

**"Water from the Rock"**

**Part 2**

**Exodus 17:1-7**

**Introduction:** Last week in our morning message we looked at Exodus 17:1-7 and it was in this text that we mainly focused upon the question in verse 7.

**Notice Exodus 17:1-7**

Israel had been through much up until this time and God had met every need they had. He set them free from Egypt, He parted the Red Sea, He drowned the Egyptians, He gave them sweet water at Marah, and He gave them Manna when they needed food. Here in this text they ran out of water and they began to complain and in verse 7 they asked the question many people ask when there is a trial, "WHERE IS GOD?"

The problem in this text was not with God. The problem was that Israel had a distorted view of themselves.

**Notice Exodus 17:2**

Here was the first evidence of their distorted view. They lacked humility. Here in this verse they DEMANDED water. You see they did not believe they deserved to be tested or that they deserved to experience any sort of suffering. They were followers of God and in their mind followers of God should never experience any trouble.

This is the result of pride in their hearts.

**Application:**

We must be very careful about allowing pride in our hearts. It will cause us to think that because we are followers of God that live in America, we should never have any tests or times of suffering.

This distorted view will cause us to cry out during the trials and tests, "WHERE IS GOD?"

**Notice Exodus 17:3**

Here was another sin they committed. They were talking to Moses, but these complaints were directed toward God. Here in this statement they were accusing God of sin and unrighteousness. They were falsely accusing God of not taking better care of them.

**Application:**

This is exactly our sin when we begin to complain about difficult times. Our complaints are a way of blaming God for not taking better care of us.

The problem with Israel and the problem with us is that we forget that we are created to bring glory to God.

**Isaiah 43:1-3, 7**

*But now thus saith the LORD that created thee, O Jacob, and he that formed thee, O Israel, Fear not: for I have redeemed thee, I have called thee by thy name; thou art mine.*

<sup>2</sup> *When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee: when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee.*

<sup>3</sup> *For I am the LORD thy God, the Holy One of Israel, thy Saviour: I gave Egypt for thy ransom, Ethiopia and Seba for thee.*

<sup>7</sup> *Even every one that is called by my name: for I have created him for my glory, I have formed him; yea, I have made him.*

Last week in our study we looked at how God did not bring judgment down upon Israel even though they deserved it but instead He gave them water.

**Notice Exodus 17:5-6**

Moses took the rod of JUDGMENT and he struck the Rock and water came out for Israel.

**1 Corinthians 10:1-4**

*Moreover, brethren, I would not that ye should be ignorant, how that all our fathers were under the cloud, and all passed through the sea;*

<sup>2</sup> *And were all baptized unto Moses in the cloud and in the sea;*

<sup>3</sup> *And did all eat the same spiritual meat;*

<sup>4</sup> *And did all drink the same spiritual drink: for they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them: and that Rock was Christ.*

So, WHY DID WE COME BACK HERE TODAY? We do not know what is going to happen in our nation. If the election results do not get corrected, then we are going to see many more tests and trials if the Lord tarries. My concern is that the corruption runs so deep that there is no one who will do anything to correct it. The Lord can bring it all to light if it is His will and He can see that it is made right. But it also may be His will to use this to move the world closer to the Tribulation. The liberals are pushing hard to get a **GLOBAL**

**SOCIALIST** economy established. It is my responsibility to prepare you to stand in the dark days to come. I believe that the text before us has a great message for us.

The event at the Rock is a picture of what our Lord has done for each of us.

## I. The Offer

### Notice Exodus 17:6

Every one of the people of Israel enjoyed the water from the Rock on that day but not everyone who enjoyed the water was saved.

### Application:

Let me ask you a question, "Have you drank water the Rock of have you just allowed the water to flow over you?" I ask this question because I know there are people who sit in churches and they are not saved but they enjoy the water from the Rock as they sit and allow the water to flow over them but they have never drank from the Rock.

The point I am making is they have never made Jesus Christ their own personal Savior. They know about Him, but they do not KNOW Him. Salvation is a personal relationship with God.

**Illustration of a bottle of water. If you do not drink it, you will die no matter what you know about the water.**

Let me share with you the Words of Jesus.

### Matthew 7:13-14, 22-23

<sup>13</sup> *Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and **many** there be which go in thereat:*

<sup>14</sup> *Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.*

<sup>22</sup> ***Many** will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works?*

<sup>23</sup> *And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.*

The MANY allowed the water to flow over them and they enjoyed the experience, but they never drank of the living water and therefore they will die in their sins.

**Application:**

We do not know when the rapture will take place, but it sure looks like the time is quickly approaching. If the rapture happens and you are not saved you will find yourself in the worst time ever to come upon the face of the earth.

You need Jesus Christ.

