

# JANUARY 23

## Read Exodus 17-19

### CHAPTER 17

**A**ND all the congregation of the children of Israel journeyed from the wilderness of Sin, after their journeys, according to the commandment of the LORD, and pitched in Rephidim: and *there was* no water for the people to drink.

2 Wherefore the people did chide with Moses, and said, Give us water that we may drink. And Moses said unto them, Why chide ye with me? wherefore do ye tempt the LORD?

3 And the people thirsted there for water; and the people murmured against Moses, and said, Wherefore *is* this *that* thou hast brought us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our cattle with thirst?

4 And Moses cried unto the LORD, saying, What shall I do unto this people? they be almost ready to stone me.

5 And the LORD said unto Moses, Go on before the people, and take with thee of the elders of Israel; and thy rod, wherewith thou

smotest the river, take in thine hand, and go.

6 Behold, I will stand before thee there upon the rock in Horeb; and thou shalt smite the rock, and there shall come water out of it, that the people may drink. And Moses did so in the sight of the elders of Israel.

7 And he called the name of the place Massah, and Meribah, because of the chiding of the children of Israel, and because they tempted the LORD, saying, Is the LORD among us, or not?

8 ¶ Then came Amalek, and fought with Israel in Rephidim.

9 And Moses said unto Joshua, Choose us out men, and go out, fight with Amalek: to morrow I will stand on the top of the hill with the rod of God in mine hand.

10 So Joshua did as Moses had said to him, and fought with Amalek: and Moses, Aaron, and Hur went up to the top of the hill.

11 And it came to pass, when Moses held up his hand, that Israel prevailed: and when he let down

his hand, Amalek prevailed.

12 But Moses' hands *were* heavy; and they took a stone, and put *it* under him, and he sat thereon; and Aaron and Hur stayed up his hands, the one on the one side, and the other on the other side; and his hands were steady until the going down of the sun.

13 And Joshua discomfited Amalek and his people with the edge of the sword.

14 And the LORD said unto Moses, Write this *for* a memorial in a book, and rehearse *it* in the ears of Joshua: for I will utterly put out the remembrance of Amalek from under heaven.

15 And Moses built an altar, and called the name of it Jehovahnissi:

16 For he said, Because the LORD hath sworn *that* the LORD *will have* war with Amalek from generation to generation.

## CHAPTER 18

**W**HEN Jethro, the priest of Midian, Moses' father in law, heard of all that God had done for Moses, and for Israel his people, *and* that the LORD had brought Israel out of Egypt;

2 Then Jethro, Moses' father in law, took Zipporah, Moses' wife, after he had sent her back,

3 And her two sons; of which the name of the one *was* Gershom; for he said, I have been an alien in a strange land:

4 And the name of the other *was* Eliezer; for the God of my father, *said he, was* mine help, and delivered me from the sword of Pharaoh:

5 And Jethro, Moses' father in law, came with his sons and his wife unto Moses into the wilderness, where he encamped at the mount of God:

6 And he said unto Moses, I thy father in law Jethro am come unto thee, and thy wife, and her two sons with her.

7 ¶ And Moses went out to meet his father in law, and did obeisance, and kissed him; and they asked each other of *their* welfare; and they came into the tent.

8 And Moses told his father in law all that the LORD had done unto Pharaoh and to the Egyptians for Israel's sake, *and* all the travail that had come upon them by the way, and *how* the LORD delivered them.

9 And Jethro rejoiced for all the goodness which the LORD had done to Israel, whom he had delivered out of the hand of the Egyptians.

10 And Jethro said, Blessed *be* the LORD, who hath delivered you out of the hand of the Egyptians, and out of the hand of Pharaoh, who hath delivered the people from under the hand of the Egyptians.

11 Now I know that the LORD *is* greater than all gods: for in the thing wherein they dealt proudly *he was* above them.

12 And Jethro, Moses' father in law, took a burnt offering and sacrifices for God: and Aaron came, and all the elders of Israel, to eat bread with Moses' father in law before God.

13 ¶ And it came to pass on the morrow, that Moses sat to judge the people: and the people stood by Moses from the morning unto the evening.

