

Numbers 20:2-3

Now there was no water for the congregation; so they gathered together against Moses and Aaron. And the people contended with Moses and spoke, saying: "If only we had died when our brethren died before the LORD!"

We are all familiar with what is called the Lord's prayer and right before Jesus taught His disciples how to pray He said:

† **Matthew 6:7** *And when you pray, do not use vain repetitions as the heathen do. For they think that they will be heard for their many words.* (underlined for emphasis)

Jesus said "*when you pray*", because He know everyone does pray, even if it's "God help me." Simply talking to the Lord, whether you say amen or not is prayer. But how many have two different types of prayers that they pray?

The first being your normal prayer time with the Lord or saying thank you for my food etc... But then you have those deep down moaning and groanings in prayer for some great need that you have, maybe your rent is due and you have no money, or maybe your car broke down and you can't afford to get it fixed, or whatever is going on in your life causing you to change the tone of your voice and even your attitude in prayer.

Now read today's devotional verses again. What was going on here is, the children of Israel were wandering the desert for years now, and they were out of water. So they go to Moses and Aaron and start complaining about what they didn't have. I would encourage you to read the entire chapter in Numbers, because it not only tells of how God provided water for over two million people in the desert, but also how Moses and Aaron lost the right to enter the Promised Land.

But as I was reading about this, this morning, I started to think, "What if the children of Israel just came to Moses and Aaron and asked them to talk to God and ask Him to supply water for them?" Think about it, they needed water and God supplied the water. He was going to do it anyway. But if they asked calmly trusting in God, Moses and Aaron, may have made it to the Promised Land, because they would have probably come back and said, "We talked to God, and He said for me to strike the rock and you will have the water you need."

I know it sounds simple, yet we treat God in prayer sometimes like He doesn't hear us or like He really doesn't understand why we have this urgent need right now. Remember Jesus said:

† **Mark 11:24** *Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them.*

Notice Jesus never said to change the way you pray or to give a long winded explanation to God why you need what you need. But to simply ask (not beg) in faith and ***believe that you receive them.***

If you have to beg God, how faithful does that sound. God will answer the way He wants to whether you beg, explain for five minutes why you need it, threaten God and tell Him He's not doing a good job (Like the children of Israel were doing), or simple bring your need before Him as you normally pray every day.

† **1 Thessalonians 5:17-18** *pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.*