



EXODUS

Pastor Rory Wineka, Sunday School – May 10, 2009

FAITH FOR THE FURNACE OF LIFE - EXODUS 17:1-7

I. INTRODUCTION: CONTEXT – “MUCH GIVEN, MUCH REQUIRED” (LK. 12:48)

- A. God has clearly answered their prayers (Eph. 3:20)
 - 1. Given them a personal deliverer, Moses, their intercessor, friend
 - 2. Shown them His _____ power, constantly on display!
 - a. 10 plagues...Passover grace via the blood of the lamb
 - b. Sent them out with much spoil
 - c. Passage through the Red Sea..._____ with cloud, pillar of fire
 - d. Destroyed Pharaoh and his choice army and chariots
 - e. Freed them from hopeless bondage and despair
- B. Now God expects belief to demonstrate obedience of faith out of _____ (Heb. 3)

II. INSTRUCTION

- A. “And” ...accountability...without excuse... (16:23, 34)...v1
 - 1. Learned to _____ yet...trusting God’s graciousness?! (v23)
 - 2. Kept these blessings “laid up” in their hearts as act of worship?! (v34)
 - 3. Learned dependency in wilderness journey of “Sin”?!
 - a. As God _____ them to Rephidim by commandment
 - b. No water to drink...as obedience often leads to trials...
 - c. Another test of faith...can’t be tested...can’t be _____
 - d. Remember Marah and Elim...choices of the heart daily (ch. 15)
 - e. The path of faith is quite often the path of _____, to wean us from this world and its “gravitational” pull of Egypt
 - i. Jas. 1:2
 - ii. 1 Pet. 1:6
 - iii. 2 Pet. 2:9
- B. Wherefore...chide with Moses...angry condemnation, murmuring...v2-3
 - 1. _____ us...(Prov. 30:15)...Moses, do another miracle! (lust)
 - 2. Tempting God (Ps. 78:19)...testing His holy patience again
 - 3. Was God not their Shepherd-Provider? (Ps. 23)
 - 4. Could not He who divided the Red Sea, provide water, as He did manna?
 - a. Wicked people have _____ memories...evil hearts of unbelief



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- b. APPLICATIONS: I Sam. 12:24; Heb. 3:12, 19; 4:11; 10:22
 - c. How often we blame our friends, family, when God is sovereignly in charge of circumstances of life
- C. Ready to stone, kill Moses (Christ) – v4
- 1. Moses cries to God in _____, as Jesus did...utter dependency! (Jer. 33:3)
 - 2. No reviling for false accusations (Mt. 5:11-13; 1 Pet. 2:23)
- D. The rod of holy authority...v5-7
- 1. Smite the _____ (I Cor.1 0:1-4)
 - a. Deut. 32:15
 - b. 2 Sam. 22:2
 - c. Ps. 95:1
 - d. Isa. 32:2
 - e. The Rock is _____, Christ...strength, stability (Mt. 7:25; Heb. 13:5, 8)
 - f. Mt. 16:18
 - g. Warning...(Mt. 21:14)...don't mess with that Rock!
 - h. Go to him to be elevated above circumstances (Ps. 61:2)
 - 2. Water will flow..._____ of the cross where He was smitten
 - a. Isa. 53:4-5
 - b. NOTE the order of narrative...
 - i. Christ first descends as the manna to murmuring Jews
 - ii. Then is smitten in their carnal, selfish judgments...Calvary
 - c. Remember the rod strikes the Rock
 - i. The rod thrown on the ground became a _____ (4:3)
 - ii. Foreshadowing Satan's work of discord
 - d. Water foreshadows work of Holy Spirit
 - i. Acts 2:18
 - ii. Jn. 7:37-38
 - iii. God is _____ (Ps. 105:41-42)
 - iv. Water of life for _____ to drink (I Cor. 10:4)
 - a) Flowing within as proof of salvation
 - b) Ro. 8:9; Gal. 4:6
 - 3. Moses obeyed in _____ to murmuring crowd
 - a. Note God stands on the rock of Horeb
 - b. As He reminds us He _____ can heal us of sin (I Pet. 2:24)
 - c. Water flows while people murmur...grace of cross



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- d. Filled with unbelief (v7)...God's love goes to work (Jn. 3:16)
 - i. Massah...murmurers...
 - ii. Meribah...contentious with Almighty God!
 - iii. 2 Cor. 9:15

III. INSIGHT: 40 YEARS LATER (NUMBERS 20:7-8)

- A. _____ to the Rock...water will flow
- B. Ex. 17 = Christ on cross
- C. Num. 20 = Christ in glory
 - 1. He will not be smitten twice
 - 2. Ro. 6:9-10
 - 3. Heb. 9:26, 28
- D. God still blessed Moses by burying him, though his _____ cost him dearly
- E. God blessed the people as water flowed although Moses disobeyed
- F. God knew Moses was not THE Perfect Servant (Isa. 42:1)