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SCRIPTURES

- Number 19:1-22:1
- Philippians 4:6-7; 2:6-8
- Exodus 2:11-14; 32:19
- Ephesians 4:26-31
- John 3:14

WATCH YOUR ANGER!

- The Death of a Loved One
- Leadership Under Duress
- In Your Face
- The Consequences of Anger
- Repent and be Healed

Anger is a huge problem in our society today. And it seems to be on the rise. One does not need to look any further than the local news to see how uncontrolled anger affects everyone. But, in the midst of the congregation of Yahweh, what should we say to one another when anger rises out of the heart of the believer in similar fashion to what we witness in the world? Is there a place for such? Without hesitation, the answer is an resounding NO, and I pray all of you would agree.

Yahweh has much to say regarding the subject of anger. And sometimes it takes looking intently into the narratives of Biblical history for us to notice the parallels in our own lives. Without recognizing how those narratives speak to our own issues, it's easy

to miss how these stories **point directly** at us, and we simply walk away without considering their personal application. Would you prefer to simply feel validated in your own muck and mire, or would you rather change?

THEME: MAIN SCRIPTURE(S) THAT HAS INSPIRED MESSAGE

Now there was *no water* for the congregation. And they assembled themselves together **against Moses and against Aaron**. And the **people quarreled with Moses** and said, "**Would that we had perished when our brothers perished before the LORD!** Why have you brought the assembly of the LORD into this wilderness, that we should die here, both we and our cattle? And why have you made us come up out of Egypt to bring us to this evil place? It is no place for grain or figs or vines or pomegranates, and there is no water to drink." Then Moses and Aaron went from the presence of the assembly to the entrance of the tent of meeting and *fell on their faces*. And the glory of the LORD appeared to them, and the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, "Take the staff, and assemble the congregation, you and Aaron your brother, and **tell the rock before their eyes to yield its water**. So you shall bring water out of the rock for them and give drink to the congregation and their cattle." And Moses took the staff from before the LORD, as he commanded him. .Then Moses and Aaron gathered the assembly together before the

rock, and he said to them, "Hear now, you rebels: shall we bring water for you out of this rock?" And Moses lifted up his hand and ***struck the rock with his staff twice***, and water came out abundantly, and the congregation drank, and their livestock. And the LORD said to Moses and Aaron, "Because you did not believe in me, to uphold me as holy in the eyes of the people of Israel, ***therefore you shall not bring this assembly into the land that I have given them.***" *Numbers 20:2-12 ESV*

From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom. And the people *became impatient on the way. And the people spoke against God and against Moses*, **"Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we loathe this worthless food."** ***Then the LORD sent fiery serpents*** among the people, and they bit the people, so that many people of Israel died. And the people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned, for we have spoken against the LORD and against you. Pray to the LORD, that he take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. And the LORD said to Moses, ***"Make a fiery serpent and set it on a pole, and everyone who is bitten, when he sees it, shall live."*** So Moses made a bronze serpent and set it on a pole. And if a serpent bit anyone, he would look at the bronze serpent and live. *Numbers 21:4-9 ESV*

OUTCOME: MAIN TAKEAWAY(S) I AM HOPING FOR PEOPLE

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. *Philippians 4:6-7 ESV*

Let all ***bitterness and wrath and anger*** and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. *Ephesians 4:31 ESV*

But now you must put them all away: ***anger, wrath***, malice, slander, and ***obscene talk*** from your mouth. *Colossians 3:8 ESV*

Be ***angry and do not sin***; do not let the sun go down on your ***anger***, *Ephesians 4:26 ESV*

Let's Set the Scene: Portion in a blurb

1. This portion presents the mysterious laws of the red-heifer ceremony for purification after contact with human death. This reading also contains the tragic account of Moses striking the rock twice to bring forth water, 40 years after the first time he did such, although this time it was considered a disobedient and act that disregarded Yahweh's holiness. It records the deaths

of Aaron and Miriam and the wars with the Amorites. It also includes the prophetic message of the deadly fiery serpents and dramatic intercession. The portion concludes with the Israel encamped on the edge of the Promised Land.

