

BITTER-SWEET

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Exodus 15: 21 Miriam sang to them:

"Sing to the Lord,
for he is highly exalted.

Both horse and driver
he has hurled into the sea."

22 Then Moses led Israel from the Red Sea and they went into the Desert of Shur. For three days they traveled in the desert without finding water. 23 When they came to Marah, they could not drink its water because it was bitter. (That is why the place is called Marah.) 24 So the people grumbled against Moses, saying, "What are we to drink?"

25 Then Moses cried out to the Lord, and the Lord showed him a piece of wood. He threw it into the water, and the water became fit to drink.

There the Lord issued a ruling and instruction for them and put them to the test. 26 He said, "If you listen carefully to the Lord your God and do what is right in his eyes, if you pay attention to his commands and keep all his decrees, I will not bring on you any of the diseases I brought on the Egyptians, for I am the Lord, who heals you."

27 Then they came to Elim, where there were twelve springs and seventy palm trees, and they camped there near the water.

Hebrew "Lwn"--to murmur or complain

Common Use: Expression of Disloyalty



PAY ATTENTION

To God's desire to heal you.

Exodus 15: I am the Lord, who heals you.

WE NEED TO BE CURED
OF THE SICKNESS

OF DOUBTING GOD'S
LOVE



1 John 4: 8 Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. 9 This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. 10 This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.



PAY ATTENTION

To God's path that leads to fulfillment.

John 4: 13 Jesus answered, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, 14 but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life."



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To God's emphasis on the necessity of obedience.

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1 John 5: 3 Loving God means obeying his commands. And God's commands are not too hard for us...

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MAKE SENSE
REMEMBER

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IS YOUR OBEDIENCE



**Keeping God's commands are not hard
because**

God has secured our destination.

**"Good teacher, what must I do to inherit
eternal life?"**

"All these I have kept since I was a boy,"

**He became very sad, because he was very
wealthy.**

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