

Bible Truths
Foundations of the Faith

Will You Trust Me?

The Challenge of Living the Faith-Rest Life

or

Walking by Faith

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That is Walking by faith

At one time it was considered impossible to fly faster than the speed of sound.

Right after the WW2 a young fighter pilot ace named Chuck Yeager was selected to prove if it was possible to break the sound barrier. The X-1 was designed to do just that.

Yeager cracked the sound barrier; and therefore mankind advanced beyond the point which he had thought it possible to go.

But there is another barrier which poses a problem for the believer, and we might call it the faith barrier.

It takes a great deal of speed to crack the sound barrier, but to crack the faith barrier requires, not excessive speed, but simply standing still and trusting what God has said.

There is no work, no movement involved at all just believing, or trusting the Lord, and then, to keep on trusting and waiting on Him.

This is a wonderful provision made for every believer experientially, that is so that we're able to live the Christian life and glorify Him.

We already know that for every believer in Christ there is a wonderful position that we have “in Christ.” We know that we are new creatures in Christ. (2 Cor. 5:17).

The ramifications of this are that :

We share the life of Christ which is eternal life.

We share the righteousness of Christ which is a perfect righteousness.

We share His destiny.

We share His heirship.

We share His sonship.

We share His election.

We share His priesthood and many other things.

We know we have a perfect and complete position in Jesus Christ.
(Col 2:9-10)

But have we come to grasp all that God has provided for us experientially? What He has provided so that we might be able to live the Christian life and bring glory to Him.

We are often so busy pursuing happiness, we are so busy hustling around trying to find something that will bring us that elusive satisfaction we're seeking, that we ignore one of the great things that God has provided us and that is a place of perfect peace!

A place of joy or inner happiness! A place of strength! A place of stability! A place of power! A place of impact! No matter what happens, no matter how difficult the external circumstances, no matter how great the pressure, adversities, or the problems of life, we can have this “*peace of God which passes all understanding*” (Phil. 4:7).

Or, as someone once quipped, “The peace of God which passes all misunderstanding.”

So, there is a place of perfect peace, a place of power, a place where our lives can count for Him.

Sometimes, the Scripture refers to this as the “Sabbath” - not a seventh day, not a sabbatical year, but a moment-by-moment sabbath, a time of faith-rest, a time in the midst of the routines of life or the great adversities of life when we apply the truth of Scripture we know. That's living the faith-rest life.

This is what makes possible complete inner peace in the presence of outer turmoil and tribulation.

THE FIRST MERIBAH INCIDENT

Exodus 17

In Exodus, chapter 17, we come to a crisis in the history of the children of Israel. They had been delivered from the slavery of Egypt through the shed blood of the Passover lamb which foreshadows the substitutionary death of Christ on the cross.

They had passed through the Red Sea by God's miraculous grace and now face the vital issue which every believer must face in his or her life.

If I as a believer, as one who has trusted in Christ and is born again, having trusted Christ for the big thing, which is salvation, can I now trust Him for the needs, the problems, and the difficulties arising in everyday life?

I have trusted Him for the greatest manifestation of His grace. Can I trust Him to graciously meet the problems, the difficulties, and the situations which exist daily in my life? Does the Lord really have answers to these questions?"

The mistake so many believers make is that they want a pat yes or no answer to their particular problem. They want the pastor to tell them how to deal with whatever it is, to make it stop hurting or so the problem will just go away.

Yet it is seldom that the pastor can outline a specific plan which says, "do this and do that." Before there can be a plan outlining a solution to your situation, there is a principle which must first be followed.

This principle is the basis to the solution to any problem that any believer will ever face. You must remember, as you face your problems, the greatest problem in your life has already been solved. It was solved at Calvary's cross.

He [God] made Him [Jesus Christ] who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him. (2 Cor. 5:21, NASB)

Jesus Christ bore every sin that you have ever committed, solving the sin problem completely. On the cross His substitutionary sacrifice (1 Pet. 2:24) removed sin and the penalty of sin as a barrier between you and God (Eph. 1:7; Col. 2:14).

When you trusted in Christ, your past sins were forgiven and you entered into a relationship with God for eternity as well as time. And, while you may understand the repercussions of your eternal relationship, it is also important to know the repercussions of your temporal relationship with Him.