Numbers 19

2. **Laws of Purification:** the purification procedures for the sacrifice and offering of the red heifer. All the procedures for the High Priest as well as the one who burns it, and for those who clean up the ashes are described.
3. The ashes of the heifer are stored outside the camp in a clean place and kept for the congregation for the water of purification; it is for purifying from sin.
4. The rules for purifying one who comes into contact with a dead body are presented. The ashes of the heifer and running water shall be put on the person, all their vessels, and sprinkled on their tent.
5. The Prophetic significance of the Red Heifer sacrifice as it relates to Christ is found in the Book of Hebrews chapter 9:11-14 and there is a great deal of pattern Typology that can be extracted from this procedural ritual.

Numbers 20

6. Chapter 20 leads us to the central point of today's study. This chapter begins and ends in a morbid fashion. First, Miriam's

death is reported in the first verse of the chapter. The chapter ends with the death of Aaron.

7. Between those two deaths, we see the narrative of events which carry a great deal of spiritual impact for us, Moses and the famous, or should I say infamous, incident when he strikes the rock twice instead of speaking to the rock.
8. This requires our understanding in order for us to *WATCH OUR ANGER!*
9. Again, just like almost 40 years earlier as told in Exodus 17:1-7, the people are desperate for water, and they are a complaining and making accusations. However, this time Yahweh tells **Moses to go WITH Aaron and to “speak to the rock”** before the eyes of all of Israel (as a testimony) and it will yield water (Numbers 20:7-8). **Aaron was with Moses when he got the instructions and is therefore complicit in Moses’ disobedience, which is why he also does not get to enter the Promised Land.**
 - (a) THE FIRST TIME 40 YEARS EARLIER: *“And the LORD said to Moses, “Go on before the people, and take with you some of the elders of Israel. Also take in your hand **your rod** with which you struck the river, and go. Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock in Horeb; **and you shall strike the rock, and water will come out of it, that the people may***

drink." And Moses did so in the sight of the elders of Israel."

(Exodus 17:5-6)

(b) THIS TIME 40 YEARS LATER: *"Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, "**Take the rod**; you and your brother Aaron gather the congregation together. **Speak to the rock** before their eyes, **and it will yield its water**; thus you shall bring water for them out of the rock, and give drink to the congregation and their animals."*" (Numbers 20:7-8)

10. Moses gathers the people before the rock and declares, *"Hear now, you rebels! Must we bring water for you out of this rock?"* (Numbers 20:10)

11. But instead of speaking to the rock as commanded, and for all the congregation to witness (his disobedience), Moses "struck the rock twice." Water did come out but something terrible has just occurred. (Numbers 20:11)

12. Moses is guilty of unbelief because he struck the rock, as he did effectively 40 years earlier, instead of speaking to the rock as commanded. He actually had to strike the rock twice this time, which seems to indicate the first strike was "ineffective" and produced no water.

13. Can you imagine? He is told to speak to the Rock; he strikes it once and nothing happens. Then, instead of acknowledging that nothing came out because he was not obeying Yahweh, he

strikes it again. Water does come forth upon the second strike, not for Moses' sake, but rather to meet the people's need. Yet, something terrible has just occurred.

14. For this blatant lack of faith (disobedience) before the people, Moses and Aaron, who is by his side when he was commanded to "speak to the rock", will not enter the promised land. They will both die in the wilderness. (Numbers 20:12)

15. **Passage Through Edom Refused:** the King of Edom refuses to let Israel pass through his land and even comes out in battle to deter them from passing. Israel avoids the conflict by turning away.

(a) It is no small thing to note here that there are times we will be directed to walk away from conflict and at other times to enter conflict to be victorious!

(b) **Side Note:** This is a teaching for another time, but it is worth mentioning here as precedent. When Yahweh has NOT INSTRUCTED you to take on the battle, it is futile to enter it. Worse yet, you will be defeated in dramatic fashion, even if your enemy is an enemy of God!

(1) **Warfare:** Read 1 Samuel 3-4 and witness the horrific "double-defeat" of Israel at the hands of the Philistines, and the abominable use of the Ark of the Covenant by Israel and capture of the Ark by the Philistines. The tragedy

includes the death of Eli and his two rebel sons, Hophni and Phinehas, who were responsible for moving the Ark.

