

we may have to pass through, the bitter experiences that we may pass through cause some people to become bitter themselves, cause some people to lose the joy of their Christian life, cause some people to become constant complainers and that's a danger ~~we~~ we must always guard against, but if we will bring them to the cross it can sanctify them and can show us why God causes us to have them and can make sweet the bitter experiences of life. Because nothing that we go through can possibly compare to what our Lord went through when He died for us upon the cross, and He wants to sweeten our bitter experiences and to make us joyful, radiant testimonies for the Lord Jesus Christ. When we have to do something to overcome what is evil, ^{let us do it} but let us remember that God wants to be sweet Christians, to be those who love all other Christians and who love all people and desire to win them to Himself. He wants us to sweeten all the experiences of life by ~~g~~ bringing them to the cross, and then the third experience is found in verse 27

(e. The third experience, vs. 27) "And they came to Elim where were 12 wells of water and 70 palm trees, and they encamped there by the water." And after going through this long stretch ^{with no} ~~where there was no~~ water and just longing to get to where there was water, and using up the ~~little~~ little they were able to carry with them, and it is much easier to carry enough food with you than enough water, - water is heavy and after a brief time you run out of water -- you have to carry enough water with you. I've carried food for 2 or 3 weeks ^{but} on my back, ³ or 4 days is about as much water as I can possibly carry with me. But after the ~~the~~ experience of going through the wilderness where there was no water and coming to the bitter water which God cleansed for them, then God led them into the place where there was abundance of water. And every Christian if he will hang on, every Christian if he will keep going, every Christian if will bring the ^{bitter} water that he will go through to the cross and get God to make it sweet through the cross of Christ, every Christian even though it looks impossible --