**You'd Better Watch Your Mouth!**

(Exodus 15:24 KJV)

*And the people murmured against Moses, saying, What shall we drink?*

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n the text we take a snapshot of when Israel arrived at Marah on their way to Sinai after their escape from Egypt—when there they ran into a water problem. Here they are in Marah the place of bitter water with a bitter attitude, that never became a better attitude. This place of bitter water caused them to murmur and whisper against Moses their leader. In fact, murmuring seemed to be one of the graduate degrees and favorite activities of the Israelites. The book of Exodus which means coming out from the old—and transforming into the new especially reports much murmuring from the Israelites. In our modern day people are not much different—because if a problem arrives, and changes their agenda the first thing they often do is murmur and complain rather than act more productively. In life to be perfectly honest—there are some things you shouldn't say with your mouth nor bodily disagreement implications. You'd Better Watch Your Mouth!

At Marah, three significant problems faced Moses.

**The Deficiency Of Water:**

*"They went three days in the wilderness; and found no water... When they came to Marah, they could not drink of the waters... for they were bitter"* (Exodus 15:23) We note some significant details of this problem.

* **First,** the **magnitude** of the problem. Lack of water is always a great problem. We can get along without food for a long time, but we cannot go long without water. Any water the Israelites carried with them would be used up quickly in three days. They were both at this point thirsty and treacherous!
* **Second,** the **moment** of the problem. Only three days from the great victory at the Red Sea another great problem arises. How like life this is. We do not go long from victory to trial.

* **Third,** the **multitude** for the problem. This was not a rebellious multitude being punished for their rebellion. They were going where the Lord (by means of the cloud) led them. So they experienced this trial on the path of obedience. Obedience does not exempt us from trial. In fact, Scripture says, *"Many are the afflictions of the righteous"* (Psalm 34:19).
1. **The Reason For The Murmuring**

*"The people murmured."* The reason the people murmured was because they focused on their circumstances more than on God. We do the same thing today, we often complain too much about what we don’t have instead of thanking God for what they do have. This type of attitude will always cause one to murmur sooner or later, for circumstances in life seldom inspire to joy but are often inspirers of complaining and pessimism.