

It is important to ensure fellowship with God before the study of the Word.
If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness (**1 John 1:9**).

Moses' Prayer Life (continued)

Life in the desert - -

The desert for the Exodus generation becomes God's classroom to teach them prayer and dependence.

- Some believers sitting in the classroom just don't want to learn.
- What is the prerequisite? *Willingness!*

Exodus 15:22-25

Then Moses led Israel from the Red Sea, and they went out into the wilderness of Shur; and they went three days in the wilderness and found no water.

Remember that God will provide what you need to accomplish His plan.

If you ask, He will provide – PRAYER SETS GOD IN MOTION!

²³ When they came to Marah, they could not drink the waters of Marah, for they were **bitter** [*the water was bitter and the people were bitter*]; therefore it was named Marah. ²⁴ So the people grumbled at Moses, saying, "What shall we drink?" ²⁵ Then he cried out to the LORD [*Moses prayed*], and the LORD showed him a tree; and he threw it into the waters, and the waters became sweet. There He made for them a statute and regulation, and there He tested them.

Exodus 16:1-3

Then they set out from Elim, and all the congregation of the sons of Israel came to the wilderness of Sin, which is between Elim and Sinai, on the fifteenth day of the second month after their departure from the land of Egypt. ² The whole congregation of the sons of Israel **grumbled** against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. ³ The sons of Israel said to them, "Would that we had died by the LORD'S hand in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the pots of meat, when we ate bread to the full; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger."

The congregation chose to grumble and complain rather than pray.

Remember that God stands at the ready to provide everything that you need to accomplish His plan.

Exodus 17:1-4

Then all the congregation of the sons of Israel journeyed by stages from the wilderness of Sin, according to the command of the LORD, 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 the LORD?" 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 the LORD [*What does Moses do in the face of adversity? He prays!*], saying, "What shall I do to this people? A little more and they will stone me."

When you pray you depend upon the Lord.

If you are in a situation and you don't know what to do – ask the Lord!

James 1:5 But if any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all generously and without reproach, and it will be given to him.

- **Who is learning how to pray in the classroom of the desert?** Moses
- **Are the people?** No!
- **Who is fulfilling the principle of Carpe Occasio in the desert?** Moses
(Everyone else is grumbling, bitter, and implacable)

1st Observation on prayer - There are believers with whom you walk with in this life [*acquaintances or friends*], but they are not going to learn how to pray like you are. They lack the willingness to be taught.

You have the choice – to complain or to pray!

You may be accused of being crazy – take that to the Lord, also!

2nd Observation on prayer - The one who is praying in the desert isn't bitter.

POD - A flourishing prayer life prevents bitterness in the life of the believer.

The believer that prays has **humility** – he takes all things to the Lord.

The believer who takes things to the Lord **depends** on Him to provide.

This is why the Lord told us to pray for our enemies!



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