

On Your Journey To The Sweet Water

Ex. 15:22-27 (ESV)

22 Then Moses made Israel set out from the Red Sea, and they went into the wilderness of Shur. They went three days in the wilderness and found no water.

23 When they came to Marah, they could not drink the water of Marah because it was bitter; therefore it was named Marah.

24 And the people grumbled against Moses, saying, "What shall we drink?"

25 And he cried to the Lord, and the Lord showed him a log, and he threw it into the water, and the water became sweet. There the Lord made for them a statute and a rule, and there he tested them,

26 saying, "If you will diligently listen to the voice of the Lord your God, and do that which is right in his eyes, and give ear to his commandments and keep all his statutes, I will put none of the diseases on you that I put on the Egyptians, for I am the Lord, your healer."

27 Then they came to Elim, where there were twelve springs of water and seventy palm trees, and they encamped there by the water.

I. We experience a **BREAKAWAY** from **SATANIC SLAVERY!**

Ex. 15:22a - "Then Moses made Israel set out from the Red Sea ..."

Ex. 13:17-18 - When Pharaoh let the people go, God did not lead them on the road through the Philistine country, though that was shorter. For God said, "If they face war, they might change their minds and return to Egypt." So God led the people around by the desert road toward the Red Sea. The Israelites went up out of Egypt armed for battle.

Ex. 14:9-12 - The Egyptians--all Pharaoh's horses and chariots, horsemen and troops--pursued the Israelites and overtook them as they camped by the sea near Pi Hahiroth, opposite Baal Zephon. As Pharaoh approached, the Israelites looked up, and there were the Egyptians, marching after them. They were terrified and cried out to the LORD. They said to Moses, "Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that you brought us to the desert to die? What have

you done to us by bringing us out of Egypt? Didn't we say to you in Egypt, 'Leave us alone; let us serve the Egyptians'? It would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the desert!"

II. We experience a DEMAND for SPIRITUAL STAMINA!

Ex. 15:22b - ...and they went into the wilderness of Shur. They went three days in the wilderness and found no water.

Shur = Raised Wall

Luke 4:1-2 - Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the desert, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing during those days, and at the end of them he was hungry.

III. We experience the BITTER TASTE of SEEMING SETBACK!

Ex. 15:23-24

23 When they came to Marah, they could not drink the water of Marah because it was bitter; therefore it was named Marah.

24 And the people grumbled against Moses, saying, "What shall we drink?"

IV. We experience the sweet BENEFIT of the SAVIOR'S SUPERVISION!

Ex. 15:25-26

25 And he cried to the Lord, and the Lord showed him a log, and he threw it into the water, and the water became sweet. There the Lord made for them a statute and a rule, and there he tested them,

26 saying, "If you will diligently listen to the voice of the Lord your God, and do that which is right in his eyes, and give ear to his commandments and keep all his statutes, I will put none of the diseases on you that I put on the

Egyptians, for I am the Lord, your healer.”

Your ability to pass that test will be decided by your willingness to follow the SAVIOR’S SUPERVISION as He gives you directions!

Galatians 2:20 (ESV) -I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

Acts 20:24 (KJV) - But NONE OF THESE THINGS MOVE ME; nor do I count my life dear to myself, so that I may finish my race with joy, and the ministry which I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God.

Heb. 3:6-8 - But Christ is faithful as a son over God's house. And we are his house, if we hold on to our courage and the hope of which we boast. So, as the Holy Spirit says: "Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts as you did in the rebellion, during the time of testing in the desert,

V. We experience the BLESSING of His SATISFYING SATURATION!

Ex. 15:27 - Then they came to Elim, where there were twelve springs of water and seventy palm trees, and they encamped there by the water.

Psalm 1:1-3

1 Blessed is the one who does not walk in step with the wicked or stand in the way that sinners take or sit in the company of mockers,

2 but whose delight is in the law of the Lord, and who meditates on his law day and night.

3 That person is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither— whatever they do prospers.

12 = Perfect government, The product of 3 (perfection of divinity) x 4 (the number of the earth)

It represents Heaven on Earth!

It's the place of finding and living in His Glory!

12 foundation stones of the Heavenly Jerusalem

12 Tribes of Israel

12 original Apostles

70 = The product of 7 (Spiritual perfection and fullness or completion. It is the number of Covenant and of the Holy Spirit) and 10 (Perfection of divine order)

Numbers 11:16-30 (ESV)

16 Then the Lord said to Moses, "Gather for me SEVENTY MEN of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them, and bring them to the tent of meeting, and let them take their stand there with you.

17 And I will come down and talk with you there. And I WILL TAKE SOME OF THE SPIRIT THAT IS ON YOU AND PUT IT ON THEM, and they shall bear the burden of the people with you, so that you may not bear it yourself alone.

18 And say to the people, 'Consecrate yourselves for tomorrow, and you shall eat meat, for you have wept in the hearing of the Lord, saying, "Who will give us meat to eat? For it was better for us in Egypt." Therefore the Lord will give you meat, and you shall eat.

