

Text: **Exodus 17**

THE COMPLAINING SPIRIT

1. It is pervasive
2. It is powerful (in the negative sense)

THE DEMAND FOR WATER

1. The lack of water (Exodus 17:1)
2. Response of the people
 - a) Contention with Moses (Exodus 17:2)
 - b) Complaining spirit noted (Exodus 17:3)
 - c) Content of the complain
 - i) Why the exodus from Egypt?
 - ii) If they were to die for the lack of water

MOSES DISTURBED

1. At wit's end
 - a) What shall I do with this people?
 - b) They are almost ready to stone me (Exodus 17:4)
2. To the people
 - a) Why do you contend?
 - b) Why do you tempt the Lord? (Exodus 17:2)
3. Crying out to the Lord
 - a) In desperation
 - b) With anxiety

GOD'S RESPONSE

1. He will use the occasion to speak to the children of Israel
2. Lessons to learn
 - a) His Presence
 - b) His Promise
 - c) His Power
3. Moses and the elders of the people to be present
4. The rod of Moses will be used to strike a Rock in Mount Horeb
5. Water will gush from the Rock (Exodus 17:6)

COMMEMORATIVE NAME

1. Massah and Meribah
 - a) Massah – Tempted
 - b) Meribah – Contention
2. The doubt(s) of the children of Israel
 - a) Is the Lord among us? (Exodus 17:7)
 - b) Unbelief
 - c) Rebellion