There are certain important provisions which are now yours in Christ.

You have the indwelling of the Holy Spirit who when empowering your life provides the basis for illumination of the Word of truth.

There is a provision for sin committed in time after salvation to receive forgiveness and cleansing. (1 John 1:9)

There is the provision of fellowship which you can have with the Lord in time, in your everyday life as you reflect on the Word you know.

There is a way in which you can honor Him and represent Him in life as you live out the Word known.

There is a way in which your life can count for Him.

No matter how discouraged you may become, as long as you are still alive, know that God has a purpose for your life. God has a reason for your continuance on the face of this earth. He wants you to glorify Him, and He wants you to fulfill your responsibility as an ambassador for Christ (2 Cor. 5:20).

You and I face exactly the same issue that the children of Israel faced several thousand years ago. Their problem touched each one of them personally. The Holy Spirit has seen fit to record for us, through the pen of Moses, what to them was an overwhelming situation. Actually in the light of their great deliverance from Egypt, it was not much of a problem at all.

Exodus 17:1 *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.*

Notice that the Lord led them to this place; they were in the Lord's will when they arrived there, "*according to the commandment of the Lord.*"

Have you ever heard or been influenced by a pastor or an evangelist with a sales pitch that implies that if you "Accept Christ, you will never have trouble again!" Is that really a part of the gospel?

Nothing could be further from the truth. In fact, the opposite is more often the case.

Christ said, "These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world." (John 16:33)

When you accept Christ, although you possess eternal life and will live in the presence of God forever in your resurrection body, you will face many tests and pressures while still here living in time. But you will also have

the means of stabilizing and meeting every problem and every difficulty with tranquility.

At some point in our Christian life each of us will face a test, a situation which makes us realize that we are in a situation where we are helpless, where the brook has dried up as it did for Elijah (1 Kings 17:7), where we must come to see no human solution on the horizon, where there is nothing that you can do or say, where you are so numb from the shock of pressure that you cannot even pray!

Sooner or later God brings every believer to the dried-up brook. And every believer will face a set of circumstances where the situation is dark and hopeless, where there is no human solution. That is exactly what God did with the children of Israel.

He has delivered them from the slavery in Egypt, He has led them through the waters of the Red Sea, and they have now moved to the place called Rephidim. (to stay, to rest)

Here in the wilderness there was no water for the people to drink. A great host of people-perhaps as many as two million adults, plus all of their children-and there is not one drop of water!

The Hebrew word “wilderness” or “desert” is מִדְבָּר (midbar), wasteland, dry sand. Led by God to a dry desert place, they faced a serious water problem. Quickly they begin to suffer.

God permitted this for one purpose. God said to that generation, as He is saying to us as believers today, **“Will you trust Me?”**

You have trusted Him for salvation. You have believed in Jesus Christ and He is now your Lord and Savior.

He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with Him also freely give us all things? (Rom. 8:32)

This was the greatest thing He could ever do for you. It cost Him infinitely more to send His Son to the cross to be judged for your sins than anything else He could have done. If He did the most for you at the cross, will He now do less for you as a believer?

If He did the most for you when you were His enemy-and we were all His enemies when Christ died for us (Rom. 5:10) -what will He do for you now that you are His son (John 1:12)?

Can He do less than He did before? Emphatically not! He will do more. But there is only one thing that God required for them to enter into this moment-by-moment sabbath, the place of perfect peace and stability.

Faith!

He says, “**Will you trust Me?**” For this very purpose He has given us promises in writing-promises we can take by faith and believe and use, promises which will provide stability in life for each of us. (They cannot help you if you do not know them.)

In the passage before us, there is an opportunity for a people in a desperate situation to avail themselves of God’s provision, to enter into His perfect rest for them at that time.

Here's what we ought to read in verse 2 something like this: “So the people all knelt down and said, ‘Thank you Lord for giving us this tremendous opportunity to trust You. And, while the outlook is hope-less, we await Your will right here. We trust You for water, and we are simply waiting now to see You work. We remember what Moses said on the other side of the Red Sea, “Stand still and watch the deliverance of the Lord,” and we stood there and we watched. Now we stand still again to watch You work.”

