

THE LORD THAT HEALETH THEE

EXODUS 15:22-26

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Introduction:

Bitterness is a major problem among Christians today. Only God Himself knows the amount of damage that is done by this negative emotion.

1. CIRCUMSTANCES

- A. They had crossed the Red Sea
- B. They had gone three days journey
- C. They had found no water

2. CRISIS

- A. They then found water

B. They could not drink it because it was bitter

C. This cause murmuring against Moses

3. CONTROVERSY

A. The people who were murmuring against Moses were

1. Actually murmuring against God
2. God saw their lack of faith
3. This was certainly of folly in the light of the recent deliverance

B. The waters weren't the only thing bitter

C. Bitterness and lack of faith always go together

1. Bitterness at God because we won't believe His goodness
2. Bitterness at circumstances because we don't believe His providence
3. Bitterness at people because we don't believe His ability to handle them

4. CURE (VS. 26)

A. The tree cast into the water stands represents the cross which sweetens the bitter

B. God made a covenant with them

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5. CONSIDERATION AND APPLICATION

A. We can escape the plagues that come as a result of violating God conditions

B. Bitterness can be healed through the cross

1. The bitterness of sin
2. Bitterness toward God
3. Bitterness toward circumstances
4. Bitterness toward others

Close:

Bitterness is neither inescapable nor unavoidable. God has made provision to care for our bitterness just as He did for the children of Israel.

Are you bitter?