

Southside Baptist Church
Sunday Morning 10-31-21
Christianity 101 – Message 23 Part 2
New Life and a New Journey in Discipleship

1. Introduction:

a. Taking a look back:

- 1) This wilderness journey is a journey of discipleship for the Israelites.
- 2) God's purpose – They would know Him and make Him known!
- 3) God led them to bitter water. Why?
- 4) This test would expose their hearts.
- 5) God provided food.

b. Taking a look ahead:

- 1) This journey continues and we get to see more of their discipleship process.

2. Water at Rephidim: Exodus 17:1-4

a. Again, who is leading them?

- 1) "according to the commandment of the Lord" –
- 2) Discipleship – a process that involves both knowledge and application.

b. The people are thirsty and begin to complain: Verse 2-3

- 1) "Wherefore do ye tempt the Lord" – what could they have done differently?

c. God provides water out of a rock: Verse 5-7

- 1) First mention of the "rock" and the "water" – What does the "rock" represent?
 - a) Psalms 61:2

- 2) So why water from a rock?

d. A very sad question? Verse 7

- 1) "Is the Lord among us, or not?" How could they think that?

3. Their first physical battle: Exodus 17:8-16

a. They were attacked from behind. Deut. 25:17-19; I Samuel 15:2-8

- 1) The enemy always seeks whom he can devour.
- 2) Do you see how God was working through each person?

b. Application:

- 1) The enemy will also attack on the heels of God's blessings.

c. The wise counsel of Jethro: Exodus 18

- 1) Jethro gave Moses some leadership insight that still is true today.

4. God directed the Israelites to Mount Sinai: Exodus 19

a. God is still leading them:

- 1) The cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night. Would this be hard to do?
- 2) Application – God still leads today, doesn't He?

b. God brought the Israelites to Mount Sinai in the Desert of Sinai:

- 1) Mount Sinai is also known as Mount Horeb.
- 2) Do you remember the last time we were here? Exodus 3?
- 3) What promise did God make to him on that day? Exodus 3:12.

- c. God is trustworthy:
 - 1) From the time Moses left to then return on this day, consider:
- 5. God is preparing to give exactly what man needs to know:
 - a. Will you obey me? Great question, isn't it?
 - b. What had God done? Verse 4
 - 1) God bore them on "eagles wings"
 - c. Obedience will bring blessing:
 - 1) "if you will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant."
 - 2) "peculiar treasure" –
 - 3) "kingdom of priests" –
 - 4) "holy nation" –
- 6. Today's Take Away:
 - a. Peter made an interesting comparison for us to consider: I Peter 2:5,9
 - 1) We have a similar mission before us. Are you being obedient to what God has said?
 - 2) Do you see the power and importance of your influence today?