



## Prayer Focus

June 21 - 27, 2021

### Spring up, O well!

As the children of Israel traveled through the desert on their way to the promised land, they encountered many difficulties. The Bible records in Numbers 21 that after the Canaanite king of Arad heard that Israel was coming, he attacked Israel and captured some of them.

But the people cried out to the Lord, and He listened to Israel's plea and delivered up the Canaanites. Then they *"travelled from Mount Hor along the route to the Sea of Reeds in order to go around the land of Edom. **The spirit of the people became impatient along the way.**"* Numbers 21:4 TLV

*"<sup>5</sup>The people spoke against God and Moses: 'Why have you brought us from Egypt to die in the wilderness, because there is no bread, no water, and our very spirits detest the despicable food? <sup>6</sup>So ADONAI sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people and many of the people of Israel died. <sup>7</sup>The people came to Moses and said, 'We sinned when we spoke against ADONAI and you! Pray to ADONAI for us, that He may take away the snakes!' So Moses prayed for the people. <sup>8</sup>ADONAI said to Moses, 'Make yourself a fiery snake and put it on a pole. Whenever anyone who has been bitten will look at it, he will live.' <sup>9</sup>So Moses made a bronze snake and put it on a pole, and it happened that whenever a snake bit anyone and he looked at the bronze snake, he lived." Numbers 21:5-9 TLV*

There are so many lessons in this short passage. Take some time to listen to what the Lord is speaking to you through it.

- ❖ Holy Spirit highlighted to me that the peoples' sin of speaking against God and Moses was born out of their impatience to get to the promised land.

It made me ask, Where have I been *impatient* for the Lord's return and the restoration of all things; has this impatience led me to complain against God, and His people?

*Impatience* is drastically different from *longing*. Impatience lacks faith. It is demanding and even doubtful. It seeks a shortcut, not sanctification.

Longing in faith, on the other hand, is entirely different. It is expectation and joyful desire for the fulfillment of the promise.

- ❖ Holy Spirit also highlighted that the people asked Moses to pray that God would take away the snakes. Moses prayed, but God did not take away the snakes. Instead, He offered a solution that required the people to have faith and put their trust in Him for healing.

Isn't God so good? If He would have just removed the snakes, they would not have experienced the healing, it would have been extremely easy to forget that they had even had a problem with snakes.

He offers this solution to us, as well, all of us would have died in our sins, unless we had believed.

*"Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, so that whoever believes in Him may have eternal life!"* John 3:14-15

As the people moved on, they continued, camping, and moving from place to place on their journey. Then, the Lord brought them to a well, Be'er.

*"And from there—onto Be'er. This is the well where ADONAI said to Moses, 'Gather the people and I will give them water.' **Then Israel sang this song, 'Spring up O well! Sing about it!'** The well the princes dug, that the nobles of the people sank with their scepter and their staffs."* Numbers 21:16-17 TLV

- ❖ At Be'er (the well), the Lord provided the water for the people, but they also had the opportunity to dig. They were able to partner with the Lord in bringing forth the water. They were once again filled with joyful expectation, and this made the people sing and worship.

*"Behold, God is my salvation! I will trust and will not be afraid. For the Lord ADONAI is my strength and my song. He also has become my salvation. **With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. In that day you will say: 'Give thanks to ADONAI, Proclaim His Name! Declare His works to the peoples, so they remember His exalted Name. Sing to ADONAI, for He has done gloriously. Let this be known in all the earth. Cry out and shout, inhabitant of Zion! For great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.**"* Isaiah 12:2-6 TLV

I am grateful that the Lord does the work, He gives the provision - yet - He expects us to draw the water from the well. He allows us to partner with Him in His outpouring. May we give thanks, proclaim His name, and declare His works to the people.

## Pray

- That we would be humble before the Lord, full of faith and joyful expectation as we wait for the fulfillment of His promises.
- Repent for anything the Holy Spirit shows you, particularly related to any impatience or disbelief. May we desire no shortcuts and be willing to go through the sometimes-painful process of sanctification.
- Ask the Lord to continue to reveal His will to you. May we continue to seek His heart and His solutions for the problems and difficulties we face, knowing that He has already won the war.
- Thank God for His provision and our complete victory in Jesus.
- Ask the Lord to reveal the wells He wants us to dig as we praise Him and expect Him to bring forth the water (Holy Spirit outpouring).

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Spring up, O Well - Phil Wickham

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