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Title : Bittersweet Realities
Text : Exodus 15:23-27

INTRODUCTION

- Sweet one moment but bitter the next is a reality in life!
 - ECCLESIASTES 3:2-8 clearly illustrates this reality.
 - The exodus experience of the Israelites has an interesting narrative on such realities – we can learn how to live with it.
1. **'Bitter' realities can be purposeful. (EXO 15: 23,24)**
 - a. It reveals what is in our soul.
 - b. It breaks the self in us.
 - c. It turns us to God.
 2. **'Bitter' can be turned to 'Sweet' miraculously. (EXO 15:25)**
 - a. Begin with a cry for God's help. (PSA 34:15; 40:1)
 - b. Follow His way to receive it. (PRO 3:5,6)
 - c. He is able to transform and change. (MATT 19:26)
 3. **'Sweet' means fresh and new experiences, knowing Him more. (EXO 15:26)**
 - a. He communicates, hear Him. (HEB 1:1&2)
 - b. He keeps His Word and promises. (NUM 23:19)
 - c. His desire is to bless – His purpose is for our good.

CONCLUSION

The apostle Paul lived with bittersweet realities believing and trusting in Jesus Christ and could confidently declare “For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory,” (II COR 4:17)