

Notes Prayers from Wilderness Wonderings Sunday Dec 28th 2025

Prayers of Moses

Acts 7:37-38 KJV “*This is that Moses, which said unto the children of Israel, A prophet shall the Lord your God raise up unto you of your brethren, like unto me; him shall ye hear. This is he, that was in the church in the wilderness with the angel which spake to him in the mount Sina, and with our fathers: who received the lively oracles to give unto us:*

Ex 15:22-26 NLT *Then Moses led the people of Israel away from the Red Sea, and they moved out into the desert of Shur. They traveled in this desert for three days without finding any water. ²³ When they came to the oasis of Marah, the water was too bitter to drink. So they called the place Marah (which means “bitter”).*

²⁴ Then the people complained and turned against Moses. “What are we going to drink?” they demanded. ²⁵ So Moses cried out to the LORD for help, and the LORD showed him a piece of wood. Moses threw it into the water, and this made the water good to drink.

It was there at Marah that the LORD set before them the following decree as a standard to test their faithfulness to him. ²⁶ He said, “If you will listen carefully to the voice of the LORD your God and do what is right in his sight, obeying his commands and keeping all his decrees, then I will not make you suffer any of the diseases I sent on the Egyptians; for I am the LORD who heals you.”

A one word prayer to God brought a revelation of His very nature and character to the people and to us.

The revelation to this generation of one of God's compound names.

Jehovah Rapha

The Lord your physician or healer

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So basically, this first prayer in the wilderness, is
“God Help Us we need you!”

Ex 17:2-7 *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 stone¹ me!”***

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?”

**Their sin was not in their asking, *their sin was in their attitude.*
It wasn't in that they asked for water, it was how they asked.**

What shall I do with this people?

Moses does not suggest to God, how He might fix the problem.....He left that to God. Moses did not project upon God what he thought God should do.

Eph 1:11b “*according to the purpose of Him who works all things according to the counsel of His will,*”

IF we say, “*God this is what is going on and I need an answer a certain way*”

We Project our prayers and sometimes we preach our prayers to God.

- **When impossible circumstances confront us**

Ex 32:7-11 Nkjv “*And the LORD said to Moses, “Go, get down! For your people whom you brought out of the land of Egypt have corrupted themselves.*

⁸ *They have turned aside quickly out of the way which I commanded them. They have made themselves a molded calf, and worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, ‘This is your god, O Israel, that brought you out of the land of Egypt!’ ”*

⁹ *And the LORD said to Moses, “I have seen this people, and indeed it is a stiff-necked people! ¹⁰ Now therefore, let Me alone, that My wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them. And I will make of you a great nation.”*

¹¹ Then Moses pleaded with the LORD his God, and said: “LORD, why does Your wrath burn hot against Your people whom You have brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand?

Num 32:30 Nkjv “Now it came to pass on the next day that Moses said to the people, “You have committed a great sin. So now I will go up to the LORD; perhaps I can make atonement for your sin.”

Then Moses returned to the LORD and said, “Oh, these people have committed a great sin, and have made for themselves a god of gold!

³² Yet now, if You will forgive their sin—but if not, I pray, blot me out of Your book which You have written.”

³³ And the LORD said to Moses, “Whoever has sinned against Me, I will blot him out of My book.

Take a look at the heart of Moses in prayer, he's trying to stand in a place that he is not qualified to stand.

“God, I will be there substitute, Don’t blot them out of your book, but blot me out instead”

Rev 3:4-6 Nlt “*Yet there are some in the church in Sardis who have not soiled their clothes with evil. They will walk with me in white, for they are worthy. All who are victorious will be clothed in white. I will never erase (blot out) their names from the Book of Life, but I will announce before my Father and his angels that they are mine.*

He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.”

God is always talking, are we listening and obeying?

1 Tim 2:1 “*I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, **intercessions**, and giving of thanks be made for all men,”*

Intercessions, we stand in the gap for others.

Their eternal destiny is dependent upon it.

I want to show you something here.....

Luke 13:1-9 Nlt “About this time Jesus was informed that Pilate had murdered some people from Galilee as they were offering sacrifices at the Temple. ² “Do you think those Galileans were worse sinners than all the other people from Galilee?” Jesus asked. “Is that why they suffered? ³ Not at all! And you will perish, too, unless you repent of your sins and turn to God. ⁴ And what about the eighteen people who died when the tower in Siloam fell on them? Were they the worst sinners in Jerusalem? ⁵ No, and I tell you again that unless you repent, you will perish, too.”

Parable of the Barren Fig Tree (Jesus connects these two instances to the parable of the Barren Fig Tree)

⁶ Then Jesus told this story: “A man (God) planted a fig tree in his garden and came again and again to see if there was any fruit on it, but he was always disappointed. ⁷ Finally, he said to his gardener, ‘I’ve waited three years, and there hasn’t been a single fig! Cut it down. It’s just taking up space in the garden.’

⁸ “The gardener answered, ‘Sir, give it one more chance. Leave it another year, and I’ll give it special attention and plenty of fertilizer. ⁹ If we get figs next year, fine. If not, then you can cut it down.’”

What do we see here, Destruction was headed toward this tree until an intercessor stepped in between the tree and the man/God.

Will you stand in the Gap? Will you pray?