

Crossing The Red Sea

Exodus 14

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Unit 11 Lesson 4

Supplemental Texts

Exo 13

Focus Verse

“But the children of Israel walked upon dry land in the midst of the sea; and the waters were a wall unto them on their right hand, and on their left.” – Exodus 14:29

Introduction

The Lord brought the Israelites out of Egypt in a powerful way. Having spared the firstborn of the Israelites from the destruction that plagued the Egyptians, the Lord asked the Israelites to consecrate their firstborn sons. As the Lord led His people on their way, He made His presence known to them through a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night.

Deeper Look

Speak Unto The Children Of Israel – Exo 14:1-12

God told the Israelites to go back and camp before Pihahiroth by the sea. This way, Pharaoh would think that the Israelites were roaming aimlessly, and he would pursue them because God had hardened his heart. In this, God would be honored over Pharaoh and his army. After being told that the Israelites had fled, Pharaoh regretted his decision to let them go; thus, he pursued them to have them back to their servitude. Upon sighting the approaching Egyptian army, the Israelites cried out to God, yet complained bitterly against Moses (v. 11). Fear prevented them from seeing the goodness of God and how God had mightily used Moses for their freedom.

Fear Ye Not, Stand Still – Exo 14:13-31

Moses, being fully confident, believed that God would deliver them; thus, he cast faith at the raging fear of his people. Despite their cry, God charged them to go forward, and He told Moses how to part the Red Sea in two to create a way for them. This time, God would harden the hearts of the Egyptians, and they would go after His people. And the Egyptians would see that the God of Israel is the Lord (Exo 9:7). The Angel of God (Exo 13:21) went between the Egyptians and the Israelites rendering impassable darkness to the former and light to the latter. Moses did as God said, and God parted the sea by a strong east wind with a wall of water on each side. God sent trouble upon the Egyptians as they went after the Israelites through the parted sea. Shortly, they realized that God was fighting for His people. Finally, the Egyptian army perished in the sea.

Questions

1. Describe what it means to be entangled. What would cause Pharaoh to think that the Israelites have been entangled?
2. Can Christians feel entangled at some point in their life? Explain. Share a time when you felt entangled. How did you overcome the situation? What does the Bible tell us about our formidable enemy? See 1 Pet 5:8.
3. Was Pharaoh interested in the freedom of the Israelites? Use the text to support your claim. What impact could the freedom of the Israelites have on the Egyptians? Who is the humans slave master? How can his prey be free?
4. Imagine yourself being among the liberated Israelites. What would your fear level be seeing the Egyptian army approaching? Would the fear draw you closer or away from God? How?
5. Did the words of Moses subside the fear of his people? Was that kind of speech appropriate for that kind of occasion? Explain.
6. How did God employ the pillar of cloud to the advantage of the Israelites but to the disadvantage of the Egyptians? What did God use the east wind to do?
7. When God fights against the enemies of His people, how much resistance can they exert? What lesson can be learned from Pharaoh and the Egyptians?

Personal Meditation

Freedom is a wonderful thing. But what is freedom if there was no subjugation? Being free from subjugation brings an immense relief that surpasses any imagination. Being in Egypt for a long time could have caused the Israelites to think less of their own land. They knew the pain of being slaves firsthand, yet they could not rid themselves of Pharaoh's yoke. To that end, God sent Moses to deliver His people (Exo 3:10). Moses was rejected by his people when he brought God's message to Pharaoh (Exo 5:20-21). God used Moses to rain down His judgment upon the Egyptians for their refusal to let the Israelites go. At last, the tenth plague sent distress to all the Egyptians that they drove the Israelites out forcibly. The Israelites panicked as the Egyptians pursued after them because on the east was the Red Sea; and on the west, was the mountains.

In an amazing way, God employed Moses and his staff to divide the Red Sea, and His people crossed over safely whereas their subjugators perished. They became free! Equally, Jesus sets us free from the subjugation of Satan (John 8:36). Praise God! Have you been set free?

DAILY STUDY

Monday	Exo 14:1-5
Tuesday	Exo 14:6-12
Wednesday	Exo 14:13-18
Thursday	Exo 14:19-21
Friday	Exo 14:22-26
Saturday	Exo 14:27-31



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