E2E: Part 33
Exodus 15 & 16
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NH MESSAGE

1. Hard circumstances often leave us baffled and helpless, but ultimately, God is demonstrating once again that He uses the most difficult trials to not only refine us but deliver us from things that previously trapped us in order to bring a new horizon.

2. It is necessary for us to praise as Moses did. He not only wrote about God, but he sang it *to* God. The goal of good theology is the worship of God. In order to worship properly, we must first have a relationship with God, claiming Him as our very own. (Exodus 15:1-2)

3. The Israelites very likely expected to head straight for the Promised Land. But God's purpose is that they enter the wilderness. (Exodus 15:22)

4. After 3 days in the wilderness without water, the people begin to grumble to Moses. One day they're singing praises to God, and 3 days later they're on the border of an open rebellion.

5. When Moses is confronted with a desperate need, he does not grumble. Instead, he takes the problem to the Lord. Moses went to God for help, handling difficult situations in a spiritual way.

6. When God tests us, it's not so we will fail. The desire is that we will learn to obey. Obedience is the test of our faith.

7. God allows hard things for several reasons —In order that we would be humble, to teach us to depend on God alone and have absolute confidence in His capacity and faithfulness. Also in order to purify, sanctify and teach us endurance. (James 1:2-3)

8. A complaining spirit is sinful, poisons our relationship with Christ & others, and ultimately robs us of joy. The opposite is true of God's call upon us - the joy of the Lord is our strength.

HEBREW WORDS

Luwn (loon); to stop (in a bad sense), to be obstinate (especially in words, to complain) :— grudge, (make to) murmur

QUOTES

"Had Israel not been caught baffled, terrified and helpless at the Red Sea – there would have been no final defeat of the power that enslaved them." -**Dr. J. Alec Motyer 2003**

"…the Oxford and Cambridge for God's students. There they went to the University, and he taught and trained them, and they took their degree before they entered into the promised land."
- **Charles Spurgeon – 1880**

"…it will be well for us to remember, that in venting our wrath, and indignation against the instruments by whom God at any time afflicts us, we vent it in reality against Him who uses them. And why should they murmur against God? Had He committed an oversight in leading them into that situation? Had He forgotten to be gracious? Was He so changed within the space of three days, that He could no longer devise a way for their relief? Or was His ear become so heavy that He could not hear, or His hand so shortened that He could not save? Should they not rather have concluded, that now, as on many recent occasions, He had permitted their trial to be great, in order that He might the more abundantly magnify His own power and mercy in their deliverance?"
- **Charles Simeon – 1836**

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