

TESTING THE LORD

EXODUS 17: 1-7

Introduction:

Ryken and Hughes gave me some helpful insight into this passage. They helped me see that testing the Lord is so serious and how we do it.

I. WE TEST THE LORD WHEN WE DEMAND HIS PROVISIONS.

"Therefore the people contended with Moses, and said, "Give us water, that we may drink." So Moses said to them, "Why do you contend with me? Why do you tempt the Lord?" (Exodus 17:2, NKJV)

II. WE TEST THE LORD WHEN WE DENY HIS PROTECTION.

"And the people thirsted there for water, and the people complained against Moses, and said, "Why is it you have brought us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?" (Exodus 17:3, NKJV)

III. WE TEST THE LORD WHEN WE DOUBT HIS PRESENCE.

"So he called the name of the place Massah and Meribah, because of the contention of the children of Israel, and because they tempted the Lord, saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?" (Exodus 17:7, NKJV)