- (2) **Spiritual Warfare:** Look at another dramatic account, this time one that warns about getting yourself into a spiritual battle where you have not been given authority. In Acts 19:11-20 men, wishing to tap into Holy Spirit power to engage in spiritual warfare, get smacked around and beaten to a pulp by demons for challenging an enemy they have no authority over. **The outcome:** *“And the evil spirit answered and said, “Jesus I know, and Paul I know; but who are you?” Then the man in whom the evil spirit was leaped on them, overpowered them, and prevailed against them, so that they fled out of that house **naked and wounded.**”* (Acts 19:15-16)
- (3) **Bottom line:** don't take on battles when you are not instructed to do so.

16. **The Death of Aaron:** Aaron is stripped of his priestly garments; they are placed on his son Eleazar, and Aaron dies in the wilderness.

Numbers 21

17. Numbers 21 catalogues the Canaanites defeat at Hormah, the movement of Israel from Mount Hor to Moab, and the defeat of the kings of Sihon and Og. You see! These times Israel is

directed to engage in the conflict and Yahweh makes them victorious!

18. Soon after the second “water from a rock” miracle of provision, we have the famous fiery serpent incident. Even after just witnessing water coming from a rock AGAIN, and hearing of the horrible penalty imposed on Moses for dishonoring Yahweh by his disobedience, and Aaron for his complicity (Aaron just died!), the people were still discouraged and uninhibited in their complaining. Their faithlessness, rudeness and lack of appreciation are unimaginable; *“And the people spoke against God and against Moses: “Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For **there is no food and no water, and our soul loathes this worthless bread.**””* (Numbers 21:5) So Yahweh sent fiery serpents among the people who were still complaining after all they just witnessed with Moses and Aaron. Many of those ungrateful complainers died that day from venomous snake bites.
19. While thousands were dropping dead, the people rush to repent for speaking against Yahweh and Moses and they beg Yahweh to take away the serpents.
20. The LORD tells Moses to, *“Make a fiery serpent, and set it on a pole; and it shall be that everyone who is bitten, when he looks at it, shall live.”* (Numbers 21:8) *“So Moses did as instructed*

and if a serpent bit anyone, when he looked at the bronze serpent, he lived.” (Numbers 21:9)

21. **PROPHETIC MOMENT!** John 3:16 might be the most memorized and quoted verse of all 31,102 verses in the Bible. But, can you quickly account for the verses that immediately precede it? Surprise! They are Y’shua’s reference to the “fiery serpent” incident in Numbers 21. John 3:14-15 reveals how that entire incident was actually a prophetic picture pointing toward Y’shua’s death on the cross and YOUR life that would come from it.

(a) *“And as Moses **lifted up the serpent in the wilderness**, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in Him should not perish **but have eternal life.**” (John 3:14-15)*

(b) **Referring to:** *“Make a fiery serpent, and set it on a pole; and it shall be that everyone who is bitten, **when he looks at it, shall live.**” “So Moses did as instructed and if a serpent bit anyone, when he looked at the bronze serpent, **he lived.**” (Numbers 21:8-9)*

(c) THEN WHAT FOLLOWS, IN CONTEXT, IS THE MOST FAMOUS VERSE IN THE BIBLE: *“For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.” (John 3:16)*

- (d) Think about who Y'shua was teaching in John 3. *"There was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, **a ruler of the Jews.**"* (John 3:1) He is teaching Jewish scholar who would easily connect what He was saying to this incident with Moses and the serpents!
- (e) Y'shua is teaching him how to be born again (verse 3) and knows Nicodemus will also instantly connect the serpent incident to the WATER COMING FROM A ROCK and Moses' terrible misstep in the same narrative!: To Nicodemus' question: *"How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?"* (John 3:4) *"Jesus answered, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is **born of water and the Spirit**, he cannot enter the kingdom of God."* (John 3:5)
- (f) Making the connection would be natural for anyone who was familiar with the Scriptures; as Y'shua was always connecting His life with the words Moses, the Prophets, and the Psalms.
- (1) **Look at his words to the men on the road to Emmaus (and remember that the only Scriptures at that time is what we know today as the Old Testament):** *"And beginning at **Moses and all the Prophets**, He expounded to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself."* (Luke 24:27)
"Then He said to them, "These are the words which I

*spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things must be fulfilled which were **written in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms concerning Me.**”* (Luke 24:44)

