

Communion Meditation – In the Wilderness

Exodus 15.22-27

Free to Obey

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v22 ~ No Drinking Water

- 3 days into the wilderness / “**found no water**”
 - They are thirsty and they are searching
 - Until then water hadn’t been a problem
- Imagine joy & relief when water found at Marah
 - But their joy is crushed / the water is too bitter to drink
 - Thirsty people will drink anything / this must have been horrible

v24 ~ Murmuring and Prayer

- They murmur, “**What shall we drink?**”
 - “**What does Moses do?**” / Prays to God
- The people had a sense of entitlement
 - Moses had a sense of helplessness & dependence
 - The people should have felt helpless too . . .
 - But instead they felt righteous indignation / blamed Moses
- God answers Moses prayer / water made “**sweet**”

v25 ~ People Tested

- The people were tested / Did they pass or fail?
 - They failed this test and many more besides . . .
- God rewarded them with water but threatened penalties
- Then He takes them to Elim
 - There they had plentiful water and rest in the shade of trees
 - God had this waiting for them all along

When our needs / wants aren’t met we can become bitter

This stems from a sense of entitlement

We must embrace our dependence on God