



HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY

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Main Point: God protects His people.

1. Listen to this Spotify playlist

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2. Read this passage two times - Exodus 13:17-22, 14:1-28

3. Process

13:17-22. God had delivered His people from Egypt as He promised, but that was only half the story. Rescuing them from bondage was just the first part of His plan; He still wanted to return the people to the land He had given to Abraham and their ancestors (Ex. 3:8). Joseph had brought Jacob's family from that land to Egypt 430 years earlier.

It was time for the patriarch's descendants to go home. And God would lead the way. Up to this point in the Exodus account, God had mostly worked through Moses. God would speak to Moses, then Moses would act on His behalf. God could have continued that practice here. He could have spoken to Moses and told him where to lead the people, but He didn't. Instead, God chose to go ahead of the people Himself—in a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night. In this kind act of God, the people would be assured of His constant presence. There would be no mistake that they were precisely where God wanted them to be—even though their journey would take them in unexpected directions. There would also be no mistake that God had delivered them from Egypt only to abandon them in the wilderness. His presence was on display before them always.

14:29. The Red Sea reminds us of God's distinct activity throughout Scripture: the way He uses water to bring about judgment and cleansing and, thus, redemption. He takes His people safely through water, out of a miserable state, and rescues them.

Noah's ark, Moses' basket, the parting of the Red Sea, the crossing of the Jordan River, and Jonah's three days in the fish—these are all examples of God delivering through water. God has given us these stories in Scripture for our instruction, so that we may have a better understanding of the deliverance we have been given in Christ. A deliverance that looked just as impossible—even more so—as the Israelites' deliverance from the closing vice of Egypt's army and the Red Sea. A deliverance where God made the impossible possible, rescuing us from the clutches of sin and death through the sacrifice of His Son.



As God stepped in and saved His faithless people, He offered us a clear picture of the gospel. God's salvation of the Israelites is a shadow of a greater salvation that would come in Christ. Look at the parallels:

- We are saved from bondage. Like the Israelites who were delivered from their enslavement, which is a picture of salvation, we are freed from the bondage of sin through Jesus.
- We are saved by grace. In Exodus 14:13-14, Moses tells the Israelites to stand still and watch as the Lord fought for them and provided salvation. The principle of grace couldn't be clearer here. Salvation is not about what we do but about what God has done for us in Jesus (See Romans 4:3-8).
- We are saved through a mediator. The Israelites didn't drown because they had a mediator. Consider Moses' role: He's identified with the Israelites, and He's identified with God. But there's another mediator—a better one—Jesus Christ. He was not rebuked for just one sin, but this Mediator took on God's wrath for all our sin. And this Mediator was God (See John 1:1). Jesus is the only way we cross over.

5. Think About It

- Why do you think it is important to see the connection between the Red Sea and Jesus' work on the cross?
- How was God glorified in this account? How was this good for the people to see and experience?
- How do the Israelite's complaints reflect the attitudes of our hearts?
- What are the primary ways God guides and directs His people today? Why are these ways better than the cloud and pillar of fire the Israelites had?

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