



"Fear not, stand firm, and see the salvation of the Lord" Exodus 14:13

Bible Study:



. Read Exodus 13 and 14. Consider all the ways God had revealed His power and strength to the Israelites, yet when pressed, they still chose to fear the Egyptians. The point is not to think that we know better and would have responded differently, the point is that the Israelites displayed the nature of our hearts which is to quickly lose faith. But God is faithful, and has proven His faithfulness throughout history, and will remain faithful throughout eternity.

The gospel in the story:



The combined stories of the exodus and the crossing of the Red Sea and powerful pictures of how God can save us from both the **penalty AND power of sin**. We saw in the previous lesson how God rescued the Israelites from slavery by establishing His power and dominion over Pharaoh through the mighty plagues. In the same way that Israelites were slaves to Pharaoh and the Egyptians, we are slaves to sin without the washing of Jesus' blood through faith in HIM. The Israelites ALSO needed ongoing salvation from the power of their enemies. strength and protection to battle their enemies as they followed God to their Promised destination. That was the purpose of the miracle of the parting of the Red Sea; God showed the Egyptians and the Israelites WHO would be fighting the battles for His Chosen Nation as they followed Him to the Promised Land. In the same way, those who humbly proclaim Christ as LORD can know that He has defeated Satan, and we do not have to be controlled by the power of sin and temptation!

Application

Head: What did we learn?

Q: How does God lead the Israelites after they leave Egypt? A: As a pillar of cloud and fire

Q: Where does God lead the Israelites? A: Into the wilderness.

Q: Why does God hardened Pharaoh's heart once again. A: In order to "get glory over Pharaoh and all his host." (Ex 14:4)

Q: What is Israelite's reaction when Pharaoh sends his army after them? A: They become afraid and wish they had never left Egypt.

Q: How does God show his power and glory in the situation. A: He miraculously parts the Red Sea providing safe passage for the Israelites

Q: What happens to the Egyptian army when they try to chase the Israelites? A: God causes the water to come crashing down on them

Heart : Memory verse

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Hands: How does this affect the way I live?

We need to understand that though we may be quick to fear, God calls us to put our hope and faith in Him.

Home: How does this affect my household?

The Israelites grumbling against Moses is the picture of a household divided against itself. God proved He is faithful to the Israelites, and that promise is still true today for those who put their faith in Jesus.

Heaven: How does this help us share our faith?

The Israelites witnessed a huge miracle, and broke out into song "The Lord is my strength and my song, and He has become my salvation (Ex 15:2). We who have experienced Jesus' salvation should have the same song in our hearts and desire to share that good news with our friends and neighbors.