

And they started out thinking that they could possibly though the tremendous heat they might be able to get out to where they could get help, and they went a little distance and they came to a little spring and there beside the spring there was a sign which said, "This water is poison. Do not touch it." And they sat down beside this water and they said, Which is worse, to die of thirst or to die of poison. We'll let's stand the thirst a little longer and they sat there and they hoped somebody might come by, and they wondered what they could do. And they said, "O if ~~if~~ this was only good water we could -- one of us could fill his canteen with the water and he could start out at night and he could cleanse ~~he could cleanse~~ his mouth ^{in the terrible heat} with the water every few minutes with a little of it and make it last and he could get out to where he could get help. But he said with this arsenic water he would die before he got a fourth of the way to help. And so they sat there for a time trying to ~~decide~~ decide what to do and finally one of them said, I'm not going to just sit here and die, I'm going to take the water and get out and get help if I possibly can and if I fall on the way I fall on the way. So he took his canteen and filled it with the water and drank the water and he started out, and they had no idea ^{at all} of the fact that further up the country there had been a tremendous rain storm ^{a few days} ~~two~~ days before and this tremendous rainstorm had caused a great amount of water to come down through the underground channels and it had flushed out the arsenic out of it, and the result was that the water he got was absolutely pure water. So with the help of that water he was able to get to civilization. But a few days later when the effect of that had worn off anybody who drank of that water would doubtless be killed. The wonderful thing about the Bible is that it is ^{all} always good water. We can always ~~be~~ depend upon it, but everything that lasts, everything ~~that~~ that accomplishes anything in life has some good in it or it ~~could~~ would not last. It would simply die. And we may get that which is good from other sources. We may ~~find~~ find that ^{that} for a brief time/the place where the poison water has been flushed out, and we may get what is very good from it and it may save our lives, but then if we go