

Exodus 15:22-27 “Jehovah Rapha – The Lord is our Healer”

Read Exodus 15:22-27 and Deuteronomy 8:2

1. The Lord had rescued the nation of Israel from Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm. Salvation however had only just begun. The people were out of Egypt, but Egypt was not out of the people. What sort of work would God need to do in order to shape them as a new people?

2. If we were to relate this work to ourselves, what kind of work must God do in us?

3. Deuteronomy speaks of God’s work in them during their time in the desert. A work of humbling, a work of testing, revealing what is in their hearts. At Marah what is revealed in their hearts?

4. Have you ever experienced this work of God? What did it look like? What were its results?

5. God responds to them with grace, with provision, with the revelation of a new name. How does such grace shape us to be able to see what is in our hearts and learn to trust in God?

6. (26) How does Moses invite us to a new relationship with God? What does this look like for us?

7. The people are led from there to Elim. How is this story both a reversal of the story of the garden of Eden and a foreshadowing of what God has done for us in Jesus?