

Is it hot enough for you?

Most of our country and many parts of the world are suffering from record breaking heat. Here in south central Pennsylvania, we also have humidity that creates pop-up thunderstorms. As I am sitting and writing this Tuesday evening, there are black clouds moving in. The app on my phone said it was 93° with a real feel of 103° and a severe thunderstorm watch until 11:00pm.

So why the weather report? It makes me think about Moses and the Israelites wondering around the desert for 40 years. We've been looking at the life of Moses in our Sunday service lessons. So, it sort of just popped in my head. "Is it hot enough for you?" I wonder if Joshua said that to Arron as they waited for Moses to come down off the mountain. The Israelites complained about everything else. So, the heat (although not mentioned) was probably something as well. More than once saying they'd rather be slaves of Egypt than die in the desert.

Is not this the word that we did tell thee in Egypt, saying, Let us alone, that we may serve the Egyptians? For it had been better for us to serve the Egyptians, than that we should die in the wilderness. Exodus 14:10

Some of their complaints were...

- We are trapped with the Red Sea in front and the Egyptians behind ([Exodus 14](#))
- We have no food to eat ([Exodus 16](#))
- We are tired of what we must eat, we want meat (flesh) ([Exodus 16](#))
- We have no water to drink ([Exodus 17](#))

Even Moses got to a point of being "fed up" with the complaints and wanted to be dead...

I am not able to bear all this people alone, because it is too heavy for me. And if thou deal thus with me, kill me, I pray thee, out of hand, if I have found favour in thy sight; and let me not see my wretchedness. Numbers 11:14-15

BUT! In each and every instance, God provided. He parted the Red Sea, He provided manna to eat, He brought quail from the skies, He brought water from a rock and He answered Moses cry for help.

And the Lord said unto Moses, Gather unto me seventy men of the elders of Israel, whom thou knowest to be the elders of the people, and officers over them; and bring them unto the tabernacle of the congregation, that they may stand there with thee. And I will come down and talk with thee there: and I will take of the spirit which is upon thee, and will put it upon them; and they shall bear the burden of the people with thee, that thou bear it not thyself alone. Numbers 11:16-17

It's interesting to look at the commonalities between us in 2021 and the Israelites in the 1400's B.C. era. "My GPS isn't working." "What's for dinner?" "We just had that last week." "I'm thirsty." "I can't take the stress of fill in the blank anymore!" We would not have lasted 40 days in the wilderness let alone 40 years! Especially with no air conditioning!



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We tend to forget about the little things we are blessed with. Oh, we praise the Lord for the biggies... a newborn baby, a miraculous healing of a family member, a new job, an unexpected financial windfall, and many other answered prayers. How about we thank Him for the little things too? Let us start with A/C, being able to pay the electric bill so we have the A/C, opening the cupboard or fridge and grabbing a snack, running water in the sink, living in a country where we can freely gather to praise and worship our Lord. Yes, there are still many who do not have their basic needs met, here and abroad. But let's face it. If you are reading this email, you at least have a phone if not some other electronic device. That's something to be thankful for.

As you wipe the sweat from your brow just take a second to think of the Israelites and be thankful you are not them!

May cooling breezes come your way carrying many blessings,

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