 doesn't tell us specifically where it comes from, ~~h~~ but verse 4 says that the man who is like the tree planted by the rivers of water is one who delights in the ~~h~~ Law of the Lord and in His law ~~does~~-He does he ~~meditat~~ meditate day and night, that gives us an idea of the source. We have perhaps a more specific idea of the source in Ezekiel 47, ~~verse 7~~ where ~~in the~~ where we read in the first verse that the waters came down from under ~~h~~ from the right side of the house, at the south side of the altar, and verse 12 that we noticed a few minutes a few minutes ago spoke of how ~~h~~ it ~~brings~~ brings forth fruit because