



# Lesson 13

Isaiah 12:2

*“God, You are the One who saves us. We will trust in You. Then we won’t be afraid. Lord, You are the One who gives us strength. You are the One who keeps us safe. Lord, you have saved us.”*

## Water Out of the Rock

### Exodus 17:1–7

<sup>1</sup>The whole community of Israel started out from the Desert of Sin. They travelled from place to place, just as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim. But there wasn’t any water for the people to drink.

<sup>2</sup>So they argued with Moses. They said, “Give us water to drink.”

Moses replied, “Why are you arguing with me? Why are you testing the Lord?”

<sup>3</sup>But the people were thirsty for water there. So they told Moses they weren’t happy with him. They said, “Why did you bring us up out of Egypt? Did you want us, our children and our livestock to die of thirst?”

<sup>4</sup>Then Moses cried out to the Lord. He said, “What am I going to do with these people? They are almost ready to kill me by throwing stones at me.”

<sup>5</sup>The Lord answered Moses. “Go out in front of the people. Take some of the elders of Israel along with you. Take in your hand the walking stick you used when you struck the Nile River. Go. <sup>6</sup>I will stand there in front of you by the rock at Mount Horeb. Hit the rock. Then water will come out of it for the people to drink.” So Moses hit the rock while the elders of Israel watched. <sup>7</sup>Moses called the place Massah and Meribah. That’s because the people of Israel argued with him there. They also tested the Lord. They asked, “Is the Lord among us or not?”

### Questions

- 1 What problem did the people of Israel face when they camped at Rephidim? There wasn’t any \_\_\_\_\_ for them to drink. (Ex. 17:1)
- 2 What was the response of the people when they faced this problem? They \_\_\_\_\_ with Moses. (Ex. 17:2)

Philippians 2:14

*Do everything without complaining or arguing.*

- 3 As Christians, is it God’s will that we complain or argue about the problems we face? (Yes/No) \_\_\_\_\_. We are to do \_\_\_\_\_ without complaining or arguing.

- 4 Whom were the Israelites testing? (“Testing” is the opposite of “trusting.”) The Israelites were testing the \_\_\_\_\_. (Ex. 17:2)
- 5 What happens when we don’t trust the Lord? We become \_\_\_\_\_ (the opposite of “happy”).
- 6 Were the Israelites happy? (Yes/No) \_\_\_\_\_. (Ex. 17:3)
- 7 What did the Israelites accuse Moses of for wanting to bring them out of Egypt? They accused Moses of wanting them, their \_\_\_\_\_, and their \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_. (Ex. 17:3)
- 8 The Israelites were so angry at Moses, what were they almost ready to do? They were almost ready to \_\_\_\_\_ Moses by throwing \_\_\_\_\_ at him. (Ex. 17:4)
- 9 How did Moses respond to the trouble he was in? Moses \_\_\_\_\_ out to the \_\_\_\_\_. (Ex. 17:4)
- 10 What did Moses say to the Lord that showed how upset Moses was with the people? Moses asked the Lord, “What am I going to \_\_\_\_\_ with these people?” (Ex. 17:4)

Psalm 142:1–2

*I call out to the Lord.... I pour out my problem to Him. I tell Him about my trouble.*

- 11 What should you do when, like Moses, you find yourself in a difficult situation where you don’t know what you’re going to do? When I don’t know what I’m going to do, I am to \_\_\_\_\_ out to the Lord, \_\_\_\_\_ out my \_\_\_\_\_ to Him, and \_\_\_\_\_ Him about my trouble.
- 12 How did the Lord answer Moses? The Lord told Moses to go out in front of the people, taking some of the \_\_\_\_\_ with him. There, taking in his hand the \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ he had used to strike the Nile River, Moses was to \_\_\_\_\_ the rock by Mount Horeb. (Ex. 17:5–6)
- 13 Who promised to stand in front of Moses by the rock at Mount Horeb? The \_\_\_\_\_ promised to stand in front of Moses. (Ex. 17:6)
- 14 What happened when Moses struck the rock? \_\_\_\_\_ came out of it for the people to \_\_\_\_\_. (Ex. 17:6)
- 15 What did the people accuse the Lord of? The people accused the Lord of not being \_\_\_\_\_ them. (Ex. 17:7)

Joshua 1:9b

*“Be strong and brave. Do not be afraid. Do not lose hope. I am the Lord your God. I will be with you everywhere you go.”*

- 16 Why are you to be strong and brave, and not be afraid or lose hope? I am to be strong and brave, and not be afraid or lose hope, because the Lord my God is \_\_\_\_\_ me \_\_\_\_\_ I \_\_\_\_\_.

