

Exodus 15:22-17:7
Who do You Serve & Who do You Trust?
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Sermon Outline

Notes

I. Introduction

Deuteronomy 8:2-3

² And you shall remember the whole way that the LORD your God has led you these forty years in the wilderness, that he might humble you, testing you to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep his commandments or not. ³ And he humbled you and let you hunger and fed you with manna, which you did not know, nor did your fathers know, that he might make you know that **man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord.**

Psalm 119:67

Before I was afflicted I went astray,
but now I keep your word.

Key Idea

The discipline of the LORD is designed to bring his people to a humble security in Him.

II. Testing/Provision in the Wilderness

A. Bitter Water (15:22-27)

Exodus 15:25b-26

There the LORD made for them a statute and a rule, and there he tested them, ²⁶ saying, “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.”

1. Tree?

Proverbs 11:30a (Revelation 22:2)

The fruit of the righteous is a *tree of life*. . .

2. Elim – 12 Springs & 70 Palm trees

B. Hunger (16)

Exodus 16:2-3

² And the whole congregation of the people of Israel **grumbled against Moses and Aaron** in the wilderness, ³ and the people of Israel said to them, “*Would that we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the meat pots and ate bread to the full, for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.*”

⁴ Then the LORD said to Moses, “Behold, I am about to rain bread from heaven for you, and the people shall go out and gather a day’s portion every day, **that I may test them**, whether they will walk in my law or not. . . .

Exodus 16:9-12

⁹ Then Moses said to Aaron, “Say to the whole congregation of the people of Israel, ‘Come near before the LORD, for he has heard your grumbling.’”

¹⁰ And as soon as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the people of Israel, they looked toward the wilderness, and behold, the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud. ¹¹ And the LORD said to Moses, ¹² “I have heard the grumbling of the people of Israel. Say to them, ‘At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall be filled with bread. Then you shall know that I am the LORD your God.’”

C. No Water (17:1-7)

Exodus 17:7

And he called the name of the place Massah and Meribah, because of the quarreling of the people of Israel, and because they tested the LORD by saying, “Is the LORD among us or not?”

D. Jesus Never Doubted God’s Presence

1. Provision (Matt. 4:1-4)
2. Protection (Matt. 4:5-7)
3. Promises (Matt. 4:8-10)

III. Do We Believe God is With Us in the Wilderness?

A. Jesus is Our Food & Drink in the Wilderness

Isaiah 43:16-21

¹⁶ Thus says the Lord,
who makes a way in the sea,
a path in the mighty waters,
¹⁷ who brings forth chariot and horse,
army and warrior;
they lie down, they cannot rise,
they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:
¹⁸ “Remember not the former things,
nor consider the things of old.
¹⁹ Behold, I am doing a new thing;
now it springs forth, *do you not perceive it?*
I will make a way in the *wilderness*
and rivers in the *desert*.
²⁰ The wild beasts will honor me,
the jackals and the ostriches,
for *I give water in the wilderness,*
rivers in the desert,
²¹ to give drink to my chosen people,
the people whom I formed for myself
that they might declare my praise.

(*Living water* - John 4:10, 13; Jeremiah 2:13)

John 6:26-29, 32-36

²⁶ Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, you are seeking me, not because you saw **signs**, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. ²⁷ Do not labor for the food that perishes, but for the *food that endures to eternal life*, which the Son of Man will give to you. For on him God the Father has set his seal.” ²⁸ Then they said to him, “What must we do, to be doing the works of God?” ²⁹ Jesus answered them, “**This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.**” ... [sign?...Moses?]

³² Jesus then said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but my Father gives you the true bread from heaven. ³³ For ***the bread of God is he who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.***” ³⁴ They said to him, “Sir, give us this bread always.”

³⁵ Jesus said to them, “***I am the bread of life;*** whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst. ³⁶ But I said to you that you have seen me and yet do not believe.

- B. It is Easy to Forget God is With Us
(Jesus Calms the Storm – Matt. 8:23-27)

- C. The Tests of this Life in the Wilderness...
 - 1. ***Reveal*** our hearts
 - a. **Humility:** Who do you serve?
 - b. **Faith:** Who do you trust?
 - 2. ***Trains*** our hearts

Hebrews 12:10-11 (Remember Job – Job 1:9)

¹⁰ For they disciplined us for a short time as it seemed best to them, but he [God] **disciplines us for our good,** that we may share his holiness. ¹¹ For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.