

**Introduction- the challenge of waiting**

- Proverbs 13:12

**1. What were the Israelites upset about?**

- A. Impatient with the delays
- B. Angry with God and with Moses
- C. Questioning the purpose of the journey
- D. Longing for what they did not have
- E. Dissatisfied with what they did have

**2. What was the underlying issue?**

Ingratitude

- Romans 1:21; 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

**3. How did God respond?**

- A. Disciplined them by removing a barrier of protection
  - Deuteronomy 8:15
- B. Listened to their repentant prayers
- C. Provided them a way to life through faith expressed in action

**4. How is this story used in the New Testament?**

- A. As a warning
  - 1 Corinthians 10:9
- B. As a picture of Jesus
  - John 3:14-16; John 12:32

**5. Have you found the way to life?**

- Romans 6:23
- A. Have you recognized the fatal bite of the serpent?
    - Romans 5:12
  - B. Have you been willing to accept God's solution?

**Follow-Throughs**

The readings this week focus on giving thanks. Each day praise the Lord for some aspect of his goodness to you. Notice how an "attitude of gratitude" diminishes the power of temptation in many other areas of life as well. Pray that the Lord would help you to be a person who is constantly alert to see the ways that God is at work—providing, protecting, sustaining, leading, intervening, revealing.

**Monday**            **1 Thessalonians 5:16-18**

**Tuesday**           **Colossians 3:12-17**

**Wednesday**      **Psalm 30:1-12**

**Thursday**           **Ephesians 5:1-21**

**Friday**              **Philippians 4:4-8**

**Saturday**           **Psalm 118:1-29**

**Sunday** **Isaiah 11:1 – 12:6**