To apply faith-rest like this would be exactly what God desires of us. But, instead, how often do we hit the panic button when things go wrong? How often do we stay on the wrong side of the faith barrier, that is, of no application?

How often do we get upset, fall apart, and get disturbed? Yet, if there are any people on the face of the earth who ought to be calm and courageous, exhibiting peace with joy, strength and impact in the midst of adversity, it ought to be every person who knows Jesus Christ as Savior.

Exodus 17:2. What do we find in verse 2, “Therefore the people quarreled with Moses.”

The word for quarreled, chide in the KJV is the Hebrew byr the verb, later in vs:7 the place where this event took place will be named Meribah hb'yrIm. which means strife and contention, a very apt name for what

occurred here. It is also from vs:7 referred to as Massah which refers to testing.

I will use the word meribah to refer to what happened here. It should become clear later why I will do this. The people “meribahed” against Moses. They criticized him, they complained to him, they hit the panic button in his presence.

They cried, “Give us water that we may drink!” Now what a strange request to Moses. What did they think Moses was going to do? Did they think he would get out the divining rods and find water?

Did they think that Moses had some supernatural power? The deliverance was of the Lord, and Moses had always said so. When things were going well, Moses never received any credit. When things were not going well, Moses was always blamed.

This follows the pattern of the sin nature. Human nature must have a scapegoat, and the scapegoat is always the leader. Moses is now beginning to bear that extraordinary pressure that he will carry all of his life, the tremendous pressure of leadership. Here we see Moses with broad shoulders.

"Why do you quarrel with me? [Why do you meribah against me?] Why do you test the LORD?" [that is, tempt the Lord to remove you from this life]?"

Is the Lord too small for us? Cannot the Lord meet our needs? Who was it that delivered us from the hopeless slavery of Egypt? If the Lord did the most for us there, do you think the Lord, who held back the waters of the Red Sea, could perhaps meet our need of water?

Exodus 17:3. *"But the people thirsted there for water;." It was a very real thing, a very real problem. The people “meribahed” they grumbled and complained against Moses and said, "Why, now, have you brought us up from Egypt, to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?"*

In a time of crisis there is always the crowd who complains. Yet, God never intended for any believer to complain in a time of crisis. God intended for every believer to trust Him, to mix the promises of God with faith, to realize the benefits of living the faith-rest life!

When we complain and when we criticize in a time of crisis and pressure, we are demonstrating once again our unbelief, our failure to trust Him.

Everything that follows in this passage is strictly a matter of grace. Some believers never see the provisions of the grace of God, even though they have appropriated it through faith alone in Christ alone in salvation. It is astounding that God always gives us what we do not deserve, what we cannot earn! God is going to give water to this people, though they have done nothing to deserve or merit it. They have done everything to not deserve it. While everyone is giving Moses, as we might say, “static,” what did this servant of the Lord do?

We find the answer in Exodus 17: 4 and 5. “So Moses cried out to the LORD.” Here is a picture of a great man. Moses did not enter into rebuttal. Moses did not enter into argumentation. Moses did not even try to justify himself. He cried to the Lord for help saying, “What shall I do to this people? A little more and they will stone me.”

“Then the LORD said to Moses, "Pass before the people." This is a most interesting answer.

The people are ready to stone Moses, yet the Lord tells Moses, “Get out in front of them where you will make a good target.”

Now Moses must obey the Lord and go before these people who have their hands filled with rocks, but how is he going to do it? Is he going out there in the courage of his own strength?

No, he is going to walk out there like David before the Goliath. Moses believed the Lord in the crisis! That is why Moses was the leader. The others could criticize, complain, and shout their imprecations, but they did not have that quiet, stable, strong, steady quality as did Moses.

He could trust the Lord moment-by-moment. Moses believed it when He said, “The Lord will fight for you” (Ex. 14:14) or as David expressed it, “The battle is the Lord’s” (1 Sam. 17:47).

Thus, Moses obeyed his commanding officer and went before the angry mob. Then the Lord added, “and take with you some of the elders of Israel.”

In other words, “Moses, since there are others who will share the leadership responsibilities, and who need to learn to trust Me, get them out there so they too can be a target for the rocks of the people.”

“take in your hand your staff with which you struck the Nile, and go.”

