

the results to follow. Now this is only for this time in the wilderness. There is no reason to think that this was continued afterwards. We have no later mention of it as having occurred at any later time, and certainly it would not work except as a definite act of the Lord, a definite intervention at this period. And I think that this is important in God's dealing anyway. You take the early Christians church, and when the early Christian church was just a small group of -- a little light you might say that a puff of wind could blow out, God protected it supernaturally. He caused Ananias and Sapphira to fall dead when they lied about what they were giving. But he does not go on and do that now. He caused a supernatural protection in the early church until it became -- the truth became spread to a certain distance, and then His supernatural activities ceased, and He left it simply to the activity of the Holy Spirit in the hearts of the people. And in some countries Christianity has spread, become very important and then practically died out. God has not intervened in a supernatural way, but as the little light was beginning, when you might say a puff of wind would blow it out, that is where He intervened in the NT time and also here as they were coming up out of Egypt heading toward the promised land. And so those are two of the very great periods of supernatural activity of the Lord which we have in the Scripture.

3. This is a test for jealousy. It is not given as a means of discovering all instances of adultery. It is not given for that. This is not like a screening thing that is done to all the people. This is when the man becomes suspicious, when the man becomes jealous. When the man begins to take an attitude which makes harmony in the home absolutely impossible because of his suspicion of the wife. Feelings of resentment which we harbor in our hearts can do tremendous injury to us, they can do tremendous injury to any group of Christians. Tremendous injury to the whole cause of Christ. When there is something that is important that we have to deal with we should deal with it. When we do not have evidence we should put suspicion out of our minds. We should pray the Lord if facts are important to bring them to light but otherwise put them out of our minds. Suspicion, resentment, hatred, these feelings toward