

Anger Will Kill The Joy Of The Lord

“And Moses and Aaron gathered the congregation together before the rock, and he said unto them, Hear now, ye rebels; must we fetch you water out of this rock?

And Moses lifted up his hand, and with his rod he smote the rock twice: and the water came out abundantly, and the congregation drank, and their beasts also.

And the Lord spake unto Moses and Aaron, Because ye believed me not, to sanctify me in the eyes of the children of Israel, therefore ye shall not bring this congregation into the land which I have given them”, Numbers 20:10-12.

Let me start with just sixteen words that Jesus uttered, “...If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him...”, John 14:23.

The only way you can display your love for both the Father and the Son is by your acts of obedience.

Moses was told to SPEAK to the rock, and he would be able to obtain water from it.

Just two verses later, we read that Moses smote the rod with the rod that was in his hand!

Moses was told to SANCTIFY the rock, he was to speak to the rock, and water would issue from it.

Just two verses later, we read that Moses berated the people before him.

Had Moses been obedient to the Commands of Jesus. It would have been hard for Satan to bring the sin forth in Moses' life.

They drank from a spirit filled rock, and the rock was Jesus.

Jesus, talking to the disciples, said, "And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it", Matthew 16:18. Jesus could not have been referring to Peter as a rock, for Jesus had already renamed Peter as 'Cephas', a stone.

Jesus, talking to the Samaritan woman at Jacobs Well, said, "But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life", John 4:14.

You can die of lack of water in a spiritual wilderness, and God does not have a chain of wilderness corner stores, for you to just pop up the road for a quick fix.

In a spiritual wilderness your needs are very REAL, and there is only One Person I know of who can stretch out His Hand, and reach into a Heavenly store room, and KNOW that He is going to find what YOU need.

The Israelites were in a deep life or death situation. God made sure they got a drink of water.

Moses, because he tried to break the rock down with the rod in his hand instead of speaking, lost his right to lead the people into the Promised Land.

Friend. In that spiritual wilderness, you cannot break God down. You cannot subdue Him. You have to come humbly.

When you do it God's Way, you will find no corner stores, only emporiums' stack from floor to ceiling with everything you might ever need.

Anger will kill the joy of the Lord, - Humbleness will bring an overload of joy from the Lord.

Jesus is the rock that we can speak to. Many people will claim that you are a candidate for a straightjacket. The angels will respond, 'They do not need a straightjacket - YOU DO'.