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LET GOD ARISE AND HIS ENEMIES BE SCATTERED

In Psalm 68:1 it says, ***“Let God arise, let his enemies be scattered: let them also that hate him flee before him.”*** When Moses was leading the children of Israel in Numbers 10 a cloud was upon them by day, and a fire by night. The ark of the covenant was sent before them to search out a resting place for them. In v. 35 it says ***“and it came to pass, when the ark set forward, that Moses said, Rise up, LORD and let thine enemies be scattered; and let them that hate thee flee before the. And when it rested, he said, Return, O LORD, unto the many thousands of Israel.”***

The people didn't understand that God was hearing Moses' prayers, and was with them in their journey. Moses asked God to arise and let their enemies be scattered. God had done just that when they crossed the Red Sea. What a mighty miracle that was for them. They crossed over on dry land, while the enemies that pursued them were drowned as they tried to pursue them. How easily the Israelites forgot what God had done.

In chapter 11, they started complaining about the food and wishing they were back in Egypt. All they talked about was the “better food” that they had there. This made God angry with them, and many died from fire in the outer camp. Their complaining got to Moses. Then Moses complained to God, saying in 11:11 ***“...Wherefore hast thou afflicted thy servant? And wherefore have I not found favour in thy sight, that thou layest the burden of all this people upon me? Have I conceived all this people? Have I begotten them, that thou shouldst say unto me, Carry them in thy bosom, as a nursing father beareth the sucking child, unto the land which thou swarest unto their fathers? When should I have flesh to give unto this people? For they weep unto me, saying, give us flesh, that we may eat. I am not able to bear all this people alone, because it is too heavy for me. And if thou deal thus with me, kill me, I pray thee, out of hand, if I have found favour in thy sight; and let me not see my wretchedness.”***

Yes, we can talk to God with real talk when we are frustrated and have done what we are supposed to do, and things aren't going well. Moses need help, and God gave him the plan. He had Moses choose seventy men of the elders that he was familiar with, and God said he would pour the spirit that he had put on Moses and put on the others to help him.

God had a plan, and it came to pass when Moses talked frankly with God. He is not our enemy my friends. He has a plan, and sometimes he is waiting for us to just ask for help. Perhaps you are at a place where you need help in what He has called you to do. Don't be afraid to ask. He knows us inside and out, and many times allows our faith to be tested so we know what we are made of. Many things happened to the people in the wilderness, and many died without seeing the promised land. Their murmuring and complaining cost them their lives. They were not thankful for the provision God had made. We must be careful that we don't fall into that same trap. We must be thankful for what he gives us no matter how small or big.