Remember this is a special rod. This is a rod of judgment.

Exodus 17:6. Now follows a promise from the Lord: “Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock at Horeb.”

The Hebrew word for rock, הַצֹּר (hatsur), refers to a sharp, jagged rock. Here we see typology, as well as a record of historical truth.

Here is a picture of Christ the Rock, being smitten for us on the cross (1 Cor. 10:4).

For just as Moses would take the rod in his hand and would strike the jagged rock, so God the Father smote God the Son on the cross for you and me. As a result, from the death of Christ flows the water of salvation.

Also from the rock Jesus Christ flows our provision for the tests of life. We must look to Him through His thinking expressed in the Word and believe what it says to realize the deliverance in time.

Notice what the Lord says to Moses “Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock at Horeb; and you shall strike the rock, and water will come out of it, that the people may drink.”

Now notice **the obedience of faith**: Moses did exactly as the Lord instructed him. “And Moses did so in the sight of the elders of Israel.

Exodus 17:7 He named the place Massah and Meribah because of the quarrel of the sons of Israel, and because they tested the LORD, saying, “Is the LORD among us, or not?”

We need to remember the Meribah! In our history do we have any sayings that were used as a call to remembrance a challenge, “Remember the Alamo” “Remember the Maine” or today “Remember 9/11 and you would know exactly what the challenge is.

Now I say to you as a believer in the Lord Jesus Christ, **“Remember the Meribah!”** Remember the warning of unbelief, of failure to crack the faith barrier!

THE SECOND MERIBAH INCIDENT

Numbers 20

After forty years of wandering, after the generation of the Exodus had died off, a new generation of the children of Israel came back to the same place

where their fathers had been tested with no water. Would they remember the Meribah? Would they trust Him?

Numbers 20:1. “Then the sons of Israel, the whole congregation, came to the wilderness of Zin in the first month;. . . There was no water for the congregation,” (v. 2a).

What had happened during those forty years? The children of Israel had many pressures, tests, and needs. All during that time God had graciously and faithfully provided every logistical need that the Jews had for their wilderness journey.

If they needed shoes, and they did, He supplied them. If they needed water, and they did, He supplied it. If they needed knowledge of military science to defeat their enemies, He supplied it.

If they needed food, and they did, He supplied it. He also supplied the doctrine necessary to grow spiritually. He met every need that they had for forty years. For forty years the children of Israel had seen nothing but the faithfulness and grace of God!

This study should be very practical to you, as we come to understand the narrative of what happened to the Jews even though it happened many centuries ago. (Word rightly divided is always alive and powerful.)

We can substitute for “no water” whatever your problems are right now. No what? No money? No friends? No happiness? No husband? No wife? What is it?

There is a **no something** in everyone’s life, but it has a purpose. God has a reason for it, and He says to you through that no something you think you lack, **“Will you trust Me?”**

I have given you something that I did not give that generation in the wilderness. I have given you a completed canon of scripture which contains over seven thousand promises." When God says it, that settles it. The Word of God is not only alive and powerful and is the living and enduring word of God. (1 Pet. 1:23b)

As eternal God, as Sovereign, as omnipotent and immutable, God does not have the ability to go back on His Word. Have you ever thought about that? He cannot go back on His Word! However, these seven thousand promises can be used only in time. You will not need them in eternity. There are, however, many promises regarding eternity.

For our citizenship is in heaven, from which also we eagerly wait for a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ; who will transform the body of our humble state into conformity with the body of His glory, by the exertion of the power that He has even to subject all things to Himself. (Phil. 3:20-21)

and there will no longer be any death; there will no longer be any mourning, or crying, or pain; the first things have passed away." (Rev. 21:4b)

There is also the promise in heaven of a mansion (John 14:2), and of being “at home [face-to-face] with the Lord” (2 Cor. 5:8).

But we are dealing with time, with the ‘no water’ problem, with the situation that you face right now. At some point every one of us will face a problem, a difficult situation. If you think you have no problems, rest assured, you will sooner or later.

Even though you may be in a place of peace and prosperity now, you would do well to take heed of God’s warning. Prosperity often has its problems. When things are going smoothly, it is often more difficult to keep your eyes on the Lord than during adversity. Also, we must remember that prosperity does not always last. Adversity is certain at some time in your life.

