

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. Name three of the reactions of the Children of Israel when they experienced the lack of water.
2. What acts were necessary to supply the people's need for water?
3. Who were the Amalekites?
4. In the battle with Amalek, what lessons were being taught to the people?
5. How can the followership today "hold up the hands" of our spiritual leaders today?
6. How can we be victory-dependent on God today?

SUMMARY:

God permitted the Children of Israel to experience a dire need for water. This was the second such occasion where they proved their lack of faith by murmuring again. Moses was an example for them showing the results of faith, patience and strict obedience.

During the battle with Amalek, we again see the mighty power of God unleashed because of the faithfulness and obedience exercised by Moses. We also can see how God provides the need when we join together and pray for one another.

NOTES:

APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Bible Lesson #6

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Second Quarter

VICTORY DEPENDENT ON GOD

LESSON TEXT: *Exodus 17:1-16*

LESSON SETTING: The journey of Israel continues toward Canaan through the barren plains of Rephidim with God providing their daily food.

TIME: 14th Century B.C.

- I. THIRST AT REPHIDIM.** Exodus 17:1-3
 - A. Trial of Faith (vs. 1) Exodus 15:25; Hebrews 11:36; 1 Peter 1:7
 - B. Weak Faith (vs. 3) Matthew 6:30; 8:26; 16:8-9
- II. THE ROD AND THE ROCK.** Exodus 17:4-7
 - A. Calling on God (vs. 4) 1 Samuel 7:9; Psalm 61:2
 - B. Command of God (vs. 5) Exodus 4:6-7; 12:3
 - C. Obedience to Command (vs. 6) Exodus 12:21, 28; Deuteronomy 5:29; Revelation 22:14
 - D. God's Blessing (vs. 6) Psalm 23:5; Matthew 14:20
- III. DEFEAT OF AMALEK.** Exodus 17:8-16
 - A. Coming of the Enemy (vs. 8) 1 Samuel 11:1-3; Ezra 4:4-5; Nehemiah 6:1-3
 - B. Dependence on God (vs. 11) 2 Chronicles 20:12; 2 Corinthians 3:5
 - C. Working Together (vs. 12) Judges 20:11; Nehemiah 4:16-17; Matthew 18:19
 - D. Victory Through Christ (vs. 13-14) Psalm 44:5; Romans 8:35-37

GOLDEN TEXT: . . . *I AM THE ALMIGHTY GOD; WALK BEFORE ME, AND BE THOU PERFECT.* Genesis 17:1

NEXT SUNDAY'S LESSON: Exodus 20:1-17

SUPPLEMENTAL REFERENCES: Matthew 5:17-20; 22:36-40

QUARTERLY THEME: Journeys of Israel

TOPIC: INSTRUCTION THROUGH THE LAW

INTRODUCTION:

The Ten Commandments were given to man by God Himself: “God spake all these words.” (Exodus 20:1)

Moses afterward spent 40 days and 40 nights on Mt. Sinai communing with God. (Exodus 24:18) “And He gave unto Moses, when He had made an end of communing with Him upon Mt. Sinai, two tables of testimony, tables of stone, written with the finger of God.” (Exodus 31:18) (cf. 32:15-16)

The first stone tables were shortly broken (Exodus 32:19) but a second pair was provided during another 40-day stay in the mount. (Exodus 34:1-2, 28-29)

When the tabernacle was constructed, the two stone tables, according to God’s instructions, were placed within the Ark of God, in the Holy Place behind the veil. (Exodus 40:20-21)

Moses reviews the Ten Commandments 40 years later for a new generation about to enter Canaan. (Deuteronomy 5)

Numerous references are made to these commandments in the New Testament (e.g. Mark 10:19; Romans 13:9).

When Jesus summed them all up in two commandments, He quoted from the Old Testament: “Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might.” (Deuteronomy 6:5) “. . . Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.” (Leviticus 19:18)

The moral principles given in the Ten Commandments spell out the mind of God concerning our relationship to Him and to others. Failure to live in accord with those principles has **always** been **sin** from the time of Adam and Eve until today.

CENTRAL TRUTH: To succeed in God’s work one must be patient, humble and prayerful.

GOLDEN TEXT: *THE LAW OF THE LORD IS PERFECT, CONVERTING THE SOUL; THE TESTIMONY OF THE LORD IS SURE, MAKING WISE THE SIMPLE.*

Psalm 19:7

Many today tell us that moral standards are flexible and change with the times and the situations. The “new morality” gives **man** the discretion of deciding for **himself** what is right or wrong.

The “new morality” leaves God out of the picture. There is no “thus saith the Lord . . .” But God changes not. **Sin** is still **sin** today.

It has been said, “The God of the Ten Commandments is dead.” But praise the Lord, we can **know** Him as a **living** Lord today!

No one has improved upon the moral standards God has set. Indeed, “the law of the Lord is perfect . . .” and His testimony sure. God’s Word is our guide—so that we can **know** His will.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF May 9 – 15

- M. *Instruction Through the Law. Exodus 20:1-17
- T. Interpreters of the Law. Exodus 18:13-27
- W. God Appears to Moses. Exodus 19:1-9
- T. Moses Instructs the People. Exodus 19:10-17
- F. God Revealed Through the Law. Leviticus 20:22-25
- S. God Instructs Moses. Exodus 20:18-26
- S. Christ Meets the Laws’ Demands. Galatians 3:10-22

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