14 And when Moses' father in law saw all that he did to the people, he said, What *is* this thing that thou doest to the people? why sittest thou thyself alone, and all the people stand by thee from morning unto even?

15 And Moses said unto his father in law, Because the people come unto me to enquire of God:

16 When they have a matter, they come unto me; and I judge between one and another, and I do make

*them* know the statutes of God, and his laws.

17 And Moses' father in law said unto him, The thing that thou doest *is* not good.

18 Thou wilt surely wear away, both thou, and this people that *is* with thee: for this thing *is* too heavy for thee; thou art not able to perform it thyself alone.

19 Hearken now unto my voice, I will give thee counsel, and God shall be with thee: Be thou for the people to God-ward, that thou mayest bring the causes unto God:

20 And thou shalt teach them ordinances and laws, and shalt shew them the way wherein they must walk, and the work that they must do.

21 Moreover thou shalt provide out of all the people able men, such as fear God, men of truth, hating covetousness; and place *such* over them, *to be* rulers of thousands, *and* rulers of hundreds, rulers of fifties, and rulers of tens:

22 And let them judge the people at all seasons: and it shall be, *that* every great matter they shall bring unto thee, but every small matter they shall judge: so shall it be easier for thyself, and they shall bear *the burden* with thee.

23 If thou shalt do this thing, and God command thee so, then thou shalt be able to endure, and all this people shall also go to their place in peace.

24 So Moses hearkened to the voice of his father in law, and did all that he had said.

25 And Moses chose able men out of all Israel, and made them heads over the people, rulers of thousands, rulers of hundreds, rulers of fifties, and rulers of tens.

26 And they judged the people at all seasons: the hard causes they brought unto Moses, but every small matter they judged themselves.

27 ¶ And Moses let his father in law depart; and he went his way into his own land.

## CHAPTER 19

**I**N the third month, when the children of Israel were gone forth out of the land of Egypt, the same day came they *into* the wilderness of Sinai.

2 For they were departed from Rephidim, and were come *to* the desert of Sinai, and had pitched in the wilderness; and there Israel camped before the mount.

3 And Moses went up unto God, and the LORD called unto him out of

the mountain, saying, Thus shalt thou say to the house of Jacob, and tell the children of Israel;

4 Ye have seen what I did unto the Egyptians, and *how* I bare you on eagles' wings, and brought you unto myself.

5 Now therefore, if ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people: for all the earth *is* mine:

6 And ye shall be unto me a kingdom of priests, and an holy nation. These *are* the words which thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel.

7 ¶ And Moses came and called for the elders of the people, and laid before their faces all these words which the LORD commanded him.

8 And all the people answered together, and said, All that the LORD hath spoken we will do. And Moses returned the words of the people unto the LORD.

9. And the LORD said unto Moses, Lo, I come unto thee in a thick cloud, that the people may hear when I speak with thee, and believe thee for ever. And Moses told the words of the people unto the LORD.

10 ¶ And the LORD said unto Moses, Go unto the people, and sanctify them to day and to morrow, and let them wash their clothes,

11 And be ready against the third day: for the third day the LORD will come down in the sight of all the people upon mount Sinai.

12 And thou shalt set bounds unto the people round about, saying, Take heed to yourselves, *that ye go not* up into the mount, or touch the border of it: whosoever toucheth the mount shall be surely put to death:

13 There shall not an hand touch it, but he shall surely be stoned, or shot through; whether *it be* beast or man, it shall not live: when the trumpet soundeth long, they shall come up to the mount.

14 ¶ And Moses went down from the mount unto the people, and sanctified the people; and they washed their clothes.

15 And he said unto the people, Be ready against the third day: come not at *your* wives.

16 ¶ And it came to pass on the third day in the morning, that there were thunders and lightnings, and a thick cloud upon the mount, and the voice of the trum-

pet exceeding loud; so that all the people that *was* in the camp trembled.

17 And Moses brought forth the people out of the camp to meet with God; and they stood at the nether part of the mount.

18 And mount Sinai was altogether on a smoke, because the LORD descended upon it in fire: and the smoke thereof ascended as the smoke of a furnace, and the whole mount quaked greatly.

