

## Sunday, March 13, 2022

1 Timothy 4:13, “Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to exhortation, to teaching.”

**Title: Never Thirst Again Exodus 17:1 - 7**

**Series: The Journey of Faith ... 7**

Purpose: I want to MOTIVATE my congregation to MAINTAIN a steady communion with the person of our Lord Jesus Christ who is our ROCK of refreshing in this arid world in which we sojourn.

### Introduction:

Last week the devotional was entitled, “Regular Nutrition” and the text was Exodus 16:1 - 6; 1 Corinthians 10:6, 11, 13

~ 1 Corinthians 10:4, “and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them, and the Rock was Christ.”

~ Sometime ago a Christian Brother (Wendell Smith) shared a humorous little joke with me: there was a certain man of a particular nationality who was hired by the Department of Highways to paint yellow lines. 1st day he painted 5 miles; 2nd he painted 3 miles; and the 3rd day he painted ½ mile. The foreman came to asking; “What is happening? You did so well the first day, but each day it has been less. What is the matter?” He responded, “But boss! Each day the paint can is further away!”

~ Can you imagine how far Israel would get toward the promise land if they had to return all the time to Elim for water! They would beat a path into the wilderness and back making no progress. This was not the kind of journey that God had in mind for Israel. They were going places – to the land of Canaan.

### 1. A People on the Move:

~ The journey of Israel is a TYPE of our Journey of Faith: Passover and Unleaven Bread are TYPE of our accepting Christ Jesus and putting away sin

~ “Stand still and see the deliverance of the LORD” is a TYPE of our spiritual warfare

~ The Red Sea crossing is a TYPE of our separation from fleshly desires

~ Marah and the bitter waters are a TYPE of inner healing available to believers

~ Elim a time of rest is a TYPE of our call to be yoked to Christ Jesus

~ Manna and the fact that Christ Jesus declares that He is the true manna sent from the Father

### 2. A People Needing Water:

~ Water is not only critical for physical life, its symbolic meanings and importance in the Scriptures are of vital concern to the SPIRITUAL MAN.

#### The special uses of water:

~ CONSECRATION, “the LORD said to Moses, “Go to the people and consecrate them today and tomorrow, and let them wash their garments”” Exodus 19:10

~ CLEANSING, “You shall also make a basin of bronze, with its stand of bronze, for washing. You shall put it between the tent of the meeting and the altar, and you shall but water in it, (19) with which Aaron and his sons shall wash their hands and their feet. (20) When they go into the tent of meeting, or when they come near the altar to minister, to burn a food offering to the LORD, they shall wash with water, so that they may not die. (21) They shall wash their hands and their feet, so that they may not die. It shall be a statute forever to them, even to him and to his offspring throughout their generations.” Exodus 30:18 - 21

~ SANCTIFICATION, “that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, (27) so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish.” Ephesians 5:26 - 27

#### The special source:

Jeremiah 2:13, “for my people have committed two evils: they have forsaken me, the fountain of living waters, and hewed out cisterns for themselves, broken cisterns that can hold not water.”; John 4:10 – 15 (in particular verse 14), “but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.”

This water’s character of nature: The life (pedigree, personality, and power of the Son, Christ Jesus). John 1:12 – 13, “But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, (13) who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor the will of man, but of God.”

### 3. A People with a Solid Rock Experience:

~ We do not have to guess about the rock in Exodus; that Rock was Christ! 1 Corinthians 10:4

~ The ROCK was made available by God! Exodus 17:6, “Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock at Horeb, and you shall strike the rock, and water shall come out of it, and the people will drink.” And Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel.”

~ The ROCK was the means of sustaining life.

1 Peter 1:3 – 4, “His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence, (4) by which he has granted to us his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire.”

~ The ROCK followed Israel. Matthew 28:20, “teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

~ The ROCK was to be smitten ONCE. Numbers 20:8 - 12; Hebrews 6:1 – 9 and Hebrews 7:23 - 28

### Conclusion:

In the Christian life we are to be on the move; not back and forth, but on a Journey of Faith to: maturity, victory and abundant life in Christ Jesus!