

GOD OF GRACE, GOD OF GLORY (Through 3 Deserts)

Exodus 15:22-18:27

Key Verse: 15:26 "I am the Lord who heals you"

1. How long did the lessons learned crossing the Red Sea last? Why did the people murmur against Moses in the Desert of Shur? What was the basic grace God gave them? What promise did God make? What did he reveal about his character in this promise?
2. When the people got hungry what did they remember? What does this show about their basic way of thinking and living? (16:1-3) Note the absence of praise and thanksgiving in the people. What four times do they murmur and complain. Why is murmuring is a sin?
3. When God gave them bread from heaven, what did he want them to see and what did he want them to know and remember? (cf. Deut. 8:1-8) (16:4-12)
4. What two rules did the Lord make concerning the bread that which he gave them from heaven? (16:4,5) What was the Lord testing?
5. In what ways did the people take these two rules lightly? What does this paragraph show about the people's need for training? (16:13-30) Why was Moses angry? (20)
6. How did Moses try repeatedly to teach the people a sense of history? (16:31-35; 13:19; 15:14-18; 17:14) Why is it important to remember God's grace?
7. What two events happened at Rephidim? How did God show his grace and patience and protective care of the people in each event? (Chapter 17)
8. Who was Jethro? Why did he come to meet Moses? How did he encourage Moses' spirit? How did he help him practically? (Chapter 18) What does his witness and hymn of praise add to this section? Contrast Jethro with the murmuring people.