Yet even in suffering and pressure, it is possible to possess the same joy, the tranquility and blessing which you had in prosperity. This is the stability which is produced by a living faith, an obedient faith no matter what the circumstances.

Faith must be tested through pressure so that we will advance spiritually and so that we will learn to lean on Him, having had the dross of human viewpoint skimmed from our thinking by the testing process.

You and I have in writing all that we need to pass the test. We simply claim it by faith. That is believe what God said. The children of Israel had the chance to crack the faith barrier, to pass the test of faith in Numbers 20, at the same location where the first generation had failed.

Numbers 20:2 and 3. “There was no water for the congregation, and they assembled themselves against Moses and Aaron. The people thus contended [meribahed] with Moses and spoke, saying, "If only we had perished when our brothers perished before the LORD!”

This is a familiar complaint. I'm sure we have all heard it said many times and in many ways. "Oh, I wish I were dead. Life is so hard! Lord, let me die. No one has it as rough as I have it."

It is interesting to observe that people who frequently say this, say it to someone who is having a much more difficult time than they are but they are oblivious to that reality.

Now, listen to the whining of the congregation in the wilderness, "*"If only we had perished when our brothers perished before the LORD!"*

They did not really want to die when their brethren died. Why? Their brethren had died the sin unto death; believers who died because they had failed the Lord so often and so long that God removed them from this world.

It would be like a star quarterback saying to himself, "Oh, I wish the coach would take me out of the game!" He does not really want to be removed from the game. If he has failed, he wants to keep going and rectify his mistakes.

Who ever heard of a football player wanting the coach to take him out of the game just because he has made a mistake? He wants to stay in; he wants to keep playing. I do not know why it is, but believers so often get to the point of despair and then say, "I wish I were dead."

Numbers 20:4 and 5. These people had fallen into this same pattern, and so they said, "*Why then have you brought the LORD'S assembly into this wilderness, for us and our beasts to die here? Why have you made us come up from Egypt, to bring us in to this wretched place?*

Now they are saying that Moses made them leave Egypt! Is that true? Have you ever as a believer come to some experience in your life and said, "This is horrible. I never experienced anything like this as an unbeliever. Before I was a Christian, everything went smoothly."

This is exactly what the Jews said. Remember, this is the second generation of those that left Egypt and who said, *It is not a place of grain or figs or vines or pomegranates, nor is there water to drink.*"

Do you know what they are longing for? Egypt! And they are saying, as believers who have been delivered from the slavery of Egypt, "Oh, that we

were back in Egypt.” They are not thinking of the chains. They are not thinking of the lash of the taskmasters. They are thinking only of the pleasant things.

I have heard believers say, “My unbelieving friends were kinder to me than Christians. Those people were always so sweet. Everything seemed so much better.” They think only of the figs and the vines and the pomegranates.

Every time you get under pressure, do you want to go back to something you had before? It is a very dangerous thing for a Christian who gets under pressure to look back into his unbelieving life, back into the so-called pleasures of the world from which he has been delivered.

There are many believers who not only look back, but they are willing to turn back for something they desire. They are willing not to be identified with believers any more. But they can never change their identification with Christ.

Here was a generation who, instead of trusting the Lord, fell into the same pattern as their fathers. They longed to return to Egypt. This was a form of psychological sublimation. They wanted to substitute Egypt for the place of testing.

It is human nature to want to get away from an unpleasant situation. These Israelites now think of Egypt as being a pleasant, happy place. “Oh, to go back to Egypt. Oh, the fun we could have in Egypt. There is plenty of water there. Why, there is the Nile river, just full of water.”

In reality they failed the test because they did not do the first thing that all of us should do in our no water situation.

In everything give thanks; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. (1 Thess. 5:18)

Let me ask you a frank question. And this is the application of living the faith life. Have you thanked the Lord for that no water problem you have in your life?

Do you thank Him every day for it? Do you wake up and say, “Father, this is Your day. I am still breathing and I am still alive because of Your grace.

What do You have for me today? And thank you, Father, for the adversity in my life.”

If you do then what you're doing is taking the Word known, what God has said, mixed it together with your situation, what ever it is, this is living the faith rest life. This is trusting Him in the tough situations.

