

“TO THE PROMISED LAND” (EXODUS 15:22 - 18:27)

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INTRO: Now that we’ve journeyed with the people of God out of Egypt, let’s head for the Promised Land - the abundant life God wants us to be experiencing (Jn. 10:10).

I. BITTER WATERS MADE SWEET (Ex. 15:22-27).

A. The people of God could only find bitter water (v. 22-23).

1. Expect challenges between Egypt and Canaan!

B. The people of God complained (v. 24).

C. The water became sweet via a tree cast into it (v. 25).

1. A lack of provision is a test – will you complain or obey and trust God (v. 26)?

D. God wants to make your bitter water sweet – to take you from Marah (bitter) to Elim (sweet, plenty) (v. 27)!

II. BREAD FROM HEAVEN (Ex. 16).

A. They complained when they lacked bread (vv. 1-3).

B. The lure of security, the known, and not having to trust.

C. God provided daily bread [manna] – another test (v. 4-35).

1. We need daily manna from heaven – God’s Word (Matt. 4:4)!

D. Complaining (Ex. 15:24; 16:2, 7-9, 12, 28; 17:3; Phil. 2:14-15).

E. God wants to bring you bread from heaven (Phil. 4:19)!

III. WATER FROM THE ROCK (Ex. 17:1-7).

A. No water. Complain. Pray. Obey. Water from a rock!

IV. VICTORY OVER THE AMALEKITES (Ex. 17:8-16).

A. The people of God were attacked (v. 8).

B. Intercession triad brought victory (vv. 9-16)!

V. MOBILIZING LEADERSHIP – A GODLY STRATEGY (Ex. 18).

A. Moses was trying to solve all the people’s problems for them, creating a dependence on him rather than God.

B. Moses was instructed to teach them God’s ways and raise up leaders to minister to the people.

1. They would then learn to solve most of their problems.

2. They would get help from leaders as needed.

C. Moses would bring the people to God in prayer and only deal with the most difficult cases.

CONCLUSION: What is God saying to you today in this journey? How will you respond?