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A Longsuffering God

Scripture Reading before Invocation Prayer: Romans 2: 1-4

Scripture Lesson: Exodus 33: 18 - 23 & 34: 5 - 9 The LORD GOD merciful, gracious, longsuffering.

Subject: THE LORD IS NOT SLACK CONCERNING HIS PROMISE, AS SOME MEN COUNT SLACKNESS; BUT IS LONG-SUFFERING TO US-WARD, NOT WILLING THAT ANY SHOULD PERISH, BUT THAT ALL SHOULD COME TO REPENTANCE. (II Peter 3: 9)KJV

Israel Tested the Lord 10 Times

- 1. Exodus 14: 10 12 Lacking faith before crossing the Red Sea.
- 2. Exodus 15: 22 24 Complaining over the bitter water at Marah.
- 3. Exodus 16: 1-3 Complaining in the Desert of Sin.
- 4. Exodus 16: 19 26 Collecting more manna than they were supposed to collect.
- 5. Exodus 16: 27 31 Attempting to collect manna on the Sabbath.
- 6. Exodus 17: 1 7 Complaining over the lack of water at Rephidim.

 Numbers 20: 1 13 SPEAK TO THE ROCK. (cf. Hebrew 7: 27 smote, Romans 10: 13 whosoever shall call upon the name) Moses a typology of Christ St. John 3: 14 15 as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness (Numbers 21: 4 9) even so must the son of man be lifted up. (cf. I Corinthians 10: 4 for they drink of that spiritual rock that followed them: and that Rock was Christ.)
- 7. Exodus 32: 1 14 Engaging in idolatry in the golden calf incident. (V. 28, 3000 souls fell)
- 8. Numbers 11: 1-3 Complaining at Taberah.
- 9. Numbers 11: 4-35 Complaining over the lack of food.
- 10. Numbers 13: 1-3, 26-33 & 14: 1-37 Failing to trust God and to enter the promise land.

Conclusion

- 1. I Corinthians 10: 1 11 Now these things were our examples.
- 2. Romans 11: 5-25 God spared not the natural branches take heed less he also spare not thee.
- 3. St. Luke 13: 1-5 except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.
- 4. Revelation 2: 1-7 thou hast left thy first love, Repent and do the first works; be an overcomer!