At some point we must recognize that we cannot advance to spiritual maturation as the believer God wants us to be, and that we cannot count for Him until your faith is tested?

If you flunk the no water test you will take it over and over and over again until you do!

In that secret place of life, where no one else can see it, you are being constantly tested, that is in your thinking, will you trust me?

We live in the generation in which God is not able to count on ninety-eight percent of the believers to have impact for Him because they cannot survive the no water test.

This is a weak generation of believers because so little doctrine is known, and so few of the promises in the Word are claimed. They have not cracked the faith barrier. They have not moved into the life which God has provided for them.

They spend time ‘looking back toward Egypt,’ or looking at leadership, criticizing, complaining, and blaming someone else. Not accepting responsibility for their actions.

Numbers 20:6. Now notice the contrast in the attitudes of Moses and Aaron.

“Then Moses and Aaron came in from the presence of the assembly to the doorway of the tent of meeting and fell on their faces..”

They went to the door of the Tabernacle, inside the outer court. There in this crisis they sought the Lord, “Then the glory of the LORD appeared to them;”

Numbers 20:Verses 7 and 8. “and the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, Take the rod;”

This is a different rod from that with which he smote the river in Egypt and the rock forty years before, because there is a new analogy here. This is

actually Aaron's rod that budded. "Take the rod, and gather thou the assembly together, thou and Aaron thy brother, and speak ye unto the rock, (סֵלֶע)."

This is a different Hebrew word for rock from that found in Exodus 17:6. This word means an elevated rock, and it is a picture of Christ in resurrection.

And you will notice, Moses is to hold the rod and speak to the rock. Just as Christ is smitten once for sin, now we speak to the resurrected Christ. This is a tremendous illustration of Christ in the First Advent.

So, the Lord said, "Speak to the rock before their eyes, that it may yield its water. You shall thus bring forth water for them out of the rock and let the congregation and their beasts drink."

Of course, the analogy here is the faith-rest life, because this time the water represents the provision for those who trusted Him.

Now notice what follows, for this is the failure which kept Moses from leading the people across the Jordan and entering into Canaan. This is why Joshua was chosen to replace Moses.

Numbers 20:9 and 10. "And Moses took the rod from before the LORD, as he commanded him." So far, Moses was obedient.

"and Moses and Aaron gathered the assembly before the rock. And he said to them, 'Listen now, you rebels; shall we bring forth water for you out of this rock?'"

This was not part of the instructions from the Lord. God in His grace did not see fit to rebuke Israel by words, but by action. But Moses could not resist the temptation to rebuke them verbally. Moses has had enough. He is fed up. He is tired of the "meribahing."

He is going to make a speech which would have been all right, had God authorized it. There were times when God authorized Moses to call the Israelites stiff-necked rebels, but not here. This time God has a different method of teaching them about grace. He is going to be gracious with Moses.

Numbers 20:11. “Then Moses lifted up his hand and struck the rock twice with his rod;”

This is contrary to divine instruction. In the face of such disobedience it is natural to think, “God will never give them the water.” Moses and Aaron cannot fetch water out of a rock. But God is gracious, and despite Moses’ disobedience, out comes the water, and the illustration of grace is preserved. Christ was smitten for us once for the water of salvation. Now we speak in prayer to the resurrected Rock for the water of provision in our lives. And, notice the adverb: “and water came forth abundantly, and the congregation and their beasts drank.”

Numbers 20:12. Then the Lord took Moses aside and punished him. But He did it privately. You see, Moses was in the place of leadership, and it was to the Lord he must answer, not to the congregation.

“And the LORD said to Moses and Aaron, “Because you did not believe in me, to uphold me as holy in the eyes of the people of Israel”

Though Moses and Aaron were saved, they failed to enter into faith-rest at this moment. They failed to crack the faith barrier. “And the LORD said to Moses and Aaron, “Because you did not believe in me, to uphold me as holy (set apart for a purpose) in the eyes of the people of Israel.”

Numbers 20:13. “Those were the waters of Meribah, because the sons of Israel contended with the LORD, and He proved Himself holy among them!”

- who did they quarrel with? Moses but here it says they actually were quarreling with the Lord.

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