

IS THE LORD WITH YOU, OR NOT?
JOURNEY TO ASSURANCE OF SALVATION

EXODUS 16:1-4; 17:1-7

- Intro:
1. Have you ever questioned God's presence in your life?
 2. The questions of "Am I really saved?" or "Has God abandoned my life?" have plagued many, and likely you!
 3. So, as we begin read the account of God providing bread and water to sustain the Hebrew people in Exodus 16 and 17, God reminds the people the source of personal salvation and the extent of His divine grace by posing two questions:
 - a. Will man follow God's directions by faith? (Exo. 16:4)
 - b. Will the Lord remain with His redeemed? (Exo. 17:7)

Prop: **You must Trust God's Sure Salvation.**

I. By Faith, Receiving the Bread of Heaven (Exo. 16:1-4).

1. v.4, "prove" = to attempt; to try (attempt to increase their faith)
2. Faith in personal works leads to insecurity, whereas following the Providential way leads to ensured salvation.
3. John 6:22-33, The only work to please God is to believe in His only begotten son, Jesus Christ.
Titus 3:5-7 declares us saved by His grace, not works. We cannot pay for salvation; therefore we cannot lose the gift based on inadequate payment—but we must claim it!
4. When we distributed the trinity of loaves to every home in the neighborhood, someone asked, "Can I pay for this?" That was impossible—it was already paid for—Freely given to Trinity without price, so no price could be paid for it.
5. Friend, just as God had secured the Hebrew's freedom from bondage in Egypt by His power, Jesus paid the price for your sin when He died on the cross (Romans 6:23). Will you receive Him by faith today as the only way to save your soul from sin and death?

II. By Faithfulness, Consuming the Water of Life (Exo. 17:1-7).

1. v.3, "murmer" = to stop (hindering the desire of the Lord)
v.7, "Massah" = testing; trial
v.7, "Meribah" = quarrel; provocation; strife
v.7, "tempted" = prove; try (attempt to direct God's business)
2. Doubts are caused by diversion from the Word & work of God.

3. John 6:34-40; 4:14, everlasting life is God's promise, but eternal distraction is man's cause for doubt
→ Jn.6:41,52 (distracted by Jesus earthly ties & analogies illustrating his purpose)
→ Jn.4:15,31 (distracted by physical desires/concerns)
4. Have you ever doubted someone's ability until you saw them in action? "Oh, that couple can never handle adopting 5 children at once, never having had any before." God's truth is, that a monogamous, heterosexual marriage is the foundation of a family—and, it works every time!
5. Folks, there is no reason to doubt your salvation—every time the Scripture mentions eternal life, God's says that you "have it" in the present tense (Jn.3:36)—by definition, you cannot lose something that is eternally yours. But, you can miss the daily blessing of joy—will you come today and repent of your attempts to direct God's work of salvation by self-works? You need to come and be free of doubt and renew your faith in the living waters of God's Spirit.

Conc: Maybe, by your own confession of works, you have missed true salvation altogether—by grace, through faith—will receive the Bread of Life today as Romans 10:9 directs, "That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved."

Believer, you are indeed testing God and drifting in the dangerous seas of doubt as you walk along without that public testimony of baptism, that New Testament example of local church affiliation and you humanistic cycle of doing good just to prove your salvation.

Will you come to be saved, follow Christ in baptism or simply to make a fresh commitment today before the Lord and His assembly.

Invit. Hymn: _____ (#_____)



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"Welcoming Y our Children into God's Family"

Exodus 16 & 17

*What is Missing in the bad
circumstances of life? PR Y R*

Read EXODUS 16:1-4 and cross out the words that don't belong at the end of each verse:

verse 1, "...after departing out of the land of Egypt where the Hebrew people were so happy."

verse 2, "...murmured against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness: after they prayed to thank God for leading them out of Egypt."

verse 3, "...for ye have brought us forth into this wilderness, to kill this whole assembly with hunger. But, we know you were just following God's directions."

verse 4, "...that I may prove them, whether they will walk in my law, or no. But only those who walk right get to eat the bread."

What we often do in bad circumstances, instead of PRAY, is C_MPL_ _N, but this does not please God!



This picture does not fit in which two verses of Exodus 17:1-7 (circle one choice)?

4/7 1/2 4/5

In which verses is this picture found?

1/3 3/4 5/7



In 17:7, the people wondered, "Is the ___ ___ ___ ___ with us?"

Read Hebrews 13:5, If you have trusted Jesus as your Savior, will

He ever leave you? ___ Yes ___ No