

October 4, 2020
GOD PROVIDES WATER FROM A ROCK

Lesson Text: EXODUS 17:1-7

Related Scriptures:

Exodus 15:22-26; 19:1-6

Numbers 20:1-11

Psalms 95:6-11

John 4:7-24

Place: REPHIDIM

Lesson Outline:

1) **The Test:** Exodus 17:1-3

2) **The Responses:** Exodus 17:4-6

3) **The Rebuke:** Exodus 17:7

INTRODUCTION

Life is filled with tests. When we were still infants at some point, our parents released their grips from our hands to see if we could walk on our own. Our school years are filled with tests. Later there were other kinds of tests: driver's test, fitness tests, college entrance tests, employment test, and medical tests. They are all designed to benefit us in some way. The same is true of our spiritual tests. They often accompany physical tests, which challenge us to trust the Lord through pain, suffering, loss, and hardship. Even when we can see no immediate benefits, such tests are beneficial to us in the long run, they teach us about God, about ourselves, and about life itself in this cursed world. We can, however, forfeit the benefits of the tests God brings into our lives. When we fail to learn from them, we do not progress spiritually.

QUESTIONS

- (1) **Where was God leading Moses, and the Israelites? and "why"**
- (2) **What situation did the Israelites face while Encamped? and what was the complication?**
- (3) **What did the Israelites do in Exodus 17:2; what should they have done instead?**
- (4) **What is the meaning of Rephidim?**
- (BONUS) **What other substance the Israelites needed while in Rephidim?**
- (5) **What did the Israelites accuse Moses of doing? and why?**
- (6) **How did Moses demonstrate his faith in the Lord?**
- (7) **What convinced Moses of the seriousness of the situation?**
- (8) **How did the Lord graciously provide for the people?**
- (9) **How did God's provision vindicate Moses' leadership?**

(10) What way did Moses rebuke the people for their attitude?

APPLICATION: In understanding God we must first have an intimate relationship with him. Desiring God would be our first step, and to have our own meeting place with God, one example would be our prayer closet, whether it's inside our home or outside our home, it's a must that a meeting place is designated just for you, and God to be alone. Other key factors would be, to worship Him, seeking His presence, favor God in all things, Keep His word, seek His Glory, and His face. And if we have to stand at our Red Sea or find yourself in a place of wilderness, our first response is to trust God, go into our meeting place, your secret closet, and look for the hand of God in all situations. Let us learn from the Israelites not to express our murmurings of dissatisfaction or complain about our leader(s) or our God, and Savior.

CONCLUSION: We can complain about life or choose to live in the joy of God's promises. We have proof of His promises, that's the empty tomb, a risen Savior, and the power of the Holy Spirit within us. We should accept God's sovereign will because of our love for Him, and His love for us. The worst thing we can do is harden our hearts and blame the Lord when things don't go the way we had hoped. God is always faithful to His plan, God had said He was going to take the Israelites to the Promised Land, and God did exactly that.

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