**Exodus 15**

**Song of Moses & Bitter Waters**

### The Song of Moses

**15 Then Moses and the people of Israel sang this song to the Lord, saying,**

**“I will sing to the Lord, for he has triumphed gloriously;  
    the horse and his rider he has thrown into the sea.  
2The Lord is my strength and my song,  
    and he has become my salvation;  
this is my God, and I will praise him,  
    my father's God, and I will exalt him.  
3The Lord is a man of war;  
    the Lord is his name.**

**4“Pharaoh's chariots and his host he cast into the sea,  
    and his chosen officers were sunk in the Red Sea.  
5The floods covered them;  
    they went down into the depths like a stone.  
6Your right hand, O Lord, glorious in power,  
    your right hand, O Lord, shatters the enemy.  
7In the greatness of your majesty you overthrow your adversaries;  
    you send out your fury; it consumes them like stubble.  
8At the blast of your nostrils the waters piled up;  
    the floods stood up in a heap;  
    the deeps congealed in the heart of the sea.  
9The enemy said, ‘I will pursue, I will overtake,  
    I will divide the spoil, my desire shall have its fill of them.  
    I will draw my sword; my hand shall destroy them.’  
10You blew with your wind; the sea covered them;  
    they sank like lead in the mighty waters.**

**11“Who is like you, O Lord, among the gods?  
    Who is like you, majestic in holiness,  
    awesome in glorious deeds, doing wonders?  
12You stretched out your right hand;  
    the earth swallowed them.**

**13“You have led in your steadfast love the people whom you have redeemed;  
    you have guided them by your strength to your holy abode.  
14The peoples have heard; they tremble;  
    pangs have seized the inhabitants of Philistia.  
15Now are the chiefs of Edom dismayed;  
    trembling seizes the leaders of Moab;  
    all the inhabitants of Canaan have melted away.  
16Terror and dread fall upon them;  
    because of the greatness of your arm, they are still as a stone,  
till your people, O Lord, pass by,  
    till the people pass by whom you have purchased.  
17You will bring them in and plant them on your own mountain,  
    the place, O Lord, which you have made for your abode,  
    the sanctuary, O Lord, which your hands have established.  
18The Lord will reign forever and ever.”**

**19For when the horses of Pharaoh with his chariots and his horsemen went into the sea, the Lord brought back the waters of the sea upon them, but the people of Israel walked on dry ground in the midst of the sea. 20Then Miriam the prophetess, the sister of Aaron, took a tambourine in her hand, and all the women went out after her with tambourines and dancing. 21And Miriam sang to them:**

**“Sing to the Lord, for he has triumphed gloriously;  
the horse and his rider he has thrown into the sea.”**

v1-6 Praise about God

v6-10 Praise to God

v11-13 Praise that there is no one like Yahweh

v14-18 Praise that the nations have heard about Yahweh

### Bitter Water Made Sweet

**22Then Moses made Israel set out from the Red Sea, and they went into the wilderness of Shur. They went three days in the wilderness and found no water. 23When they came to Marah, they could not drink the water of Marah because it was bitter; therefore it was named Marah. 24And the people grumbled against Moses, saying, “What shall we drink?” 25And he cried to the Lord, and the Lord showed him a log, and he threw it into the water, and the water became sweet.**

**There the Lord made for them a statute and a rule, and there he tested them,26saying, “If you will diligently listen to the voice of the Lord your God, and do that which is right in his eyes, and give ear to his commandments and keep all his statutes, I will put none of the diseases on you that I put on the Egyptians, for I am the Lord, your healer.”**

**27Then they came to Elim, where there were twelve springs of water and seventy palm trees, and they encamped there by the water.**

**The Puzzle:**

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| **GOD’S MIRACLE** | **GOD’S TEST** | **PEOPLE’S RESPONSE TO TEST** |
| Exod 4   * Moses’ staff * Leprosy healing * Elders believe Moses * Bow heads & worship | Pharaoh’s increased punishment | **20**They met Moses and Aaron, who were waiting for them, as they came out from Pharaoh; **21**…and they said to them, “The Lord look on you and judge, because you have made us stink in the sight of Pharaoh and his servants, and have put a sword in their hand to kill us.”  **22**Then Moses turned to the Lord and said, “O Lord, why have you done evil to this people? Why did you ever send me? **23**For since I came to Pharaoh to speak in your name, he has done evil to this people, and you have not delivered your people at all.” |
| Exod 14   * EYE WITNESSES to miracles * PARTICPANTS in miracles   + plagues   + Pillar of cloud/fire | Pinned against Red Sea | **11**They said to Moses, “Is it because there are no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness? What have you done to us in bringing us out of Egypt? **12**Is not this what we said to you in Egypt: ‘Leave us alone that we may serve the Egyptians’? For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness.” |
| Exod 14-15   * Crossing Red Sea * 100% Egyptian army dead * Praise & worshipping God | 3 Days without water | **23**When they came to Marah, they could not drink the water of Marah because it was bitter; therefore it was named Marah. **24**And the people grumbled against Moses, saying, “What shall we drink?” |

**How can this happen? What was driving their (our) grumbling?**

**Bottom-line Principle:**

Our grumbling is rooted in our complaint with God, more than the circumstances.

It’s about how we view His character:

* + Quality of His Power, Sovereignty & Wisdom
  + Quality of His Love



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| **Lies Driving the Grumbling** | **What God Wants Instead** |
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**Helpful Reminders:**

**“God Can and God Cares”** Matt Smethurst, Managing Editor- Gospel Coalition

**God speaking to Moses. We can almost hear His heartache…**

**…“How long will this people despise me? And how long will they not believe in me, in spite of all the signs that I have done among them?”**

**Numbers 14:11**

**Shadrach, Meshach & Abednego (Daniel 3:16)**

**16Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego answered and said to the king, “O Nebuchadnezzar, we have no need to answer you in this matter. 17If this be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver us out of your hand, O king. 18But if not, be it known to you, O king, that we will not serve your gods or worship the golden image that you have set up.”**

**Exodus 15:25-27**

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Ain Harawah in present-day Sinai Peninsula