

BIBLE STUDY

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Deuteronomy 32:15-18

Then he forsook God who made him,
And scorned the Rock of his salvation.

They made Him jealous with strange gods;
With abominations they provoked Him to anger.

They sacrificed to demons who were not God,
To gods whom they have not known,
New gods who came lately,
Whom your fathers did not dread.

You neglected the Rock who begot you,
And forgot the God who gave you birth.

Luke 4:1-14
Temptation Play

Narrator: Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led around by the Spirit in the wilderness for forty days, being tempted by the devil. And He ate nothing during those days, and when they had ended, He became hungry. And the devil spoke to Him.

Devil: If You are the Son of God, **tell this stone to become bread.**

Jesus: It is written, **"Man shall not live on bread alone."**

Narrator: And the devil led Him up and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time.

Devil: I will give You all this domain and its glory; for it has been handed over to me, and I give it to whomever I wish. Therefore if you **worship before me**, it shall all be Yours.

Jesus: It is written, **"You shall worship the Lord your God and serve Him only."**

Narrator: And he led Him to Jerusalem and had Him stand on the pinnacle of the temple.

Devil: If you are the Son of God, **throw Yourself down from here;** for it is written, "He will command His angels concerning You to guard You," and "On their hands they will bear You up, so that You will not strike Your foot against a stone."

Jesus: It is said, **"You shall not tempt the Lord your God."**

Narrator: When the devil had finished every temptation, he left Him until an opportune time. And Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit and news about Him spread through all the surrounding district.

Do not Harden Your Hearts...

At the Beginning of the Wilderness Trek

Exodus 17:1-7

1 Then all the congregation of the sons of Israel journeyed by stages from the wilderness of Syn, according to the command of Yahweh, and camped at Rephidim, and there was no water for the people to drink. 2 Therefore the people quarreled with Moses and said, "Give us water that we may drink."

And Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test Yahweh?" 3 But the people thirsted there for water; and they grumbled against Moses and said, "Why, now, have you brought us up from Egypt, to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?" 4 So Moses cried out to Yahweh, saying, "What shall I do to this people? A little more and they will stone me." 5 Then Yahweh said to Moses, "Pass before the people and take with you some of the elders of Israel; and take in your hand your staff with which you struck the Nile, and go.

6 Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock at Horeb; and you shall strike the rock, and water will come out of it, that the people may drink." And Moses did so in the sight of the elders of Israel. 7 He named the place Massah (test) and Meribah (quarrel) because of the quarrel of the sons of Israel, and because they tested Yahweh, saying, "Is Yahweh among us, or not?"

At the End of the Wilderness Trek Numbers 20:1-13

1 Then all the congregation of the sons of Israel . . . came to the wilderness of Tzyn...; and the people stayed at Kadesh. Now Miriam died there and was buried there.

2 There was no water for the congregation, and they assembled themselves against Moses and Aaron. 3 The people thus quarreled with Moses and spoke, saying, "If only we had perished when our brothers perished before Yahweh! 4 Why then have you brought Yahweh's assembly into this wilderness, for us and our beasts to die here? 5 Why have you made us come up from Egypt, to bring us in to this wretched place? 6 Then Moses and Aaron came in from the presence of the assembly to the doorway of the tent of meeting and fell on their faces. Then the glory of Yahweh appeared to them; 7 and Yahweh spoke to Moses, saying,

8 "Take the rod; and you and your brother Aaron assemble the congregation and speak to the rock before their eyes, that it may yield its water. You shall thus bring forth water for them out of the rock and let the congregation and their beasts drink." 9 So Moses took the rod from before Yahweh, just as He had commanded him; 10 and Moses and Aaron gathered the assembly before the rock. And he said to them, "Listen now, you rebels; shall we bring forth water for you out of this rock?" 11 Then Moses lifted up his hand and struck the rock twice with his rod; and water came forth abundantly, and the congregation and their beasts drank. 12 But Yahweh said to Moses and Aaron, "Because you did not believe Me, to treat Me as holy in the sight of the sons of Israel, therefore you shall not bring this assembly into the land which I have given them." 13 Those were the waters of Meribah (quarrel), because the sons of Israel quarreled with Yahweh, and He proved Himself holy among them.

Hebrews 3:7-11 (from Psalm 95)

Therefore, just as the Holy Spirit says,

“Today if you hear His voice,
Do not harden your hearts as at Meribah/quarrel,
As in the day of Massah/test in the wilderness,
Where your fathers tried Me by testing Me,
And saw My works for forty years.
Therefore I was angry with this generation,
And said, ‘They always go astray in their heart,
As I swore in My wrath,
‘They shall not enter My rest’”

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JOB 1:20-22

Then Job arose and tore his robe and shaved his head, and he fell to the ground and worshiped. ²¹ He said,

"Naked I came from my mother's womb,
And naked I shall return there.
The LORD gave and the LORD has taken away.
Blessed be the name of the LORD."

²² Through all this Job did not sin nor did he blame God.