- (2) **And see how He rebuked religious Jews for missing the very fact that ALL the Scriptures pointed to Him:** *“You search the Scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life; and these are they **which testify of Me.**”* (John 5:39) *“Do not think that I shall accuse you to the Father; there is one who accuses you—Moses, in whom you trust. For **if you believed Moses, you would believe Me; for he wrote about Me.** But if you do not believe his writings, how will you believe My words?”* (John 5:45-47)
- (3) **And Y’shua’s parable comparing the rich man and the poor beggar Lazarus. Read Luke 16:19-31 makes yet another reference to the importance of understanding Moses and the Prophets.** *““Then he said, ‘I beg you therefore, father, that you would send him to my father’s house, for I have five brothers, that he may testify to them, lest they also come to this place of torment.’ Abraham said to him, ‘**They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.**’ And he said, ‘No, father Abraham; but if one goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’ But he said to*

him, ***'If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded though one rise from the dead.'*** ""

Luke 16:27-31 NKJV

- (g) This is why you must be trained to have prophetic eyes if you wish to capture the depth of Yahweh's Holy Word. Look now at Y'shua's words in John 6:35 with prophetic eyes and you will recognize exactly to what He is referring! ***"I am the bread of life. He who comes to Me shall never hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst."*** He is speaking to a rebellious, complaining, and accusatory people who speak out against Yahweh and His prophet! ***For there is no food and no water, and our soul loathes this worthless bread.***

“(Numbers 21:5)

- (h) **WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR YOU?** *“Then He said to them, “Therefore every scribe instructed concerning the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out of his treasure things new and old.””* (Matthew 13:52) You must be trained to have a treasure trove of knowledge to connect the new with the old!

22. The portion ends with the children of Israel camped on the West side of the Jordan across from Jericho.

23. You can see last year's teaching on this portion here: [Juicy Rocks and Fiery Serpents](#)

WATCH YOUR ANGER!

A. *The death of a loved one can shift your thinking and behavior*

- (1) And the people of Israel, the whole congregation, came into the wilderness of Zin in the first month, and the people stayed in Kadesh. And ***Miriam died there and was buried there.*** *Numbers 20:1 ESV*
- a) In our lives, we are conditioned to love people. More so, those whom we are related to. Certainly, the death of a loved one has the capacity of shifting one's thinking.
 - b) The fact that Miriam, Moses' sister, died should be no different in our mind.
 - c) Without a shadow of doubt they had their differences. We know from earlier writings in Exodus that Miriam and Aaron took issue with Moses' leadership and his marrying an Ethiopian woman.
 - d) All that to say, in the brevity with which Moses writes about her passing. One can assume that he did not want to talk about it. In a total of eight words Miriam disappeared from the scene. Notice no mention of anyone mourning her.

- e) Keep this fact in mind as the rest of the Portion develops!

B. Leadership under duress

- (1) Now there was **no water** for the congregation. And they assembled themselves together **against Moses and against Aaron**. And the people **quarreled** with Moses and said, "Would that we had perished when our brothers perished before the LORD! **Why have you brought the assembly of the LORD into this wilderness, that we should die here, both we and our cattle? And why have you made us come up out of Egypt to bring us to this evil place?** It is no place for grain or figs or vines or pomegranates, and there is no water to drink." *Numbers 20:2-5 ESV.*
 - a) It is no secret that the human body needs to be hydrated in order to survive.
 - b) **Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication** with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. *Philippians 4:6-7 ESV*

- c) We should not come down harshly on the people of Israel based on their need to have such precious substance.
- d) However, what we can take issue with is their approach to how they presented their request to Moses and Aaron.
- e) Their behavior ultimately derails Moses
- f) It is no secret that we have the ability to influence a person's behavior by how we approach them with our requests.
- g) But ultimately, if we are the ones being wrongfully approached. It is preponderant upon the Believer to exercise ***self-control***.
- h) For God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and ***self-control***. 2 Timothy 1:7 ESV

C. *When People get in your face, You should fall on your face!*

- (1) Then Moses and Aaron went from the ***presence of the assembly to the entrance of the tent of meeting and fell on their faces***. And the glory of the LORD appeared to them, and the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, "Take the staff, and assemble the congregation, you and Aaron your brother, and tell the rock before their eyes to yield its water. So you shall bring water out of the rock for them

and give drink to the congregation and their cattle." And Moses took the staff from before the LORD, as he commanded him. *Numbers 20:6-9 ESV*

