

WEEKLY WORSHIP GUIDE

Exodus 13:17-14:14--March 30th, 2025



Sermon Recap:

God, our Champion

I. God's Providence

- V.17-18- Escaping Egypt, Israel was faced with two paths to the Promised Land:
 - The Northern pass by the Sea.
 - This was the easiest, most direct path, allowing them to arrive in only two weeks.
 - The Southern Pass through the wilderness.
 - This would have taken much longer and been much more difficult.
 - The Lord knew that Israel was unprepared for the road that was most logical. They needed to take the hard road. In his providence, God calls you to walk the road of hardship and trouble, the road less traveled and because he knows what lies ahead, you can trust that this way is best because it is His way.

II. God's Promise

- V.19- Moses takes the bones of Joseph, fulfilling the promise of Gen. 50:24.
 - While traveling through the wilderness, these bones serve as a physical reminder that God keeps His promises.
 - God's promise assures His people that they might trust Him in the hardships that they are going to face in the wilderness.

III. God's Presence

- V.20-22- God promises his presence while they traveled through the wilderness.
 - Pillars of cloud and fire- a theophany- a visible manifestation of the presence of God.
 - God will not abandon them, but instead lead them to the Promised Land.

IV. God's Protection

- V.1-2-First, God tells them to turn around and camp beside the Red Sea.
- V.3-9- Pharaoh is coming with the might and vengeance of Egypt.
- V.10- Even after all they had witnessed, instead of trusting God, Israel was overwhelmed with fear, and they were ready to return to Egypt, going back to slavery.
- The Lord Responds:
 - Fear not- a rebuke, for there is nothing to fear.
 - Stand Firm- the victory has been won, now stand.
 - See- You are right where I want you,. See them coming? The trap has sprung.
 - Be silent- Do demonstrate your reliance, be still, be quiet, and do nothing. I will fight for you.

When we follow Christ, we are walking the hard, illogical path in life. We will enter into the wilderness (this world) on our way home to the Promised Land (heaven). It will be a hard path, but the Lord will lead us. The enemy will pursue us and attempt to take us back into slavery, but the Lord will fight for us. Christ is our champion, the one who stands between us and the enemy, and He has already won the victory.

So, fear not, stand firm, and see the salvation of the Lord!

Discussion Questions:

- Why was the easier path the wrong path for Israel?
- What three things did the Lord provide for Israel in this passage?
- What is the significance of taking Joseph's bones with them?
- What are the pillar of cloud and fire?
- Why did Israel panic at the Red Sea?
- How was there fear an act of rebellion?
- What four instructions were given to Israel?
- How is this a picture of the Christian life?
- How did and does Christ fight for us today?

Application:

- What fulfilled promises of God encourage you today?
- Who are you most prone to look to as a guide through this life?
- Do you struggle with being still and silent? Why?
- What battles in life are you trying to fight for yourself?
- How can you trust the Lord in those battles?

Family Worship Hymns:

- Be Still, My Soul
- Victory in Jesus