## Joshua Wins the Battle Over the Amalekites

### Exodus 17:8–16

<sup>8</sup>The Amalekites came and attacked the Israelites at Rephidim. <sup>9</sup>Moses said to Joshua, “Choose some of our men. Then go out and fight against the Amalekites. Tomorrow I will stand on top of the hill. I’ll stand there holding the walking stick God gave me.”

<sup>10</sup>So Joshua fought against the Amalekites, just as Moses had ordered. Moses, Aaron and Hur went to the top of the hill. <sup>11</sup>As long as Moses held up his hand, the Israelites were winning. But every time he lowered his hands, the Amalekites began to win. <sup>12</sup>When Moses’ arms got tired, Aaron and Hur got a stone and put it under him. Then he sat on it. Aaron and Hur held up his hands. Aaron was on one side, and Hur was on the other. Moses’ hands remained steady until sunset. <sup>13</sup>So Joshua destroyed the Amalekite army with swords.



<sup>14</sup>Then the Lord said to Moses, “This is something to be remembered. So write it on a scroll. Make sure Joshua knows you have done it. I will completely erase the memory of the Amalekites from the earth.”

<sup>15</sup>Then Moses built an altar. He called it The Lord Is My Banner. <sup>16</sup>He said, “The Amalekites opposed the authority of the Lord. So the Lord will fight against the Amalekites for all time to come.”



## Questions

- 17 Who came and attacked the Israelites at Rephidim? The \_\_\_\_\_ came and attacked the Israelites at Rephidim. (Ex. 17:8)
- 18 Whom did Moses choose to lead the fight against the Amalekites? Moses chose \_\_\_\_\_ to lead some men to fight against the Amalekites. (Ex. 17:8)
- 19 What did Moses plan to do during the battle? Moses was going to \_\_\_\_\_ on top of a nearby \_\_\_\_\_ holding the \_\_\_\_\_ God gave him. (Ex. 17:9)
- 20 Who went with Moses to the top of the hill? \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ went with Moses to the top of the hill. (Ex. 17:10)
- 21 What did Moses have to do for the Israelites to be winning the battle? Moses had to hold \_\_\_\_\_ his hand for the Israelites be winning. (Ex. 17:11)
- 22 What happened when Moses lowered his hands? When Moses lowered his hands, the \_\_\_\_\_ began to win. (Ex. 17:11)
- 23 What did Aaron and Hur do when Moses got tired? They got a \_\_\_\_\_ and put it \_\_\_\_\_ Moses to \_\_\_\_\_ on. Aaron and Hur then \_\_\_\_\_ up his hands, with Aaron on one \_\_\_\_\_ and Hur was on the \_\_\_\_\_. (Ex. 17:12)
- 24 Did this work? (Yes/No) \_\_\_\_\_. Moses' hands remained \_\_\_\_\_ until sunset. (Ex. 17:12)



Like Moses, who needed the help of Aaron and Hur, we all need the support of other Christians.

Ecclesiastes 4:12

*One person could be overpowered. But two people can stand up for themselves. And a rope made out of three cords isn't easily broken.*

- 25 Was Joshua successful in defeating the enemy? (Yes/No) \_\_\_\_\_. Joshua destroyed the Amalekite army with \_\_\_\_\_. (Ex. 17:13)
- 26 What did Moses call the altar that he built in memory of this victory? Moses called it, "The Lord is My \_\_\_\_\_." (Ex. 17:15)

How did the Holy Spirit speak to you this week as you studied these Bible verses? In other words, what did you learn this week from reading God's Word?

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