

CONCLUSION

- The ultimate point of the story about Moses striking the rock was to anticipate _____—the struck Rock, the Savior by whose death the living water of eternal life has been abundantly provided.
- Christ's atoning death ultimately transforms our selfish desires into a longing to share this living water with those who know they are spiritually thirsty.



UNIT 2: The Atonement Foreshadowed **DATE:** February 8, 2015

LESSON 6: "Water from the Rock" (Exodus 17; 1 Corinthians 10:1-6)

NEXT WEEK: "Look and Live" (Numbers 21)

INTRODUCTION

- A complaining tongue reveals a discontented _____.
- "Discontent is a sin that is its own punishment and makes men torment themselves; it makes the spirit sad, the body sick, and all the enjoyments sour; it is the heaviness of the heart and the rottenness of the bones...It is a sin that is its own parent. It arises not from the condition, but from the mind. As we find Paul contented in a prison, so Ahab discontented in a palace."
~ Matthew Henry (1662-1714)

IN THEIR GRUMBLING, THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL QUESTIONED THE _____ OF GOD (EXODUS 17:1-4).

- When the Israelites complained against Moses, they were really revealing their _____ with God.
- The Lord had demonstrated over and over again His care for the people of Israel. Yet instead of trusting Him in this situation, the people sat in _____ of God.
- Like our first parents, Israel questioned God's _____ and His _____.

- **Application:** When you and I choose to grumble and complain about our life's circumstances, we are revealing a heart that is questioning the impeccable character of God. Like the Israelites in the wilderness, we are attempting to turn God's goodness into badness.
- "Apprehension [of God's faithfulness] will check our murmurings. The Lord knows what is best for each of us. One effect of resting on this truth will be to silence our petulant complainings. God is greatly honored when, under trial and chastening, we have good thoughts of Him, vindicate His wisdom and justice, and recognize His love in His rebukes." ~ Arthur W. Pink (1886-1952)

**IN HIS MERCY, GOD PROVIDED WATER FROM THE ROCK
THAT WAS _____ (EXODUS 17:5-7).**

- God instructed Moses to _____ the rock with his rod; yet the emphasis, oddly enough, seems to be more on Moses' staff than on Moses himself. The Lord emphasized the importance of the staff of power.
- The staff as an instrument symbolized Moses' _____ on the Lord, the One who actually accomplished these miraculous works.
- Just as God in His righteousness had used the staff as an instrument of _____ against the Egyptians, so He could have used the staff to judge the rebellious Israelites. But in this instance, there wasn't divine condemnation; rather, there was _____.

- The staff represented the _____ of God, but the rock represented God Himself. He was Himself the _____.
- **Application:** We must constantly remind ourselves of the mercy we have been shown in Christ, the Rock struck on our behalf. When we justly deserved God's condemnation, He graciously provided salvation through His Son. Meditation on God's true character as demonstrated in the cross-work of Christ should turn our complaining tongues into instruments of praise and our discontentment into over-whelming satisfaction in Him.

**THE ROCK REVEALS _____, WHO WAS
STRUCK ON OUR BEHALF (1 CORINTHIANS 10:1-6).**

- The rock was struck in _____ to God's command; Jesus was struck in _____ to the will of God (Luke 22:42).
- The result of the striking in both cases was divine _____, moving people from death to life.
- Christ, the struck Rock, as the now ascended, incarnate Son _____ His people today.
- **Application:** Looking back at Exodus 17 helps us look ahead in our Christian lives. Instead of yielding to our selfish desires which puts us in a place to begin complaining and judging God, we must choose to allow our spiritual thirst to be quenched by the living water found only in Christ. Furthermore, we must become channels of sharing Christ, the living water, with the lost around us.