- a) In the midst of this chaotic situation, Moses and Aaron do the exact thing we should learn to do.
- b) Whenever we are faced with a circumstance involving a confrontation of any kind. We should seek the Face of Yahweh!
- c) Notice that in doing so, Yahweh provided Moses and Aaron with step-by-step directions as to how they would go about resolving the matter.
- d) When you spend time with God in Prayer, do you seek His Face for specifics or do you only tippy toe around?
- e) When Yahweh provides you with a directive, what do you do with it?

D. WATCH YOUR ANGER! Or Pay The Consequences.

- (1) Then Moses and Aaron gathered the assembly together before the rock, and he said to them, "*Hear now, you **rebels**: shall we bring water for you out of this rock?*" And Moses lifted up his hand and ***struck the rock with his staff twice***, and water came out abundantly, and the congregation drank, and their livestock. And the LORD said to Moses and Aaron, "***Because you did not believe in***

me, to uphold me as holy in the eyes of the people of Israel, therefore you shall not bring this assembly into the land that I have given them." These are the waters of Meribah, where the people of Israel quarreled with the LORD, and through them he showed himself holy.

Numbers 20:10-13

- a) The outcome Yahweh had prescribed had a much more smooth flow and feel.
- b) Right from the very beginning of Moses' approach, ***"Hear now you Rebels!"*** did not seem to fit well together with what Yahweh had said.
- c) In the introduction to this Portion. We saw how short Moses was with reporting the death of his sister. There might not be much to make of that fact. However, It seems worthy of pointing out though, that he was equally short, but much more temperamental with the people. Obviously, he had enough of their insolence, rebellion and entitled attitude.
- d) It should be no secret that Moses had a temper.
 1. In Exodus we read that he killed an Egyptian who was fighting an Israelite "One day, when Moses had grown up, he went out to his people and looked on their burdens, and he saw an Egyptian beating a

Hebrew, one of his people. He looked this way and that, and seeing no one, *he struck down the Egyptian and hid him in the sand*. When he went out the next day, behold, two Hebrews were struggling together. And he said to the man in the wrong, "Why do you strike your companion? He answered, "Who made you a prince and a judge over us? ***Do you mean to kill me as you killed the Egyptian?***" Then Moses was afraid, and thought, "Surely the thing is known."

Exodus 2:11-14 ESV

2. We also know that he broke the Tablets Yahweh had written the Ten Commandments on upon his return to camp and only to find out Aaron had a molten calf party! "And as soon as he came near the camp and saw the calf and the dancing, ***Moses' anger burned hot***, and he threw the tablets out of his hands ***and broke them*** at the foot of the mountain." *Exodus 32:19 ESV*

- e) The difference here lies in the fact that Yahweh had SPECIFICALLY told him what to do. Implicitly, when Yahweh tells us what to do, it should be evident anything else not instructed should fall in the area of what NOT to do.

- f) Yahweh did not withhold punishing Moses for his behavior in the face of any of the circumstances we have pointed out. *The death of his sister, **not an excuse**, the rebellious congregation, **not an excuse**, the lack of water, **not an excuse** either, and the list can go on ad infinitum!*
- g) So, what is your excuse to not exercise self-control instead of blowing off your top? Do you feel you have one?
- h) Is it your heritage? Something like, I'm Italian so I can't help myself!
- i) Is it your upbringing? You witnessed violent behaviors while growing up so it seems normal to you?
- j) Is it the lack or want of something that has you walking around on edge just waiting to unload on the right person at the right time?
- k) How about an unaccomplished life in your assessment, is that the one?
- l) Let's be *utterly* clear! There are no excuses! Only **Consequences!**
- m) Yahweh, in His Written Word commands us to get rid of anger "Let all **bitterness and wrath and anger** and

clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice." *Ephesians 4:31 ESV*

n) But now ***you must put them all away: anger, wrath,*** malice, slander, and ***obscene talk*** from your mouth.

