

Exodus chapters 13 and 14

“The Way Out”

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Main Point-

God delivers His people from bondage
gloriously, unexpectedly, and graciously.

Luke 2:22-24 ESV

And when the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, “Every male who first opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord”) and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, “a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons.”

Exodus 4:22-23 ESV

Then you shall say to Pharaoh, 'Thus says the Lord, Israel is my firstborn son, and I say to you, "Let my son go that he may serve me." If you refuse to let him go, behold, I will kill your firstborn son.'

1. God delivers his people from bondage gloriously.

Exodus 14:3-4 ESV

For Pharaoh will say of the people of Israel, 'They are wandering in the land; the wilderness has shut them in.' And I will harden Pharaoh's heart, and he will pursue them, and I will get glory over Pharaoh and all his host, and the Egyptians shall know that I am the Lord." And they did so.

Exodus 14:17-18

“And I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians so that they shall go in after them, and I will get glory over Pharaoh and all his host, his chariots, and his horsemen. And the Egyptians shall know that I am the Lord, when I have gotten glory over Pharaoh, his chariots, and his horsemen.”

Red Sea Rule #2

“Be more concerned for God’s glory than for your own relief.”

Our natural instinct is to ask-

“How did I get in this mess, and how can I get out?”

“How quickly can I solve this problem?”

“Why did this happen to me?”

“In the parting of the waters, God gains glory...

--when His enemies are defeated

--when His children are delivered

--when His name is exalted

--when His exploits are remembered, and

--when His praises are sounded.”

Robert Morgan, *Red Sea Rules*

2. God delivers his people from bondage unexpectedly.

When Pharaoh let the people go, God did not lead them by way of the land of the Philistines, although that was near. For God said, “Lest the people change their minds when they see war and return to Egypt.” But God led the people around by the way of the wilderness toward the Red Sea. And the people of Israel went up out of the land of Egypt equipped for battle. **Exodus 13:17-18**



Exodus 14:13-14

And Moses said to the people, “Fear not, stand firm, and see the salvation of the LORD, which he will work for you today. For the Egyptians whom you see today, you shall never see again. The LORD will fight for you, and you have only to be silent.”

3. God delivers his people from bondage graciously.

They said to Moses, “Is it because there are no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness? What have you done to us in bringing us out of Egypt? Is not this what we said to you in Egypt: ‘Leave us alone that we may serve the Egyptians’? For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness.”

Exodus 14:11-12

Exodus 14:19-20 ESV

Then the angel of God who was going before the host of Israel moved and went behind them, and the pillar of cloud moved from before them and stood behind them, coming between the host of Egypt and the host of Israel. And there was the cloud and the darkness. And it lit up the night without one coming near the other all night.