

Exodus 17

Exodus 17:1-7 – Water from the Rock

(1) Then all the congregation of the children of Israel set out on their journey from the Wilderness of Sin, according to the commandment of the LORD, and camped in Rephidim; but there was no water for the people to drink.

(2) Therefore the people contended with Moses, and said, "Give us water, that we may drink." So Moses said to them, "Why do you contend with me? Why do you tempt the LORD?"

(3) And the people thirsted there for water, and the people complained against Moses, and said, "Why is it you have brought us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?"

(4) So Moses cried out to the LORD, saying, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me!"

A) It is important to note that this is not the first or the last time the people will complain or murmur to Moses and Aaron for substance.

The issue here is not that the Israelites were requesting food or drink which God neither denies nor does not want to provide but rather how they requested it.

They were not looking to God but to man and when they asked, they asked in doubt. “You brought us to die, to kill us, you tricked us, we had it better in Egypt.”....

The reason many of our prayers are not answered is because the way we ask or we just don't ask.

Mark 11:24 Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, **believe that you receive them**, and you will have them.

James 1:5-8 If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him. **(6) But let him ask in faith, with no doubting**, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind. **(7) For let not that man suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord;** **(8)** he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways. **James 4:2-3** You lust and do not have. You murder and covet and cannot obtain. You fight and war. **Yet you do not have because you do not ask.** **(3)** You ask and do not receive, because you ask amiss, **that you may spend it on your pleasures.**

1. Believe it when you ask.
2. Stop living in doubt.
3. Don't ask to satisfy your flesh.

(5) And the LORD said to Moses, "Go on before the people, and take with you some of the elders of Israel.

Also take in your hand your rod with which you struck the river, and go.

(6) Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock in Horeb; and you shall strike the rock, and water will come out of it, that the people may drink." And Moses did so in the sight of the elders of Israel.

(7) So he called the name of the place Massah and Meribah, because of the contention of the children of Israel, and because they tempted the LORD, saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

A) God resolves the matter by having Moses take some of the leaders and hit the rock at Horeb and the moment he does, water gushed out to take care of 2 million people plus their livestock. He calls the place Massah and Meribah. (Testing and Tempting)

....Exodus 17 (6) Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock in Horeb; **and you shall strike the rock, and water will come out of it**, that the people may drink."

1 Corinthians 10:1-4 Moreover, brethren, I do not want you to be unaware that all our fathers were under the cloud, all passed through the sea, (2) all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, (3) all ate the same spiritual food, (4) **and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them, and that Rock was Christ.**

John 4:10 Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is who says to you, 'Give Me a

drink,' you would have asked Him, and He would have **given you living water."** Joh 4:13-14 Jesus answered and said to her, "Whoever drinks of this water will thirst again, (14) but whoever drinks of the water that I **shall give him will never thirst.** But the water that I **shall give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life."**

1. Jesus is the Rock. Just as the Rock had to be hit to pour out water. So Christ had to be crucified and smitten to give us the living water.

CHRIST FORETOLD US OF THE SPIRIT COMING AFTER HIS DEATH.

John 7:37-39 On the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. (38) He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his **heart will flow rivers of living water."** (39) But this He spoke concerning the Spirit, whom those believing in Him would receive; **for the Holy Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.**

John 16:7 Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is **to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you;** but if I depart, I will send Him to you.

1. Christ promises living water to all who believe in Him. Water that quenches the thirst.
2. This living water is the HOLY SPIRIT.

One of the purpose of Christ coming was to give us His Holy Spirit

Joh 3:5-6 Jesus answered, "Most assuredly, I say to you, **unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God.** (6) That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

Matthew 3:11 I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance, but He who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. **He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.**

THE HOLY SPIRIT EMPOWERS US TO BE WITNESSES

John 15:25-27 But this happened that the word might be fulfilled which is written in their law, 'THEY HATED ME WITHOUT A CAUSE.' (26) "But when the Helper comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, **He will testify of Me. (27) And you also will bear witness,** because you have been with Me from the beginning.

Acts 1:8 **But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me** in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

HOLY SPIRIT Teaches us and reminds us

John 14:25-26 "These things I have spoken to you while being present with you. (26) But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, **He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you.**

Holy Spirit Convicts of Sin

John 16:8 And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment:

Holy Spirit empowers us to walk Holy

Roman 8:1 There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit.

Gal 5:16 I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh.

Holy Spirit Intercedes for Us

Romans 8:26 Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.

In conclusion,

The Rock has been hit, and the water is being poured out.

Joe 2:28-29 And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions: (29) And also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my spirit.