

## QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. Why did the Children of Israel murmur against God? In what ways do people today murmur against God?
2. How can the message of assurance given to the Israelites be a message to us also?
3. How did God demonstrate His power to the Children of Israel? How can we recognize His guidance today?
4. How important is obedience in seeking God's guidance?
5. Why is it that we often forget that the Lord will fight our battles for us, if we would only allow Him?

### SUMMARY:

God knew as the Children of Israel left Egypt that they would find themselves on the banks of the Red Sea, pursued by the soldiers of Pharaoh with no apparent way of escape. He planned this occasion that they might learn the nature of the heart of God. He wanted to teach them that the strength of God can be manifested through the weakness of man. He wants them to cry out and ask that He might answer their prayers in a mighty way. God did find in the person of Moses one who trusted in Him, knowing that the God of Abraham would fulfill that which He had promised. God answered the prayers of Moses in a miraculous way.

Today also, God would answer many more prayers, if they were but uttered in faith. The Word says that we receive not, because we ask not. God wants to open the doors of heaven and pour out blessings on those who are obedient and call upon His name.

### NOTES:

## APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Bible Lesson #1

April 3, 2022

Second Quarter

### GUIDANCE THROUGH OBEDIENCE

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**LESSON TEXT:** *Exodus 14:10-22*

**LESSON SETTING:** The Land of Goshen in Egypt following the tenth plague.

**TIME:** About 1491 B.C.

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**I. DIVINE GUIDANCE DESPISED.** Exodus 14:10-12

- A. Fear (vs. 10) Judges 7:3; 1 Samuel 17:24; Proverbs 29:25; Isaiah 51:12
- B. Murmuring (vs. 11) Proverbs 19:3; John 6:43; 1 Corinthians 10:10

**II. DIVINE GUIDANCE DEFENDED.** Exodus 14:13-18

- A. Fear Not (vs. 13) 2 Kings 6:15-16; Isaiah 41:10; Matthew 10:30-31
- B. Wait on the Lord (vs. 13) Psalm 27:14; Isaiah 40:31; Hosea 12:6
- C. Deliverance is of God (vs. 14) Psalm 91:3; 1 Corinthians 10:13; 2 Timothy 4:18; 2 Peter 2:9

**III. DIVINE GUIDANCE DEMONSTRATED.** Exodus 14:19-22

- A. God's Protection (vs. 19) Psalm 34:7; 91:4; Zechariah 2:5; Mark 4:37-40; Hebrews 13:5-6
- B. God's Power (vs. 21) Job 26:12; Psalm 62:11; Psalm 65:6
- C. A Way Provided (vs. 22) Proverbs 15:19; Isaiah 30:21; 42:16; Acts 16:25-26

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**GOLDEN TEXT: . . . FEAR YE NOT; STAND STILL, AND SEE THE SALVATION OF THE LORD . . .**  
Exodus 14:13

**NEXT SUNDAY'S LESSON:** Exodus 12:1-36; 1 Corinthians 5:7  
**SUPPLEMENTAL REFERENCES:** Leviticus 17:11; Isaiah 53:5;  
Matthew 26:29; John 3:14;  
Hebrews 9:22; 10:10-12

**QUARTERLY THEME:** Journeys of Israel

**TOPIC:** CHRIST, OUR PASSOVER

**INTRODUCTION:**

The time had finally arrived in the plan of God for His people to leave the land of Egypt—a land which He had used so many years before for their physical salvation. God not only had to prepare the hearts of the people of Egypt who hated to lose their cheap laborers and their rich flocks, He also had to prepare the hearts of His people who would have chosen the persecution of the Egyptians to an unknown way to which God directed them.

The way in which God accomplished His purpose bears witness to the wonders of His ways. Each of the ten plagues involved one of the many gods which the Egyptians worshipped. This in itself should have shown Pharaoh that his gods were powerless before the living God. Instead, it served to harden his heart until the time of the last plague. This last one brought permanent sorrow to every house in Egypt; every house, that is, except to those which were equipped through obedience to be exempt from the hand of the death angel.

Each house in which the occupants had, in obedience to God, selected a lamb of the first year without blemish and had sacrificed it to God and had eaten the lamb and had remained inside with loins girt about, was spared the death of their firstborn.

The Bible says that all men had sinned and that the penalty for sin is death. The only way we can escape this death is to appropriate the blood of the Lamb of God in our lives.

**CENTRAL TRUTH:** The shedding of Christ's blood paid the price of our redemption.

**GOLDEN TEXT:** *AND ALMOST ALL THINGS ARE BY LAW PURGED WITH BLOOD; AND WITHOUT THE SHEDDING OF BLOOD IS NO REMISSION.*  
Hebrews 9:22

In the beginning God made a man in His own image. We know that this is a spiritual image and not a physical one. God placed within the heart of a man a void which He alone can fill. Thus, man apart from God lacks something and will never have a real peace. This is borne out by the heathen who have never received a formal knowledge of God. They too, know within themselves that without the shedding of blood, there is no remission of sin.

Within the history of civilized people, we also find that recognized need for the blood penalty for the sins of man. The Bible states that there is only one source for permanent remission of sin and that is the blood of Christ. All others are temporary or vain attempts to substitute for it.

The Bible further states that sinful man has forfeited his life through transgression of the knowledge of good and evil which God has also placed within the heart of man. Fortunately, all may gain access to the throne of grace through the one acceptable sacrifice, the blood of Christ. Whether or not this remission of sin applies in a given life depends on two things: first, on whether a man or woman seeks God with all that lies within them, and second, on whether they act upon the light which God provides those who seek Him.

**DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF April 4 – 10**

- M. Deliverance Suggested. Exodus 8:25-32
- T. Deliverance Commanded. Exodus 9:13-26
- W. Deliverance Delayed. Exodus 10:3-15
- T. Deliverance Assured. Exodus 11:1-10
- F. \*Deliverance Anticipated. Exodus 12:1-20
- S. \*Deliverance Through the Blood. Exodus 12:21-36
- S. \*Deliverance Realized. Exodus 12:31-36; 1 Corinthians 5:7

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