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with the spies. The Israelites were not ready to go into the land. It was ~~so~~ not so much God punishing them for one error. But it was a matter of their error then, their sin there revealing the fact that God knew so well that they were not ready to go into Canaan. They ~~did~~ needed the discipline of the wilderness. They needed the preparation of the wilderness. They needed to have a new generation do it, and God made evident their condition by this one particular test. And ~~the~~ here that is what he did with Moses and Aaron. And so when they cried out, Hear now, ye rebels; must we fetch you water out of this rock? The Lord says, Because ye believed me not, to sanctify me in the eyes of the children of Israel, therefore ye shall not ~~be~~ bring this congregation into the land which I have given them." It was their, exalting themselves about fetching water, instead of giving the glory to God, it was their becoming so impatient, it was their attitude here for which God punished them.

Now unfortunately there are those who adopt a very artificial manner of looking at the Scriptures. Now there are artificial indications all through the Scriptures which God has put there for particular purposes. God will use something for a certain symbol, a certain evidence. And that is fine. But don't think he has always got to use the same thing for the same symbol. Anything can be a symbol in one direction or it can be a symbol in an entirely different direction. Sometime ago someone because very much upset because on the dollar bill they showed the back of the U.S. seal as well as the front. And on the back they showed the ~~pyramid~~ pyramid, and then the top of the pyramid is separated from the bottom. And some people became very much upset. They said that it showed that it was an attack on the country. ~~That~~ it's not being as perfect as it should be. This is separated from that. There is a break in it, and it says a new era is coming and it shows how the top has yet to be put on. I prefer to interpret it as showing that everything in human life is imperfect and that God Himself has to send Christ to put on the top of the pyramid and to bring in the new age which only He will bring and that whatever we do we will not get the new age now. You can interpret a symbol in various ways. I knew a very godly man some years ago who was the pastor of a large church who would not allow his people to speak of "Sunday." They never spoke of Sunday school. He said.