19 And when the voice of the trumpet sounded long, and waxed louder and louder, Moses spake, and God answered him by a voice.

20 And the LORD came down upon mount Sinai, on the top of the mount: and the LORD called Moses *up* to the top of the mount; and Moses went up.

21 And the LORD said unto Moses, Go down, charge the people, lest they break through unto the LORD to gaze, and many of them perish.

22 And let the priests also, which come near to the LORD, sanctify themselves, lest the LORD break forth upon them.

23 And Moses said unto the LORD, The people cannot come up to mount Sinai: for thou chargedst us, saying, Set bounds about the

mount, and sanctify it.

24 And the LORD said unto him, Away, get thee down, and thou shalt come up, thou, and Aaron with thee: but let not the priests and the people break through to

come up unto the LORD, lest he break forth upon them.

25 So Moses went down unto the people, and spake unto them.

## DEVOTIONAL COMMENTS

As Israel followed the leading of the Lord, they entered into different experiences and trials; and these experiences helped them to understand themselves better, as well as to understand the power and grace of God. There are three such experiences recorded in chapters 17 and 18.

In verses 1-7 of chapter 17 we read of the water coming forth from the rock. When Moses, through faith, smote the rock as he had been instructed to do, water came forth to quench the thirst of the murmuring Jews. The Jews criticized Moses and murmured against God, and Moses turned to God in this hour of trial. When Moses carried out God's instructions, the needs of the people were met.

In our daily trials and tribulations, God will meet our needs if we are willing to go to Him, seek His guidance, and follow His divine instructions. Too many Christians today are spiritual pygmies. They never feed upon the Word of God, and it is, therefore, impossible for them to be equipped to face the world and all its problems.

## PROVERB FOR TODAY

"Look not thou upon the wine when it is red, when it giveth his colour in the cup, when it moveth itself aright" (Proverbs 23:31).

## TREASURE PATH TO SOUL WINNING

**ASSIGNMENT 4:** For today's memory verses, follow instructions on page 9.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO

**BOB ALLPORT**  
**LUCILLE STEPHENS**

## HYMN FOR TODAY

### GO YE INTO ALL THE WORLD

Words and music by James McGranahan,  
1840-1907

As members of the church of Jesus Christ, how we need to be reminded continually of our Lord's final request! We settle down so easily in our individual comforts and in the security of our church routines. Worldwide evangelization will become a realistic possibility only when the Spirit of God renews His people personally with a vision and passion for the spiritual needs of a lost world...when in His power we are willing to go...to evangelize!

James McGranahan, author and composer of this hymn, is a well-known name in the field of early gospel music. After the sudden death of Philip Bliss in 1876, McGranahan became the songleader in the evangelistic campaigns conducted by Major D.W. Whittle in England and throughout America. Known for his fine tenor voice and a commanding personality, he pioneered in using male choirs in his services. McGranahan collaborated with Ira Sankey and other gospel musicians in many publications. "Go Ye into All the World" was widely used as a missionary challenge in their great crusade meetings. These words still speak pointedly to us today.

*Far, far away, in heathen darkness dwelling,  
millions of souls forever may be lost;  
who, who will go, salvation's story telling,  
looking to Jesus, minding not the cost.*

*See o'er the world wide open doors inviting—  
Soldiers of Christ, arise and enter in!  
Christians, awake! your forces all uniting,  
send forth the gospel; break the chains of sin.*

*God speed the day, when those of ev'ry nation  
"Glory to God!" triumphantly shall sing;  
Ransomed, redeemed, rejoicing in salvation,  
shout "Hallelujah, for the Lord is King!"*

### **Chorus:**

*"All pow'r is given unto Me; all pow'r is given unto Me;  
go ye into all the world and preach the gospel,  
and lo, I am with you always."*

## **ON THIS DATE IN HISTORY**

**THE FARMER'S ALMANAC SAYS THAT JOSEPH AND MARY WERE MARRIED ON THIS DAY.**

**1845**

**ELECTION DAY WAS SET.**

Election day was set in 1845. Let us pray for free elections to be part of our society always.

