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A GOD FOR BITTER TIME
EXODUS 15.22-27

"I am the Lord, who heals you."

Exodus 15.26

The 'bitter' experience at Marah:

God lays down the Ground Rules for the Journey:

God as Healer throughout the scriptures:

- over sickness and infirmity (Psalm 41:3)
- from mental affliction (Jonah 2:5-7)
- from emotional suffering (Psalm 147:3, Jeremiah 30:17)
The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit. Psalm 34.18
- from anxiety or worry (John 14:27)
- from spiritual fatigue (Psalm 23:3)

When you come to 'Bitter Waters'...

1. Realize that God can bring **HEALING**. *I am the Lord, who heals you."* v.26
2. It's not just enough to sing about God, (Exodus 15.1-18) we must **LISTEN AND OBEY**.

"If you listen carefully to the Lord your God and do what is right in his eyes, if you pay attention to his commands and keep all his decreesv.26

*For this very reason, **make every effort to add to your faith** goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; and to godliness, mutual affection; and to mutual affection, love. For if you possess these qualities **in increasing measure**, they will keep you from being ineffective and unproductive in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.* 2 Peter 1.5-8

3. God, as *Jehovah-Rapha*, heals our **BROKEN RELATIONSHIP** with Him.

*But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and **by his wounds we are healed.*** Isaiah 53.5

...he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus. Philippians 1.6

4. Remember, **BETTER DAYS** lie ahead.

Then they came to Elim, where there were twelve springs and seventy palm trees, and they camped there near the water. v.27

'He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death' or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.' He who was seated on the throne said, "I am making everything new!" Revelation 21.4-5

Is God putting you to the test these days? Do you find yourself camping out at Marah: place of bitterness?

What area of your life do you need Jehovah-Rapha to heal you?

What is God saying to me?

What am I going to do about it?

Love God, Love Others, Learn Jesus, DO SOMETHING!

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