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The Tree

Pictures the tree of Calvary (Acts 5:30), which for us is the true source of every eternal joy

Egypt to Canaan:

The Believers' Pilgrimage through an Inhospitable World

Marah

Sweetening
Life's Bitter
Experiences

Topic # 2

The Response to Suffering

By John Grant, Truth and Tidings, October Issue 2007:

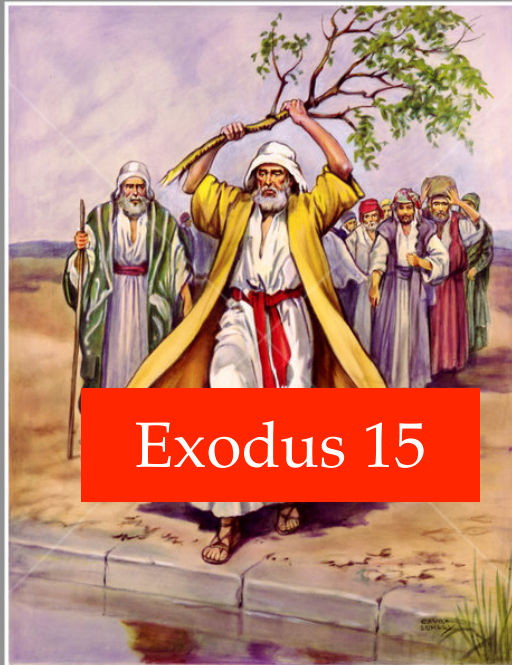
"Before the believer enters fully into that inheritance, however, he must face the sufferings and trials of life. These are for a season, for they are passing. They are "if need be" in that they have a purpose. They are manifold, in that they are plenteous. They cause heaviness, so they are pressing. Against this background, Peter's readers love the Lord Whom they had not seen and "rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory."

Isaiah 61:3

"To give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness"

Historical Summary

After celebrating their rescue from Pharaoh, the children of Israel found bitter waters at Marah. The Lord showed Moses a tree which, once it was cast into the waters, made them sweet.



John 7:37

"In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto Me, and drink."

1 Peter 1:6, 8

"Wherein ye greatly rejoice, though now for a season, if need be, ye are in heaviness through manifold temptations... Whom having not seen, ye love; in Whom, though now ye see Him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory"