

become pretty disgusted and pretty angry and ^{speaking} speak out pretty strongly against it. ^{this}

So we ^{find} find that Moses and Aaron gathered the congregation together before the rock, and he said unto them, Hear now, ye rebels, must we fetch you water out of this rock? Moses had not spoken to them before like that. Moses had interceded for the people repeatedly before God when God suggested wiping out the people and destroying them altogether. Moses had showed remarkable patience. In 12:3 we read that Moses was the meekest man on earth, as he doubtless was on that particular occasion, in that particular situation and in general. But here is Moses who fails at his very strongest point. We must constantly watch our weak points. We are apt to fail at our weak points. But we can easily be watching our weak points and forget all about our strongest point. And we forget about our strongest point and we fail in it.

I was greatly impressed some years ago in seeing how history repeats itself. I happened to read some time ago ~~w/ll/~~ about the time when the English conquered Hong Kong. And according to what I read, the Eng. came in there ~~back~~ back in the middle of the last century, they were going to conquer Hong Kong, and the Chinese set up on one side of it very strong defenses and they were all ready for the British to come, and then the British snuck in the other way. According to what I read, some of the Chinese saw the British coming and they waved their arms and said, Oh the wrong direction! You're supposed to attack over here. But the British paid no attention to it, and they came in where it was not defended and capture it. This happened in the middle of the 19th century. And the way some people told the story it sounded like showing the fine qualities, the able qualities of the British and the poor Chinese who did not show any more sense than this. Well that's the way they told it. And I read the story and it just happened that not long after I read it, I read about the occurrences in 1941-42 in this century, and Great Britain had Singapore at the end of the Malay Peninsula. the Island of Singapore, and then spend 100 million dollars which before the inflation became like it is today became a very tremendous sum which they spent in fortifying the southern end of Singapore, and making it absolutely impregnable so that it could not possible be taken they ^{felt} said. And then the Japanese came down through the Malay