**Revelation 22:17**

*<sup>17</sup> And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.*

Now I want to show you the importance of the Rock and the water after you are saved.

**II. The Presence**

**1 Corinthians 10:1-4**

*Moreover, brethren, I would not that ye should be ignorant, how that all our fathers were under the cloud, and all passed through the sea;*

*<sup>2</sup> And were all baptized unto Moses in the cloud and in the sea;*

*<sup>3</sup> And did all eat the same spiritual meat;*

*<sup>4</sup> And did all drink the same spiritual drink: for they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them: and that Rock was Christ.*

Here we see that the Rock followed them, meaning the Lord followed them. They were never alone.

**Application:**

Once we drink from the Rock, meaning once we are saved, we are then NEVER alone. We do not know what we might have to go through but we can be sure that we will never face the trials alone.

**Hebrews 13:5-6**

*<sup>5</sup> Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.*

*<sup>6</sup> So that we may boldly say, The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me.*

Let us notice the words which God gave to Israel.

**Isaiah 43:1-3a**

*But now thus saith the LORD that created thee, O Jacob, and he that formed thee, O Israel, Fear not: for I have redeemed thee, I have called thee by thy name; thou art mine.*

<sup>2</sup> *When thou passest through the waters, **I will be with thee**; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee: when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee.*

<sup>3</sup> *For I am the LORD thy God, the Holy One of Israel, thy Saviour:*

**Deuteronomy 31:6-8**

<sup>6</sup> *Be strong and of a good courage, fear not, nor be afraid of them: for the LORD thy God, **he it is that doth go with thee; he will not fail thee, nor forsake thee.***

<sup>7</sup> *And Moses called unto Joshua, and said unto him in the sight of all Israel, Be strong and of a good courage: for thou must go with this people unto the land which the LORD hath sworn unto their fathers to give them; and thou shalt cause them to inherit it.*

<sup>8</sup> *And the LORD, he it is that doth go before thee; **he will be with thee, he will not fail thee, neither forsake thee**: fear not, neither be dismayed.*

**III. The Satisfaction**

The people of Israel drank from the Rock and they were satisfied.

**Application:**

The promise of satisfaction is given to whoever will drink of the living water today.

**John 4:10, 13-14**

<sup>10</sup> *Jesus answered and said unto her, If thou knewest the gift of God, and who it is that saith to thee, Give me to drink; thou wouldest have asked of him, and he would have given thee **living water**.*

<sup>13</sup> *Jesus answered and said unto her, Whosoever drinketh of this water shall thirst again:*

<sup>14</sup> *But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him **shall never thirst**; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life.*

The idea here is that when we walk in fellowship with our Lord and continue to drink from the Rock then we will experience satisfaction. He will be our satisfaction and fulfillment.

The problem is that we can drift away and begin to drink from the cisterns of the world. Let us notice what God said about His people in Jeremiah.

**Jeremiah 2:13**

<sup>13</sup> *For my people have committed two evils; they have forsaken me the fountain of living waters, and hewed them out cisterns, broken cisterns, that can hold no water.*

Many believers are drinking from the cisterns of the world in an attempt to quench their thirst, but it will never happen. The Lord will never let us find satisfaction in the cisterns of the world. They produce nothing but bitter waters and they leave a believer bitter and not satisfied.

**Isaiah 55:1-2**

*Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy, and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.*

<sup>2</sup> *Wherefore do ye spend money for that which is not bread? and your labour for that which satisfieth not? hearken diligently unto me, and eat ye that which is good, and let your soul delight itself in fatness.*

There is a lasting satisfaction in the Christ. The world offers much but it is all emptiness. Before the Rapture we may lose much of what we have but as we continue to drink the living water we can be satisfied with Jesus Christ.

**IV. The Security**

As believers we have security and protection in the Rock. Let us notice what David wrote as he fled from his son Absalom.

**Psalms 61:1-4**

*Hear my cry, O God; attend unto my prayer.*

<sup>2</sup> *From the end of the earth will I cry unto thee, when my heart is overwhelmed: lead me to the rock that is higher than I.*

<sup>3</sup> *For thou hast been a shelter for me, and a strong tower from the enemy.*

<sup>4</sup> *I will abide in thy tabernacle for ever: I will trust in the covert of thy wings.*

When we feel as though we are sinking, we have a Rock that is stable and higher than the storms of life and it is in the Rock that we have our security.

V. The Results

**John 7:37-39**

<sup>37</sup> *In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink.*

<sup>38</sup> *He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.*

<sup>39</sup> *(But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.)*

**Conclusion:**

From our lives, Jesus says life will flow.

**Galatians 5:22-23**

<sup>22</sup> *But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith,*

<sup>23</sup> *Meekness, temperance:*

What flows from your life? Sweet water or bitter water?