

WEEKLY WORSHIP GUIDE

Exodus 14:15-31--April 6th, 2025



Sermon Recap:

God, our Deliverer

I. Power & Grace in Prediction

- Stuck between the Egyptian army and the sea, Israel cries out to God in desperation.
 - V.15- "Why do you cry to Me?"
 - The Lord is telling them that their prayer has already been answered, He is going to deliver them. So, this is not a time to cry. It is a time to take action and exercise faith, and "go forward."
 - V.16- God tells Moses exactly what is going to happen.
 - When anxiety is at its peak and all hope has bottomed out, that's the moment when redemption comes. Even the situation that He puts them in serves to exalt His grace.
 - Moses serves as a divine instrument to emphasize that what is about to happen is supernatural.
 - The point is not to explain how, but to understand that it is an act of God.

God is revealing his power and grace by revealing exactly what is going to happen in order to deliver Israel from their enemy.

II. Power in Protection

- The pillar that has been guiding them, now moves behind them, setting itself in a position between Israel and the Egyptian army.
 - This theophany (a visible manifestation of the Lord) is the angel of God, taking action to protect Israel.
- In this pillar, God is once again making distinction between his people and those who are not his people. The pillar provided his people with a light so bright it might as well have been day, while keep Egypt in darkness.

III. Power in Action

- V.21-22- This event who remind us of the creation story and the flood.
 - Gen. 1:2 and 8:1- Hebrew word "ruach"- wind, spirit, or Holy Spirit.
 - Here we have again a divine 'ruach', an east wind, blow through the Red Sea.
 - Gen. 1:9 and 8:13- the waters separated, dry land appeared, the waters were dried up.
 - We have the same thing here in Exodus 14. We even have the dividing of the waters.
 - The Red Sea event is seen as yet another of God's creative acts. God is repairing that which was marred in His original creation and bringing about a new creation in the very work of redemption of His people.
- V.25- Egypt is permitted to pursue Israel through the sea, and as the waters crash down upon them, they acknowledge the Lord (Psalm. 76:10).
- V.30-31- The Lord saved Israel that day from the hand of the Egyptians, and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the sea shore, and when Israel saw the great power of the Lord, there are two responses. They fear Him and they believe Him.

Why has the Lord delivered His people?

- Exodus 14:1-4, 15-18; Ephesians 1:3-14- For the praise and glory of His name.

Discussion Questions:

- What does the cry of Israel reveal about their heart?
- Why does God question their cry?
- How is God's grace evident in v.15-18?
- What is a theophany? What other examples of a theophany have we seen in Exodus?
- How does God make distinction in this passage?
- Read Genesis 1:2; 1:9; 8:1; 8:13. How is the parting of the Red Sea connected to the Creation story and Noah's flood?
 - What does this reveal about God's actions at the Red Sea?
- Who worshipped the Lord first at the Red Sea?
- How does Israel's response differ in 14:30-31 from their earlier response? What caused this change?
- Why does the Lord save His people?

Application:

- What cries are you continually lifting to the Lord today? Are your prayers an expression of faith or desperation?
- Is there an area where God is calling you to "go forward?"
- How has God revealed his power and grace in your life/salvation?
- How have you responded?
- What comfort do you find knowing that the Lord saved you for His glory?

Family Worship Hymns:

- All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name
- In Christ Alone

