

Healing The Bitter Pool 2022

I. Introduction

- A. Ex. 15:22–25—Simple act of faith releases the miracle-working power of God. Bitter waters made sweet when Moses cast tree into the water.

Other examples:

1. Elisha threw meal in pot, neutralized the poison (2 Kings 4:38–41)
 2. Elisha threw salt into bitter spring, water became sweet (2 Kings 2:19–22)
 3. Elisha threw stick in water, caused axe head to float (2 Kings 6:5–7)
- B. Ex. 15:25–26—God used this situation to teach deep spiritual truth of healing. “I am God, your doctor.” This was God’s decision, not Israel’s.
- C. Prov. 4:20–22—A promise of total health—but only upon meeting the conditions. To enjoy this provision of God, you must “incline your ear”—that is, lay aside your own preconceptions and so hear what God is saying. This is to “listen listening.”
- D. Ex. 20:2—“I am the Lord *your* God.” Again, the condition is: *Listen and obey*.
- E. Ex. 15:25; 1 Pet. 2:24—Meaning of the “tree”: the cross. *By the wounds of Jesus you were healed*.
- F. Is there a pool of bitterness in you? By a simple act of faith, receive now God’s healing provided through the cross.