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9. (GP) Exodus 17:1-7

SUBJECT: How It  
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HOW IT WENT ILL WITH HIM

The wanderings of the 40 years about over.  
Come to Horeb again. These visitors died. Only  
four left. Mosu, Aaron, Caleb, Joshua - 7 all will  
walk triumphant but who came into 7 Egypt.

I. How it befell.

The failing water supply  
The old generation murmured, rebelled. This is a new  
generation. They will be different. Gods' promises were  
for 40 years. The children of Israel, the masses daily  
fading, the streams in the desert - they will trust the Lord.  
This the new generation for which Moses cherished such  
hopes, the new people on the old stock.

The same spirit of complaint, murmuring in the old  
generation, now in the new. The characteristics of the  
parents reproduced in the children.  
Wishes had died in the people stayed by Aaron's curse.  
Accused the mother, make it our desire 20:1, 5

Moses prostrate before God - his usual position.

The Lord's command: you have, strike the rock.  
Now, speak to the rock.

Moses led with indignation, rage, irritation,  
disappointment. (His reaction of the air left by the  
the new generation). Accused them as rebels -  
spoke of the water as if dependent on himself & Aaron -  
then vehemently struck the rock twice.

Division of the  
20:12

## II. Why the divine decision?

1. There was clear, distinct disobedience.  
In the lot independent, due to very opposite?  
what God had commanded. Speak. divide  
"disobedience" - the sad refrain in "cemetery"  
chapter of the Bible, Hebrews 3 and 4. 3:18; 4:6, 11

2. There was unbelief.

A word not enough - must be something  
more of unbelief in spirit, instrumentality.  
Unwilling to hear God say to Moses 20:12a  
Get thee up Moses, the 10 plagues, Red Sea, manna,  
38 years in the wilderness wanderings.  
So Heb. 3:12, 19

3. There was the breaking of the Type.

1) I Cor. 10: 4, 6, 11

The rock strikes but once - death but once.  
Heb 9: 24<sup>1</sup> Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many.

Heb 10: 10<sup>1</sup> we are sanctified through the offering of the  
body of Jesus Christ once for all.

I Cor. 3: 14<sup>1</sup> Christ hath once suffered for sins, the  
just for the unjust.

[6. Uzzah dying for touching the ark.]

God's serious covenant are for his people. In  
the death of Christ, that awful moment, rending  
the veil in the temple... to carry out the type.

(2) Moses represented the law. Came by air.  
But the law can never lead us into rest.

Conduct us to the margin but no further.

The law is (Heb 3: 24)  $\pi\alpha\lambda\alpha\sigma\tau\alpha\tau\iota\sigma\mu\acute{o}\varsigma$  to lead  
us to Jesus - the true Joshua, Jesus, Saviour - who  
leads us into our true rest.

Heb 3: 26 now a type? for your sake?

III. The irreversibility of the divine decision

Deuts 3: 23-27

The way of disappointment, bitter, deep  
the refusal of God to re-consider.

- 6. Paul, not took away the stone is it yet
- 6. David not build the temple

But God not fail his saints.

His prayer answered in affliction - And  
with what a rich / triumphant.

In God's time & will > some better thing for us.