Colossians 3:8 ESV

o) Be ***angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger,*** *Ephesians 4:26 ESV*

E. AS MOSES LIFTED UP THE SERPENT--REPENT AND BE HEALED

(1) And the people became impatient on the way. And the people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we loathe this worthless food." Then the LORD sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many people of Israel died. And the people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned, for we have spoken against the LORD and against you. Pray to the LORD, that he take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. And the LORD said to Moses, "***Make a fiery serpent and set it on a pole, and everyone who is bitten, when he sees it, shall live.***" ***So Moses made a bronze serpent and set it on a***

pole. And if a serpent bit anyone, he would look at the bronze serpent and live. Number 21:4b-9 ESV

- a) And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up ***John 3:14 ESV***
- b) There is such a beautiful picture presented here in the words of Christ in the New Testament pointing back to the Book of Numbers.
- c) Undoubtedly, anyone who lived through the events in the wilderness would remember being saved from death by looking at this bronze serpent. That picture would have stayed vivid in their minds the remaining days of their lives.
- d) They should also have been willing to become more docile and reverent given they were given a second chance.
- e) If you are a born again believer today, there is no doubt whatsoever that your Salvation is secured. However, the picture of the Son of Man being lifted up as the serpent in the wilderness in your mind should be enough of a catalyst to lay down your anger at His feet.
- f) If there is anyone who has the right to be angry it should be God!

- g) We are reminded by James the brother of Yeshua that the “wrath of man does not produce the righteousness of God”
- h) How then could we consider walking around angry, unless that anger is of a righteous nature and properly handled, not the anger I’m referring to in this teaching!
- i) May I suggest you learn how to become “**meek**”?
- j) “Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.”
Matthew 5:5 ESV
- k) Meekness is one of the most misunderstood Godly attributes in all of Holy Writ.
- l) The Greek word translated “meek” is the word *praeis* and refers to mildness, gentleness of spirit, or humility. Meekness is humility toward God and toward others. It is having the **right** or the **power** to do something but refraining for the benefit of someone else
- m) The best representation of Meekness is found in Philippians “who, ***though He was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men.*** And being found in human form, ***he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death,*** even death on a cross.

Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, *Philippians 2:6-8 ESV*

- n) Did you see it? Yeshua, though “He was in the form of God”. Do you know anyone more powerful than that? Of course, I’m asking you that tongue-in-cheek.
- o) Every time you let your anger get the best of you, you are displaying your **weakness**, not your **meekness**! You are showing you have “0” power, not the opposite!
- p) It is much more powerful to remain within your Godly given senses as a believer than just to allow your flesh to rise up causing you to deal with the consequences just as Moses did.

F. In Closing

- (1) We are all different. There is no question or doubt about that. However, our personality traits should not define our godliness. It is the other way around. It should be our godliness that **accentuates** the personalities Yahweh imbued into each and everyone of us! Each and every time we fall prey to earthly defined behaviors derived from circumstances surrounding us instead of the leading and prompting of the Holy Spirit, **we fail!**

- (2) Aren't you glad the God we serve is kind enough to reveal this to you today, and that he is willing to let you look upon His Son to recognize the error of your ways so that you might live!
- (3) Anger is a form of dissipation, it is one that has huge Spiritual implications but one that is very easily overlooked under several disguises. Usually and most commonly, under the one that makes the believer think *"that's just how or who I am"*, to which I will say to you in the words of the Apostle Paul *"Perish the Thought!"*

Seeking His Kingdom!

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QUESTIONS & DISCUSSION

1. Leaders often face difficult situations:

- A. What difficulty was Moses facing for the second time?
- B. What was his response?
- C. It is obvious that Moses was frustrated and angry; how did his response affect his future?
- D. How have you responded in similar fashion?
- E. How has it affected your life?

- 2. Whenever we are faced with a circumstance involving a confrontation of any kind, we should seek the Face of Yahweh!**
 - A. How do you typically react to confrontation?
 - B. How does it work for you?
 - C. What changes do you need to make?
- 3. Has uncontrolled anger caused difficulty in your life?**
 - A. In what ways?
 - B. Are you in the habit of making excuses instead of changes?
 - C. In what ways?
- 4. Discuss the prophetic significance of Moses “lifting up the serpent in the wilderness.”**
 - A. How does this relate to repentance?
 - B. How does this relate to John 3:14-18?
- 5. Compare and contrast weakness and meekness.**