

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE CLASS

OCTOBER 9, 2024

EXODUS 14:10-20

### INTRODUCTION:

1. God led the children of Israel back the way they came giving Pharaoh and the Egyptians hope of recapturing their slave labor. (Ex. 14.1,2)
  - a) Purpose: God had a reason for turning Israel back the way they came. (Ex. 14.3,4)
  - b) Preparation: Pharaoh prepared his army to recapture Israel. (Ex. 14.5-7)
  - c) Pursuit: Pharaoh and his chariots pursued Israel. (Ex. 14.8,9)
2. One last time, God protected His people from Egypt and delivered them from Pharaoh.

### I. THE PROTECTION OF GOD

- A. With the Egyptian army in sight, the children of Israel are afraid.
  1. **EXODUS 14.10:** *“And when Pharaoh drew near...”* (cf. vs. 7,9)
  2. **EXODUS 14.10:** *“...the children of Israel lifted their eyes”* What a sight!
  3. **EXODUS 14.10:** *“...So they were very afraid”* Trapped by the mountains and sea, their defeat and death seemed inevitable.
- B. Fearing the Egyptians, the children of Israel reacted in three ways.
  1. They cried out to the LORD.
    - a) **EXODUS 14.10:** *“the children of Israel cried out to the LORD”*
    - b) Literally, to summon, to ask for help. (Ps. 34.17; Ex. 2.23)
  2. The complained to Moses.
    - a) **EXODUS 14.11:** *“Then they said to Moses...”* They felt betrayed. (Ex. 5.20,21)
    - b) **EXODUS 14.12,13:** They would rather live as slaves than die as pilgrims.
- C. God protected Israel from the pursuing Egyptians.
  1. **EXODUS 14.19:** *“And the Angel of God...moved and went behind them”*
    - a) Previously, the pillar of cloud was in front of them to lead them. (Ex. 13,21,22)
    - b) Now, the pillar was between Israel and Egypt’s army.
  2. **EXODUS 14.20:** *“Thus it was a cloud and darkness to the one, and it gave light by night to the other, so that the one did not come near the other all that night.”*

### II. GOD PROTECTS HIS PEOPLE TODAY

- A. The enemy can strike fear in the heart of even the most faithful disciple.
  1. Repeatedly, the protection of Israel is referenced as an example to alleviate our fears.
    - a) The enemies of Israel were trying to make them afraid. (Neh. 4.14; 6.9,13,14)
    - b) **NEHEMIAH 9.1-12:** In worship to God, the people remembered God’s protection of Israel at the Red Sea. (Neh. 4.14; 6.9,13,14)
  2. Who are the enemies of the people of God?
    - a) An enemy is someone who wants to do you harm. (Matt. 5.43,44)
    - b) Our enemies can be our own family. (Ps. 55.12-14; Matt. 10.21,22; 34-36)
    - c) Ultimately, our enemy is the devil. (Matt. 13.39; 1 Pet. 5.8)
- B. Two ways of dealing with fear.
  1. We deal with fear by fearing God more than our enemies.
    - a) **ISAIAH 8.11-13:** Do not *“be afraid of their threats...Let Him be your fear”*
    - b) **MATTHEW 10.28:** In the face of being killed for their faith, the disciple were told to fear God more than *“those who kill the body”* (Matt. 10.26,,28,31)
  2. We deal with fear by trusting in God’s protection.
    - a) **1 CORINTHIANS 10.13:** *“God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able”* Able (dynamai): Literally, what is within your ability.
    - b) **1 CORINTHIANS 10.13:** *“but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it.”* Bear (hupophero): To carry under.