

Daily Devotional, March 10, 2021

“Yahweh Rophe”, (Exodus 15:26, NKJV)

“So Moses brought Israel from the Red Sea; then they went out into the Wilderness of Shur. And they went three days in the wilderness and found no water. Now when they came to Marah, they could not drink the waters of Marah, for they were bitter. Therefore the name of it was called Marah. And the people complained against Moses, saying, “What shall we drink?” So he cried out to the LORD, and the LORD showed him a tree. When he cast it into the waters, the waters were made sweet. There He made a statute and an ordinance for them, and there He tested them, and said, “If you diligently heed the voice of the LORD your God and do what is right in His sight, give ear to His commandments and keep all His statutes, I will put none of the diseases on you which I have brought on the Egyptians. For I am the LORD who heals you.””
(Exodus 15:22-26)

“Yahweh Rophe” is the Hebrew name of God that we find in Exodus 15:26 translated as “the LORD who heals you.” This name is found only once in the Bible (we call this a hapax legomenon), although the truth of the Lord the Great Physician is found throughout the Bible. In Psalms, for instance, Scripture says, “O LORD my God, I cried out to You, And You healed me” (Psalm 30:2). The children of Israel had just experienced a great physical deliverance, and now they are given physical provision. The Lord God healed the waters through the casting of “a tree into the waters.” “Yahweh Rophe” is not limited to physical healing only. He also heals us mentally, emotionally, and most importantly, spiritually. Does this means of healing not call to mind the crucifixion of the God-Man Jesus Christ, who hung on a cross fashioned of wood? “A tree.” Just as “Yahweh Rophe” healed the waters and preserved Israel back in the day, “the LORD who heals you” is full of spiritual healing—salvation from sin, grace, mercy, love, and forgiveness, to impart to those who seek it. Do you need some healing today? Call upon “Yahweh Rophe” and enjoy a respite from the weariness of the day, that of sweet healing communion with your God.