

DELIVERANCE- An Act of GOD

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Main Scripture: Exodus 12: 1- 29

Supporting scriptures: Exodus 13: 17 - 21; Exodus 14: 5 - 31

Notes:

The book of Exodus gives us an account of the nation of Israel, (the sons of Jacob) that became a nation in Egypt. After they were enslaved by the Egyptians the Lord heard the cry of his people and selected Moses a prince in Egypt who ran away from the palace because he acted on behalf of his brethren. He was miraculously saved from a decree to kill all the young sons of the Israelites but God delivered Moses from the threat of the enemy. God met him on the backside of the desert because he acted in defense of one of his own and slew an Egyptian. The news went around and reached the ears of Pharaoh that Moses had killed him and so while he was a foreigner in the land of Midian and taking care of his Father in laws sheep that God met him in a miraculous way at a burning bush. He told Moses that now is the appointed time for Pharaoh to let His people go. God plagued the Egyptians with many mighty miracles against the Egyptians.

Exodus 12 tells us of the final account and the Lord spoke to Moses to tell him that this is the Passover. Let's look carefully at what God is saying, He is preparing his people for deliverance and is giving them instructions. On the tenth day of a specific month every man needs a lamb for his house ... God is giving his instruction concerning his act of deliverance. It doesn't matter what Moses and the congregation think about it, deliverance is an act of God. If someone refused to adhere to and obey with what the Lord commanded he wouldn't be delivered. He has to obey to ensure he is part of those who are delivered. We can't choose what we want, deliverance is an act of God. God is specific concerning his deliverance. When God says eat of it, it doesn't matter if you like it or you don't this is God's way of bringing forth his act of deliverance. God is instructing his people concerning their deliverance but at the same time when God is delivering his people there is another set of people that will be judged by God. Egypt found themselves in this predicament. This tells us that God has an account and he keeps the record of everything, He knows. Its the blood that makes the difference. When you go back and read what the Lord told Moses you realize that deliverance is an ACT of God and if we are to be delivered we should follow his instructions. You can't form your opinions based on His instructions you have to listen and obey. God is not taking into account your family or your past; he only wants the evidence of your obedience; is there blood on this door? From the palace to the prison God did not miss. This gives us a picture of the pending judgment against this world. There is a pathway of deliverance for those who trust in the Lord and judgment for those who reject him. Israel came out in such haste - we look at the attitude of the children of Israel who paid attention to the words of Moses if they were in the process of baking cakes they would be caught up in the judgement they had no time to think about that but their only focus was to pay attention to what the Lord said.

Exodus 13: 17 - The promised land is their destination and from Egypt to the promised land has everything to do with their deliverance. This gives us the scope of God's act of deliverance. God began to lead them and although there was a pathway much nearer than where God was leading them He did not lead them through that path. God knows what we can handle. Some may say but there goes an easier route why are we not going there and soon you hear murmuring in the camp. But let us be focused that deliverance is

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an act of God. We are given instructions on how to operate in the will of God. God begins to lead them and the shortest route is through the enemy's land and God said no. Also God recognized they are not ready for war they are coming out of slavery. Sometimes the Lord is leading us in one direction and you begin to complain because it seems too bitter and sometimes it's the church that is going in one direction and someone else knows better than God to go another route. But deliverance is an act of God.

Exodus 13: 17 - 21

There is no deliverance outside of the presence of the Lord. God must be in the camp. Men must subject themselves to the leading of the Lord. The presence of the Lord is what matters. If we are not subjected to the presence of the Lord then we have lost our way and we are on the same dead end street as the unbeliever. We are sheep so we must be led so he went before them in a pillar of cloud by day and pillar of fire by night. To show that when he says he will be with you He will be with you. This kind of God we can serve him and trust him because He knows what he is doing.

Exodus 14: 5-31

The enemy is never satisfied. What the enemy wants is for us to be enslaved to a system that does not honor the eternal God. Egypt honored the system of this world and the agenda of Satan. Even in the act of deliverance we must be conscious that the enemy never ceases to steal, kill and destroy but the only thing that separates us from the enemy is the presence of the Lord.

God gave Pharaoh room and they chased after Israel. Israel cried out unto the Lord and also they said unto Moses "have you taken us to die in the wilderness?" We have to be conscious of our attitude. God will be delivering and when we see difficult situations and the hand of the enemy against us there is a temptation to complain. Once that spirit is in the camp we are in trouble. When we read about the lives or the account of the Israelites as they wandered in the wilderness we note that after leaving Egypt in a mighty way here comes the complaining. Can you imagine God spoke, he passed over and we witnessed it but then forgot and blamed Moses and complained in deliverance. Some folks don't mind setting up the system of this world.