19 You shall not eat just one day, or two days, or five days, or ten days, or twenty days,

20 but a whole month, until it comes out at your nostrils and becomes loathsome to you, because you have rejected the Lord who is among you and have wept before him, saying, "Why did we come out of Egypt?"'"

- 21 But Moses said, "The people among whom I am number six hundred thousand on foot, and you have said, 'I will give them meat, that they may eat a whole month!'
- 22 Shall flocks and herds be slaughtered for them, and be enough for them? Or shall all the fish of the sea be gathered together for them, and be enough for them?"
- 23 And the Lord said to Moses, "Is the Lord's hand shortened? Now you shall see whether my word will come true for you or not."
- 24 So Moses went out and told the people the words of the Lord. And he gathered seventy men of the elders of the people and placed them around the tent.
- 25 Then the Lord came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and **TOOK SOME OF THE SPIRIT THAT WAS ON HIM AND PUT IT ON THE SEVENTY** elders. And as soon as the Spirit rested on them, they prophesied. **BUT THEY DID NOT CONTINUE DOING IT.**
- 26 Now two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the Spirit rested on them. They were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp.
- 27 And a young man ran and told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp."
- 28 And Joshua the son of Nun, the assistant of Moses from his youth, said, "My lord Moses, stop them."
- 29 But Moses said to him, "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the Lord's people were prophets, that the Lord would put his Spirit on them!"
- 30 And Moses and the elders of Israel returned to the camp.

John 6:47-69 (ESV)

- 47 Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes has eternal life.
- 48 I am the bread of life.
- 49 Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died.
- 50 This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die.
- 51 I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."
- 52 The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?"

53 So Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you.

54 Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day.

55 For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink.

56 WHOEVER FEEDS ON MY FLESH AND DRINKS MY BLOOD ABIDES IN ME, AND I IN HIM.

John 15:7 (ESV) - If you abide in me, and MY WORDS ABIDE IN YOU, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.

57 As the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever feeds on me, he also will live because of me.

58 This is the bread that came down from heaven, NOT LIKE THE BREAD THE FATHERS ATE, and died. Whoever feeds on THIS BREAD will live forever."

59 Jesus said these things in the synagogue, as he taught at Capernaum.

60 When many of his disciples heard it, they said, "This is a hard saying; who can listen to it?"

61 But Jesus, knowing in himself that his disciples were grumbling about this, said to them, "Do you take offense at this?"

62 Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before?

63 IT IS THE SPIRIT WHO GIVES LIFE; the FLESH IS NO HELP AT ALL. The WORDS THAT I HAVE SPOKEN TO YOU ARE SPIRIT AND LIFE.

64 But there are some of you who do not believe." (For Jesus knew from the beginning who those were who did not believe, and who it was who would betray him.)

65 And he said, "This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted him by the Father."

66 After this MANY OF HIS DISCIPLES TURNED BACK AND NO LONGER WALKED WITH HIM.

67 So Jesus said to the twelve, "Do you want to go away as well?"

68 Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? YOU HAVE THE WORDS OF ETERNAL LIFE,

69 and we have believed, and have come to know, that you are the Holy One of God."

Numbers 11:27 - And a young man ran and told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp."

Eldad = God Has loved

Medad = Love

The picture of those two men speaks loudly to us that because God has loved us...

We love others!

And we love them enough to speak what God is saying!

It's the LOVE of God that will keep you from quitting!

It's the love of God that will keep you loving others enough to bring God's truth to them!

And God's love cannot fill a self-centered heart closed off to His leadership!

John 15:7-17 (ESV)

7 If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.

8 By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples.

9 As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love.

10 If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love.

11 These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

12 "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.

13 Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends.

14 You are my friends if you do what I command you.

15 No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you.

16 You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you.

17 These things I command you, so that you will love one another.

The sweet water that He offers us is His love and presence!

The Lord had an Elim (Oasis in the desert) in store for them the whole time!

It's a place where you get drenched and quenched with His love and presence!

Do you need to BREAKAWAY from SATANIC SLAVERY?

Are you experiencing a DEMAND for SPIRITUAL STAMINA?

Are things DRY in your walk with Him because you have hit a wall (DESERT OF SHUR) in your life?

Are you experiencing the BITTER TASTE of a SEEMING SETBACK?

Are you tempted to get bitter because of some kind of SUFFERING in your circumstances?

How are you doing in receiving the Savior's SUPERVISION for your journey?

KEEP GOING!

God wants you to have the BLESSING of the SATISFYING SATURATION of His LOVE and PRESENCE for your life!

Ps. 35:7-10a

7 Since they hid their net for me without cause and without cause dug a pit for me,

8 may ruin overtake them by surprise— may the net they hid entangle them, may they fall into the pit, to their ruin.

9 Then my soul will rejoice in the Lord and delight in his salvation.

10 My whole being will exclaim, "Who is like you, Lord?"

Ps. 36:7-9

7 How priceless is your unfailing love, O God! People take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

8 They feast on the abundance of your house; you give them drink from your river of delights.

9 For with you is the fountain of life; in your light we see light.