

Sermon Notes

Exodus – The Revealing of God’s Glory and His Design for the Chosen

“Whining vs. Trusting” – Exodus 15:22-27

I. Introduction.

A. Whining and children

1. Pastor Don’s family.

B. Neither does God relish whining and complaining.

1. In spite of all that God had done for the Israelites, they forgot God’s powerful hand.
 - a. Psalm 106:7

C. Today’s text: Exodus 15:22-27

D. Israel’s history of salvation parallel’s our salvation in Jesus Christ.

1. Ryken
2. Bonhoeffer

II. Exposition

A. Grumbling is a dominant motif during the wilderness experience.

1. Ex. 14:11; 15:22-26; 16:2-3; 17:2-3; Num. 11:4-6; 14:1-4; 16:11-14; 20:2-5
 - a. Currid

B. Verse 22

1. “Wilderness of Shur”
 - a. MacKay
2. “Wilderness” – unable to sustain a large population.

C. Verse 23

1. “Marah”
 - a. Word play in Hebrew “bitter”. Meaning of the word

correlates to the location.

D. Verse 24

1. “Grumbled” – rebellious a_____.

E. Verse 25

1. “A tree”
 - a. Was it a miracle or explainable through naturalistic means?
2. Possible correspondence to the c_____.
3. “Statues and regulations”
 - a. Significant for them and us.

F. Verse 26

1. “Earnest heed to His voice.” Be attentive.
2. “Do what is right in His sight.”
 - a. What is right in His eyes versus our eyes. – Genesis 3:6
3. “Give ear to His commands,” “keep His statutes.” “I will put none of the diseases on you . . .” “I am your healer.”
 - a. Obedience is urged as a way of e_____.
4. “For I am the Lord your Healer.”
 - a. Yahweh as healer.
 - b. MacKay

G. Verse 27

1. “Elim” – A place with overwhelming water supply.

III. Application and Reflection

- A. From Egypt to the wilderness portends the spiritual way for the Christian.
- B. Whining is never a substitute for worship.
- C. The sweetness of wood has a long history.
- D. God will provide what you need most when your need is

greatest.