

people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to play.”
⁸ We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. ⁹ *We must not put Christ to the test*, as some of them did and were destroyed by serpents, ¹⁰ *nor grumble*, as some of them did and were destroyed by the Destroyer. ¹¹ **Now these things happened to them as an example**, but they were written down for **our instruction**, on whom the end of the ages has come. ¹² Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall. ¹³ No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.

Exodus 15:22-17:7 (2)
Spiritual Food & Drink
October 24, 2010
Sermon Outline

Notes

I. Introduction

- A. The Wilderness Testing (Ex. 15-17)
- B. The Purpose of the Test (Deut. 8:2-3)
 - 1. **Reveal** our hearts
 - 2. **Train** our hearts
 - a. Humility
 - b. Faith

Deuteronomy 8:3b

...that he might make you know that *man does not live by bread alone*, **but man lives by every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD.**

Key Idea

What does it mean to live by every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD?

II. The LORDS Provision in the Current Wilderness

- A. A Substitute (Matt. 4:1-11)
- B. Spiritual Food & Drink

John 6:35

³⁵ Jesus said to them, “*I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst.*”

Exodus 17:5-6

⁵ And the LORD said to Moses, “*Pass on before the people, taking with you some of the elders of Israel, and take in your hand **the staff with which you struck the Nile**, and go.*” ⁶ Behold, **I will stand before you there on the rock** at Horeb, and you shall **strike the rock**, and **water shall come out of it**, and the people will drink.” And Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel.

1 Corinthians 10:4b

For they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them, and **the Rock was Christ.**

C. If Christ is the Rock, Who is the Water?

Isaiah 43:19-21

¹⁹ Behold, I am doing a **new thing**; now it springs forth, *do you not perceive it?* I **will** make **a way** in the **wilderness** and **rivers** in the **desert**. ²⁰ The wild beasts will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches, for **I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert**, to give *drink to my chosen people*, ²¹ the people whom I formed for myself that they might declare my praise.

John 4:10-14

¹⁰ Jesus answered her, “If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, ‘Give me a drink,’ you would have asked him, and he would have given you **living water**.” ... ¹³ Jesus said to her, “Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴ but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become *in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life*.”

John 7:37b-39a

“If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. ³⁸ Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, ‘*Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water*.’ ” ³⁹ Now this he said about **the Spirit**, whom those who believed in him were to receive...

D. Not *Merely* Spiritual

John 4:6, 31-34 (Samaritan Women at Well)

⁶ Jacob’s well was there; so Jesus, **wearied as he was from his journey**, was sitting beside the well. ...

³¹ Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, saying, “Rabbi, eat.” ³² But he said to them, “**I have food to eat that you do not know about**.” ³³ So the disciples

said to one another, “Has anyone brought him something to eat?” ³⁴ Jesus said to them, “**My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to accomplish his work**. (Jesus in the Wilderness – Matt. 4:1-11)

Deuteronomy 8:4-6

...⁴ **Your clothing did not wear out** on you and your foot did not swell these forty years. ⁵ Know then in your heart that, as a man disciplines his son, the Lord your God disciplines you. ⁶ **So you shall keep the commandments of the Lord your God by walking in his ways and by fearing him.**

III. **Living by Every Word:** (Holy Spirit, Faith, Obedience, Life!)

A. The Holy Spirit In Us!

2 Corinthians 8:12-15

¹² For if the readiness is there, it is acceptable according to what a person has, not according to what he does not have. ¹³ For I do not mean that others should be eased and you burdened, but that as a matter of fairness ¹⁴ your abundance at the present time should supply their need, so that their abundance may supply your need, that there may be fairness. ¹⁵ As it is written, “**Whoever gathered much had nothing left over, and whoever gathered little had no lack**.” (Ex. 16:18)

(7) But as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in all earnestness, and in our love for you—see that you excel in this **act of grace** also.

B. Teaching us to Live by Every Word from God

1 Corinthians 10:6-13

⁶ Now **these things** took place as **examples for us**, that we might not desire evil as they did. ⁷ Do not be idolaters as some of them were; as it is written, “The