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Jehovah Rapha, The Ultimate Healer

Exodus 15:19-27

**Key Truth:** It doesn’t matter how well life can appear to be, there will come a time in our lives when we need healing that can only come from the ultimate healer, Jehovah Rapha.

 **A Triumphal Beginning:**

  1. God is there when you are pursued to a place of no

 return.

  2. God will make His presence known when facing

 difficulties.

  3. God deters the plans of our enemies.

  4. You can encounter God’s grace and love while on the

 run.

**Where Are We And How Did We Get Here?**

1. Marah isn’t just a geographical location.

  A. Marah for us today is a place of circumstances,

    events and experiences. Psalm 42:5

 2. Our life’s journey is often how we are led to Marah.

 3. Marah is a place where we don’t desire to be.

 **Experiencing Healing From Jehovah Rapha.**

1. Unlike doctors, God’s healing comes after He tests us.
2. We often have lessons learned after experiencing Jehovah Rapha.
3. When Jehovah Rapha heals us, we have no need to worry. Romans 8:28

4. Praising God is the proper response to His healing touch.

**Taking It Beyond The Walls:** We all must come to a place of Marah in our lives. Pray and allow God to heal you of any bitterness you may be harboring.

**Food For Thought:**

How had God protected and provided for the Israelites up to this point in their journey from Egypt?

Why did God provide water for the Israelites despite their grumbling?

What promise did God make the Israelites in verse 26? What did He ground this promise on?

Read Psalm 46:1-3: How does the passage describe God? What do these qualities and characteristics communicate about God’s nature and abilities?

How do you interpret the idea that God is “very present” in our troubles?

Why do you think the psalmist uses the images of mountains and oceans in contrast to the strength of God? What does this imagery and poetic word play convey about God?

When you consider the potential for great trouble in our world and contrast it with the greatness and power of God, how do you feel about those troubles? How did the psalmist feel?

Read 1 Peter 2:24: Are you living as if you’ve been healed and empowered by Jesus’ death and resurrection? Why or why not?