

"And they removed from Marah, and came unto Elim: and In Elim Were Twelve Fountains Of Water, and threescore and ten [70] palm trees; and they pitched there." Numbers 33:9 KJV



“Marah” means, “bitter,” and “Elim” means, “a place.” Twelve is the number of Heavenly Perfection. Seven is the number of Completion. Ten is the number of earthly kingdoms. Numbers are significant in Scripture. We journey on earth through an “earthly desert” of sin, and we have to completely move from the bitterness of sin to the Heavenly Perfection of God’s Word. Just knowing God’s Word isn’t enough. *“If ye know These Things, happy are ye if ye DO them.”* We have to repent of sin! Forsake it! It’s bitterness defiles. *“Looking diligently lest any man fail of the Grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble you, and thereby many be defiled. Lest there be any fornicator, or profane person, as Esau, who for one morsel of meat sold his birthright.”* Is one sin robbing your Provision? We must forsake sin and follow God’s Word completely to find the Provision God Has for us. The more material “things” we acquire, the more there is to lose, and the more care is required to guard them, creating stress and a lack of Peace and Joy. “Things” are just extra baggage we lug around which steal our energy, time, and resources. Big houses require large maintenance budgets and a lot of work. A small house is the opposite. We don’t NEED gymnasiums for sleeping and eating or closets of clothes. In the old days each person had a “nail.” We don’t NEED garages full of stuff! We don’t NEED the best of everything! We don’t NEED money. *“The love of money is the root of ALL EVIL!”* Money is simply a means to procure NEEDS. You can’t eat or wear money! God Will Either Supply the funds or the provisions. We are pilgrims. Why burden your journey with unneeded weight? Do we WANT things or do we NEED things? Few things are really NEEDS. The secret to a peaceful life is not how many earthly things you have or acquire, but how few, and how much time you spend with Father who owns it ALL! *“The Lord Is my Shepherd; I shall not want.”* He Has Promised To Supply ALL our NEED. If we don’t have it, either we’ve strayed or we don’t NEED it, yet! Father Will See to it we have ALL we NEED when we NEED it. We don’t NEED to worry for the morrow. Worry about the future is fear. Father Has Foreseen our NEED and made ready. There is already “a place,” an Elim, with the Provision we’ll NEED if we follow the Path of obedience to God’s Word. Plan for the future, but don’t fret about it, just trust and obey! Provision is already present on the Right Path!

Fountains deep and food aplenty,
Will supply the needs of many,
If we but follow and obey,
We’ll never want along our way. –CGP

Israel had to go the RIGHT direction to the RIGHT place to find water. They followed Moses who followed God. If we follow Jesus Christ, we’ll always have what we NEED!

"And we have known and believed The Love That God Hath to us. God Is Love; and he that dwelleth in Love dwelleth in God, and God in him. Herein is our Love Made Perfect, that we may have boldness in the Day of Judgment: because As He Is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in Love; but Perfect Love Casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not Made Perfect In Love. We love Him, because He First Loved us." 1 John 4:16-19 KJV