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Part 3 – Sinai to Transfiguration

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Prayer

Introduction

Exodus 17

¹ ...there was no water for the people to drink. ² Therefore the people quarreled with Moses and said, “...you **test the LORD?**” ³ ...and the people grumbled against Moses and said, “Why did you bring us up out of Egypt, to kill us...?” ... ⁵ And the LORD said to Moses, “Pass on before the people...and take in your hand **the staff** with which you struck the Nile... ⁶ Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock at Horeb, and you shall **strike the rock**, and water shall come out of it, and the people will drink.” And Moses did so... ⁷ And he called...the place Massah [testing] and Meribah [quarreling]....

Numbers 20

¹ And the people of Israel...came into the wilderness of Zin.... ² Now there was no water... ⁷ and the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, ⁸ “Take **the staff**, and assemble the congregation, you and Aaron..., and **tell** the rock before their eyes to yield its water. So you shall bring water out of the rock for them and give drink to the congregation and their cattle.” ⁹ And Moses took the staff from before the LORD, as he commanded him. ¹⁰ Then Moses and Aaron gathered the assembly together before the rock, and he said to them, “Hear now, you rebels: shall **we** bring water for you out of this rock?” ¹¹ And Moses lifted up his hand and **struck the rock with his staff twice**, and water came out abundantly, and the congregation drank, and their livestock. ¹² And the LORD said to Moses and Aaron, “**Because you did not believe in me**, to uphold me as holy in the eyes of the people of Israel, therefore you shall not bring this assembly into the land that I have given them.”

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 - → When a person of God fades, nothing of God fades.
 - → He prepares and provides successors for His Plans.

Deuteronomy 18.9-19

9 “When you come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you, you shall not learn to follow the abominable practices of those nations... 15 “The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your brothers—it is to him you shall listen— 16 just as you desired of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly, when you said, ‘Let me not hear again the voice of the LORD my God or see this great fire any more, lest I die.’ 17 And the LORD said to me, ‘They are right in what they have spoken. 18 I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers. And I will put my words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I command him. 19 And whoever will not listen to my words that he shall speak in my name, I myself will require it of him.

Numbers 27.12-17

¹² The LORD said to Moses, “Go up into this mountain of Abarim and *see the land that I have given to the people of Israel.* ¹³ When you have seen it, you also shall be *gathered to your people*, as your brother Aaron was, ¹⁴ because you rebelled against my word in the wilderness of Zin when the congregation quarreled, failing to uphold me as holy at the waters before their eyes.” (These are the waters of Meribah of Kadesh in the wilderness of Zin.)

¹⁵ Moses spoke to the LORD, saying, ¹⁶ “*Let the LORD*, the God of the spirits of all flesh, *appoint* a man over the congregation ¹⁷ who shall *go out before* them and come in before them, who shall *lead them* out and bring them in, that the congregation of the LORD may not be as sheep that have no *shepherd.*”

Numbers 27.18- 23

¹⁸ So the LORD said to Moses, “Take **Joshua** the son of Nun, a man **in whom is the Spirit**, and **lay your hand on him**. ¹⁹ Make him stand **before Eleazar the priest and all the congregation**, and you shall **commission** him in their sight. ²⁰ You shall invest him with some of your authority, that all the congregation of the people of Israel may obey. ²¹ And he shall stand before Eleazar the priest, who shall inquire for him by the judgment of the Urim before the LORD. At his word they shall go out, and at his word they shall come in, both he and all the people of Israel with him, the whole congregation.” ²² And Moses did as the LORD commanded him. He took Joshua and made him stand before Eleazar the priest and the whole congregation, ²³ and he laid his hands on him and commissioned him as the LORD directed through Moses.

- God prepares and equips before He calls.
- Public Ordination or Commissioning of the leaders of God's people spiritually connects God to His people and symbolically confers His divine authority from generation to generation.

Numbers 14.26-30

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Numbers 11.27-28

*27 And a young man ran and told Moses, “Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.” 28 And **Joshua** the son of Nun, the assistant of Moses from his youth, said, “My lord Moses, stop them.”*

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Q & A / Discussion

Prayer Requests

Next Class on 10/24/21

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