So they wanted to be enslaved to the Egyptians and yet it was their cry that God heard. Thank God for a leader who is connected. If he allowed them to complain and cripple his mind he wouldn't be successful but He said fear not the Lord will fight for you. The Holy Ghost says Move forward don't get paralyzed by fear. Don't be crippled with fear, move forward don't stop, you're in the midst of deliverance. God is never left without a plan God knows what he is doing God will get the upper hand of Pharaoh and his people Israel is looking back and is paralyzed with fear but Moses says stand still and see His salvation. Moses said stretch out your hand Moses and the angel of God who went before the camp went now behind them and stood between the camp of the Egyptians and Israel. Nothing like the presence of the Lord. You can tell the enemy to plan all he wants God will know when to move. If the Egyptians were to fight they had to fight the presence of the Lord first. The presence of the Lord meant everything. That Cloud was darkness to the Egyptians but was light to Israel. When Israel saw =when they looked back was the presence of the Lord. Egypt saw a reflection of themselves - darkness as they were about to face a doomy and gloomy moment in their lives.

God looked at the host through his fire and they were in dread - where the presence of the Lord is there is safety. I can just look now and see this cloud with the presence of the Lord.

Remember the words of Moses - the Egyptians you see today you will see them no more. God honored his word. Not one of the Egyptians were left. Deliverance comes only by God. It is an act of God. He doesn't need our help, he only needs our obedience. What do you do when you see the mighty hand of God and God delivering you out of your troubles and darkness? What do we do? The bible said the people

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feared the Lord and that the challenge we have today. When they saw all those dead bodies washed up on the seashore the Bible says that the people feared God. It is important for the people who have been delivered to continue to Fear God. The people feared the Lord and his servant Moses. The people feared the Lord and that kind of fear caused them to believe the Lord and believe his servant Moses. When God moves the people fear the Lord and believe the Lord and his servant Moses. When we leave and we have seen an act of deliverance the next step is to protect what we have to receive from the Lord. We protect it by continuing to fear and believe. When we lose the fear then unbelief will set into the camp. We did not get the privilege to dictate to the Lord as to how he works out our salvation. Salvation or deliverance has everything to do with God. It is an act of God. What we do is to fear and believe. Nothing else. Fear the Lord and have faith in Him. Love him because he is good. We don't get the privilege to tell him how to function. He is big and great and Holy and High and lifted up and His ways are above ours and His thought can not be compared to a finite creature. His ways are past finding out. He is the one who called us His church. He said on this rock he builds his church and the gates of Hell shall not prevail. The enemy is afraid of the Church. The nations gather themselves against the Holy one and against his Christ - the world is afraid and the Church is powerful. What the enemy wants to do is allow us to believe that we are less powerful than we are. He feeds us with lies and cripples us with fear. God says I am going to take care of you and the enemy lashes out against us. Some of us made decisions that cost us our jobs. There is no need to fear. God says I will take care of you and so He will. The Israelites come out of Egypt with dough in their hand not food. Egypt vomited them out and no one was thinking where are we going and how will we survive but they were happy for deliverance. Stay in the presence of the Lord that's where our safety is. The name of the Lord is a strong tower the righteous runs in and are safe. There is a pillar of cloud that is the presence of the Lord in you and around you and fighting for us. The battle is not ours, it belongs to the Lord. I want to tell someone tonight when God says stay behind the cloud stay behind the cloud if you move you're in trouble. When the cloud settles we settle and when it moves we move. It's the presence of the Lord we may not have knowledge of all things and when we think we have a challenge then let that challenge stay there until God speaks. The red sea was a challenge God put in front of them and God led them to the place where God is to execute judgement against the Egyptians. If you started with God you are already at the end with Him. If you are with God you are already at the end with him. He transcends time. It is his activity to allow time to exist. If I am in Him i am victorious. It means eternal life abides in me whatever transpires now is ok because I am in Him. The enemy is part of God's creation. So when God says something is good, whatever is against it is evil. Worship God and lift him up! Talking about the Egyptians are taking away bread he says I am the bread of Life Right now He is making a way for you. We serve a great big wonderful God. The enemy is lifting his mighty head against you but God's presence is around you. Lift up the name of the Lord. Take him out of the box and look at him as the prince of peace, the one who gave us victory again and again. We will see Him and not another. We honor him tonight.