

A Forgotten God
Exodus 15:22-27

Introduction:

- A. Isn't it amazing how quickly our attitudes can change depending on our circumstances?
- B. Too often we allow our disappointing circumstances to cause us to forget all the blessings we have experienced along the way.
- C. Israel was coming off one of the most miraculous moments of their lives. They were celebrating and praising God for their victory over Pharaoh and his army (Exo. 14:30-15:2; 11, 18).

The Disappointment of Israel (vs. 22-23)

- A. Moses made (*Naca'*) Israel set out from the Red Sea.
- B. The Israelites wandered around the desert for three days without any water and when they finally came to Marah, they were unable to drink it because it was too bitter.
- C. Our circumstances can and sometimes will lead to disappointment and heartache (Ruth 1:20-21; I Sam. 1:10-11).

The Reaction of Israel (v. 24)

- A. When the people saw they were unable to drink the water, they complained against Moses (Exo. 14:11, 12; 16:2; 17:3; Num. 14:2).
- B. Too often when people find themselves in the midst of disappointing circumstances, their reaction is to take their eyes off God and complain (James 3:10-12).
- C. When we forget what God has done, we will fail to see what God can do.

The Deliverance of Israel (vs. 25-27)

- A. Moses was the one who remembered God, not the people.
- B. God hadn't deserted Israel; He was with them the whole time (Psa. 121:1-2).
- C. Had Israel only been more patient and trusting of God, they would have seen God had already made provisions for them (v. 27). We need to trust God to lead us through our times of disappointment.

Conclusion:

- A. Even when we don't understand, God knows exactly what He is doing.
- B. God wants us to come to the realization that He is our healer, even in the midst of disappointment and heartache.
- C. It is through Jesus that life's bitter disappointments can be made sweet.