

WATER AND WAR Exodus 17

Big Idea: *We are called to trust in God's provision and protection in the midst of opposition.*

TEXT:

¹ “Then all the congregation of the sons of Israel journeyed by stages from the wilderness of Sin, according to the command of the Lord, and camped at Rephidim, and there was no water for the people to drink. ² Therefore the people quarreled with Moses and said, ‘Give us water that we may drink.’ And Moses said to them, ‘Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?’”

Hebrews 3:7-12 “Today if you hear His voice, ⁸ Do not harden your hearts as when they provoked Me, As in the day of trial in the wilderness, ⁹ Where your fathers tried *Me* by testing *Me*, And saw My works for forty years. ¹⁰ Therefore I was angry with this generation, And said, ‘They always go astray in their heart, And they did not know My ways’; ¹¹ As I swore in My wrath, ‘They shall not enter My rest.’ ¹² Take care, brethren, that there not be in any one of you an evil, unbelieving heart that falls away from the living God.”

1 Corinthians 10:4-5 “And all drank the same spiritual drink, for they were drinking from a spiritual rock which followed them; and the rock was Christ. ⁵ Nevertheless, with most of them God was not well-pleased; for they were laid low in the wilderness.”

Deuteronomy 25:17-18 “Remember what Amalek did to you along the way when you came out from Egypt, ¹⁸ how he met you along the way and attacked among you all the stragglers at your rear when you were faint and weary; and he did not fear God.”

APPLICATION:

1. God encourages us to seek _____ during times of opposition.

⁴ “So Moses cried out to the Lord, saying, ‘What shall I do to this people? A little more and they will stone me.’”

James 1:5-8 “But if any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all generously and without reproach, and it will be given to him. ⁶ But he must ask in faith without any doubting, for the one who doubts is like the surf of the sea, driven and tossed by the wind. ⁷ For that man ought not to expect that he will receive anything from the Lord, ⁸ *being* a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.”

2. God desires us to rely on the _____ when combatting opposition.

¹¹ “So it came about when Moses held his hand up, that Israel prevailed, and when he let his hand down, Amalek prevailed.”

Ephesians 6:11-12, 18 “Put on the full armor of God, so that you will be able to stand firm against the schemes of the devil. ¹² For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual *forces* of wickedness in the heavenly *places*. ¹⁸ “With all prayer and petition pray at all times in the Spirit, and with this in view, be on the alert with all perseverance and petition for all the saints.”

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