

Numbers

Chapter 11

17- And I will come down and talk with you there and will take from the Spirit that is upon you and put it upon them and they shall bear the burden of the people with you so that you do not carry it alone.

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25- And Yahoah descended in a cloud and spoke unto him and He withdrew of the Spirit that was upon him and placed in upon the seventy elders. And the Spirit rested upon them and they prophesied and did not cease¹.

Chapter 21

¹ The spiritual condition of the Israelites was in need of ministry and transformation. They were complaining among themselves and desiring things that had nothing to do with the plan's and purposes of God. They did not have the ability to gaze upon the vision of the inheritance that God had given them but were rather consumed by their lust and their day to day needs. Moses being overwhelmed with their lack of spiritual insight and respect for the goodness of God was in need of assistance. There spiritual state kept them from beholding the glory cloud all around them. Even the daily miracle of manna was not enough to cause them to rejoice. Therefore, God would cause His Spirit to rest on seventy others so that they might help Moses with the task of ministry to encouraged and strengthen the people. It was at this time that the ministry of the prophets was born.

Moses having followed the advice of His father-in-law, Jethro and made provision for human leadership of captains over tens, fifties, hundred's and thousand's but this was not enough to lead the people of God in the right way of thinking. Because of their complaining the fire of God burned among them a consumed many (Numbers 11:1). Now because of the wrong kinds of influences among them and the wrong responses to the spiritual blessings that they had been given they were lusting for meat. The people of Israel did not yet have the capacity nor the willingness to live by every word that proceeded from the mouth of God (Deuteronomy 8:3). Through the anointing of the Spirit God would minister His word throughout the camp of Israel by these seventy men.

Nothing short of the ministry of the Spirit will change the spiritual condition of men. If the saints of God are going to grow in faith and increase in the knowledge of the Lord then there must be those anointed of God around them to minister by the Spirit (Ephesians 4:13). God anointed those who had set in His presence and beheld His glory (Exodus 24:9-11). These men were elders and influential among the people but without the anointing of the Spirit that God had given to Moses they would not be effective in elevating the people from their carnal and earthly mentality. Men think that they can rely upon their own intellectual genius and perceptions but in reality no man can truly change another. The change can only come by the Spirit of the Lord. When men respond to the persuasive words of others then their faith is in man and not in God. It must be empowered to minister by the demonstration of the Spirit and power otherwise those who hear us will not place their faith in God (1 Corinthians 2:4-5).

A post-modern and post-liberal church is threatened by the glory cloud of God and the fire of the Holy Ghost. If our church services began with the same fire that started the church on the day of Pentecost the religious leaders would cry foal! If the moving of the Spirit would effect those in the church so that everyone prophesied the religious would run in terror but the unlearned and unbeliever would fall down and say God is in this place because the secretes of their hearts would have been revealed (1 Corinthians 14:24-25). Yet without the ministry of the Spirit the people of God will continue on in spiritual depravity and weakness even as Israel did in the wilderness. God has blessed us with the greatest treasure that heaven can pour out. He has provided us with the riches of His anointing and poured out His Spirit without measure. Let us all run to the fountain and drink of the water and cry with thirsty hearts for more.

17 Then sang Israel this song, they sang this to it spring up oh well²!

Chapter 24

² One of the great miracles that took place in the wilderness was when Moses commanded the people to come around and begin to sing to a dry and desolate desert to bring forth water. As their leaders took their staves in hand and dug not with spades but with their staves that was inscribed with their family inheritance the people in joyous shouts sang out Spring Up Oh Well! With joy that day they brought forth water out of the desert but God was speaking of something more. This song would be sung a little differently for many years to come they would sing, “with joy shall we draw waters from the wells of salvation,” a song they sung commemorating their sojourn in the wilderness when they tabernacled with God (Isaiah 12:3).

It was on the eighth day of the feast of tabernacles when all Israel would sing “with joy shall we draw water out of the well of salvation.” It was on that day that Jesus cried out with a loud voice and said if anyone is thirsty come to me and I will give him to drink. The true well of salvation now sang out with a voice calling back to the people inviting them to come and drink. However, the only way that they would drink is if they were truly thirsty. If they were satisfied with their dry religion and filled with their self-righteousness, if they were quenching their thirst with the polluted waters of the world they would not come and drink. They would have to be poor and needy. They would have to be so desperate for a day with the Lord that their tongues failed for thirst. If with such passion and desperation they desired to be with their God then upon drinking the water that Jesus had to give rivers would come forth from the high places, and fountains in the midst of the valleys. As the prophet Isaiah said, “I will make the wilderness a pool of water, and the dry land springs of water” (Isaiah 41:17).

God wants this whole earth to be filled with His glory as the water covers the sea. He wants His people to be as a well watered garden full of the springs of life (Isaiah 58:11). He desires that His glory flow out of us like rivers of living water that brings life to a dry and thirsty land. We are to be constantly living in the moving of God’s Spirit and power. If we will then we will be to all mankind as a well-spring springing up (John 4:14). God is moving by His Spirit and He is pouring out water upon those that are thirsty and floods upon the dry ground (Isaiah 44:3). In the wilderness of our lives God has caused His waters to break out and created His streams in the desert (Isaiah 35:3). The people of God must drink deeply of the things of the Spirit and be filled so that the sounds of heaven and the glory of His anointing may issue forth from our lives to fill the earth with God’s glorious waters of salvation. Oh sing to the well people of God lift up your voice and call unto the Lord and begin to allow those living waters of the Spirit to flow through you. Live your life in a continual moving of the Spirit and be as the streams that make glad the city of God (Psalms 26:4)!