**1755**

**ON THIS DAY JOHN FLETCHER WAS SAVED.**

It is said that this great man of prayer literally "stained his wall" with the breath of his prayers. John Wesley said that for twenty years and upward before his death, none ever saw him out of temper.

This should lead us to do two things today: First, we should pledge God that we are going to pray more.

'Ere you left your room this morning  
Did you think to pray?  
In the name of Christ our Saviour  
Did you sue for loving favor  
As a shield today?

Oh, how praying rests the weary.  
Prayer will change the night to day,  
So when life seems dark and dreary

Don't forget to pray.

Then we ought to remember what Wesley said about Fletcher and ask God to help us to restrain ourselves from losing our tempers and having displays of a lack of patience.

## **ON THIS DATE IN AFRICAN-AMERICAN HISTORY**

**1889**

**DR. DANIEL HALE WILLIAMS FOUNDED  
PROVIDENT HOSPITAL IN CHICAGO.**

**1962**

**DEMONSTRATIONS AGAINST DISCRIMINATION** in off-campus housing staged by students at University of Chicago, January 23-February 5. CORE charged that the University operated segregated apartment houses.

**1964**

**TWENTY-FOURTH AMENDMENT TO THE U.S. CONSTITUTION** eliminated poll tax requirements in federal elections.

**1976**

**DEATH OF PAUL ROBESON, ATHLETE,  
LAWYER, SINGER.**

# THE STORY OF THE PSALMS

## Psalm 7

**AUTHOR:** David.

**THE STORY BEHIND THE PSALM:**

Saul was the king of Israel. David had become a national hero after his slaying of Goliath. The ladies began to sing, "Saul hath slain his thousands and David his tens of thousands." This made Saul to see David as a threat for his throne. Hence, he vowed to kill him and spent many days pursuing David in an attempt to slay him. David fled from Saul, not because he was afraid to fight or felt he could not be victorious, but because David refused to lift up his hand against God's anointed, and because David realized that vengeance belonged to God and not to him. At the writing of this Psalm David was in a cave fleeing for his life. He was lonely, frightened and perhaps disillusioned. He was a young man. He had been used of God to save his nation. Honor should have come from the king, but in its place came jealousy. As the Psalm is read, the reader should picture David in the cave, a young man, discouraged and lonely.

**THE WAY IT WAS USED BY GOD'S PEOPLE:**

God's people would use this Psalm when they were in deep trouble. It often seems that God's people are in deep trouble most of the time. Peter reminds us that we are as gold refined by the fire. Sometimes it is difficult to ascertain the purpose of God when we have to stay in the fire so long and so often, but God has His way of purifying us, and this is by placing us in the refiner's fire.

One day while a refiner was looking at his gold in the fire, a passerby asked him how long he kept the gold in the fire. He said, "Until it is purified."

The passerby then asked, "How do you know when the gold is purified?"

The refiner answered, "I know it is purified when I can see the reflection of my face in it."

This is why Jesus puts us through the fire. He wants the reflection of His face to be seen in us.

The Jews would also read and sing the seventh Psalm when they were tempted to seek revenge or to retaliate. Let it be remembered that revenge and vengeance is a work of God for us, not a work for us to do for ourselves.



# The Treasure Path to Soul Winning

**MEMORY VERSE TOPIC FOR THE NEXT SEVEN DAYS:  
DEFINITE ASSURANCE GIVEN TO THOSE WHO EXPERIENCE NEW BIRTH**  
(Assignment 4)

Please recite all three components of each of these five verses aloud, five times each morning, and five times each evening, for seven days. The three components of each verse are: Subject, Scripture Reference, and Scripture Text. (For more details, see “The Treasure Path to Soul Winning” link back on the DailyKJV page.)

**Assurance of an inward witness.**

( ) Romans 8:16

The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:

**Assurance given by the Holy Spirit.**

( ) 1 John 4:13

Hereby know we that we dwell in him, and he in us, because he hath given us of his Spirit.

**Assurance is evident by new love for Christians.**

( ) 1 John 3:14

We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren. He that loveth not his brother abideth in death.

**Assurance is evident by new life.**

( ) 2 Corinthians 5:17

Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

**Assurance, a result of believing.**

( ) 1 John 5:13

These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.