

either direction, that I was sure to find some. That night at about 10 o'clock that night, I got extremely thirsty, and I drank about half a cup or a quarter of a cup of water, and concluded the last drops in the canteen. The canteen was empty. And I realized that there was no place where I had any certainty of finding water for this four or five days walk, and I did not know ~~was~~ whether one could survive that walk, particularly covering that long trip without water. And in a matter of fact, two days my mouth was so dry that there was absolutely no ~~saliva~~ saliva whatever in it. If you put sugar in it tasted like sand, and it ~~was~~ just ~~stuck~~ stuck to the side of the mouth, and I had to put my finger in and scratch it out and throw it away. There was absolutely no moisture. But that evening I had a little bit of panic as I wondered if I would ever get out. Then I came to two conclusions. The first was, I had gotten into that situation through a ~~mistake~~ mistake on my part but not through deliberate taking chances. Not through wrecklessness. Not through ~~ignoring~~ ignoring what was reasonable but through a mistake I should not have made. Second, I came to the conclusion that the Lord had trained me for a definite work, He wanted done, and that the work He wanted me to do was not yet completed. Therefore I came to the conclusion that He would bring me out of this.

It was three and a half days after that before I had a drop of water to drink. And I couldn't eat a tenth of an ounce of food without any water.

~~in~~ P. 5. (Isaiah 41: 9.)

Well now, that is an illustration on some extent perhaps of the lesson God is here giving to Israel. ~~in~~ "Fear not thou for I am with thee. Be not dismayed, for I am thy God. There is a little difference because I had gotten into that situation through a mistake on my part, which you might call carelessness, but it was not deliberate wrecklessness. But it was carelessness. But Israel had gotten into its situation here through its sin; through its disobedience to God for which it had to be punished. And yet in spite of that God says, "Thou art Israel, my servant." Thou art my servant, says verse 9. "I have chosen thee, and not cast thee away. Fear not thou, for I am with thee. Be not dismayed, for I am thy God. I will strengthen thee. Yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness. Behold, all they that were incensed against thee shall be ashamed and confounded. They shall be as nothing; and they that strive with thee shall perish. Thou shalt seek them,