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(#175) The Proverbs of Solomon 25:25- Drink Some Cold Water For A Change

Proverbs 25:25:

As cold water to a weary soul, so is good news from a far country.

Nothing satisfies a tired, weary person, more than a drink of "cold water." Jesus preserved this thought when He emphasized that Christians should give "one of these little ones only a cup of cold water in the name of a disciple, assuredly, I say to you, he shall by no means lose his reward" ([Matthew 10:42](#)). War is wearying, and the longer it is waged, the more desperate a country is for good news. When a propaganda press is a daily din of horrors and failures in that war, the public reacts by detesting any and all opposition to their enemies. Whether engaged in a war, or traveling overseas for business or family interests, those at home eagerly await good news about those they cannot see.

Getting good news from "a far country" may be done by:

(1) Sending "spies" (or "reporters") to tell us what it is like, although when Israelites sent twelve men to spy out the Promised Land before the people would enter, ten of them "discouraged the heart of the children of Israel, so that they did not go into the land which the LORD had given them" ([Numbers 32:9](#)), making God swear they would not enter that land ([Numbers 32:10-12](#)). Unfaithful reporters have misreported American interests in foreign lands for decades. Remember, looking through a camera lens limits the view of what actually happens. Learn the lesson of the Israelites in the wilderness – that God's Word always is right no matter who or how many say otherwise. Because of the false report of the ten spies,

They despised the pleasant land; they did not believe His word, but complained in their tents, and did not heed the voice of the LORD. Therefore He raised up His hand in an oath against them, to overthrow them in the wilderness. ([Psalm 106:24-26](#))

(2) Seeing for ourselves:

Now when the queen of Sheba heard of the fame of Solomon concerning the name of the LORD, she came to test him with hard questions. ([1 Kings 10:1](#))



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When "the queen of Sheba" made her first-hand report, she said,
I did not believe the words until I came and saw with my own
eyes; and indeed the half was not told me. Your wisdom and
prosperity exceed the fame of which I heard. ([1 Kings 10:7](#))

Jesus Christ repeatedly said, "I am going away and coming *back* to you"
([John 14:28](#)). When He had gone into the "far country" of death, He came back
with the good news that we could be with Him ([John 14:1-3](#)) by obeying Him
([Mark 16:15-16](#)). The Gospel of Jesus Christ is "good news" from "a far country,"
and is refreshing to every soul who drinks the water of life ([Revelation 22:17](#)).

