

first answer dealt with Moses' immediate situation and he told him to call these elders together and he promised to put the Spirit of God upon these men as it was on Moses.

2. God's Promise to give the people meat. Num. 11:18-20. After he told him how to get these elders to help him, then he said, "And say thou unto the people. Sanctify yourselves . . . (reading vs. 18-20) " And so God promises to satisfy the desire of the people that had become so very great to them but He says that it won't give the people real happiness in this situation.

I think one thing we have to learn is that in this world we are in an unnatural situation. Ever since Adam fell sin has great rule in every human being including the very best, and there is a complex and complicated situation. You cannot simply say that this is absolutely good and this is ~~absolutely~~ absolutely bad but you have to try to serve the Lord ^{effectively in} ~~the situation~~ as they change and vary from time to time. Here God gives the people what they are crying for but he punishes their attitude. God might have given them meat a little later. He might have given them the variety ~~that~~ that they needed anyway. But when they went into this terrible situation, to this attitude. We've just got to have it; it is so important to us. God granted their desire as Ps. ~~17~~ 106:15 says, He granted their desire and sent leanness into their soul. He answered their prayer. but when it was answered they found that they would have been better off if they had trusted God's business, and looked for what He would give them, what he knew was for their good. And so here is the promise to give them the meat they were asking, but God ^{knows} ~~knew~~ what we need. God knows it very well. We can bring our desires to Him, whatever they are, but we should say, Not my will but thy will be done, and know that what He chooses to give will be what is best for us in every situation.

Well now here is another little touch of Moses that I don't think most people are aware of. Well will call it No. 3

3. Moses' Incredulity and God's Response Num. 11:21-22 - (reading ~~the~~ text)