

Sermon: **Blessings from Obedience**

Exodus 15: 22-27

I: Following God requires complete **trust**.

II: They didn't trust God so why would they trust their **leader**.

God made a law and decree and there he tested them:

God **allows** test to come into our lives to see if we really trust Him. These divide those who truly have faith from those who just give Him lip service.

The test and clues to a holistic, **healthy** life!

After this we see the Lord making a decree to Israel.

Listen carefully to the voice of the Lord your God, and do what is right in His eyes, if you pay attention to His commands and keep all His decrees, I will not bring on you any of the diseases I brought on the Egyptians, for I am the Lord, who heals you.

III: This liberation from Egypt did not lead to an autonomous lifestyle but an **alternate** regime.

The command has a condition "if".

This group because of this command is bound to a single purpose of doing what **God commands**.

How we can be healed – verse 26

Listen – God may be moving you to change but how are you responding? Are you hearing what He is saying without adding to it all your past baggage?

Listen **carefully** to the voice of the Lord your God. The ultimate one you follow is not only one who has authority over you (Lord), but the one who knows all, can do all, and controls all.

What this God will require of you is to do what is right in **His** eyes.

Pay attention to commands / and **keep all** His decrees.

It is one thing to hear and acknowledge what God says and quite another to do them.

If you do this then: *none of the diseases that God brought on the Egyptians will come into your life.* The Egyptians positioned themselves against God and hence they suffered for this. If you do the same then you will suffer the same fate.

He ends this by taking away any doubt that this threat can be carried out by saying **He is not only Lord but also God**.

IV: God is physically showing them that through **obedience** come blessing.