

EXODUS: GOD'S POWER, PRESENCE, AND PURPOSE REVEALED

Week 7 – Exodus 13:1-15:21

Main idea: Salvation is the mighty act of God whereby He sets apart a people *for* Himself *all by* Himself. It has always been “by grace...through faith...not as a result of works, so that no one may boast” (Eph. 2:8, 9)

- I. **God redeems, we _____ . (13:1-16)**
 - a. Consecration and redemption of the firstborn: think *ownership* and *substitute*
 - i. Numbers 3:12-13; 18:14-16
 - ii. 1 Peter 1:18, 19
 - iii. 1 Corinthians 6:20
 - b. The Feast of Unleavened Bread: think *sudden deliverance* (12:33, 34, 39) and *purification* (1 Corinthians 5:6-8)
- II. **God leads, we _____ . (13:17-14:12)**
 - a. He leads them away from temptation. (13:17, 18; Matt. 6:13; 1 Cor. 10:13)
 - b. He leads them to a place of weakness and complete dependence. (14:1-12; 2 Cor. 12:9, 10)
- III. **God fights, we _____ . (14:13-15)**
 - a. Compare with 17:8-10 when God *does* call on His people to take up arms and fight
 - b. Ephesians 2:8, 9
- IV. **God works wonders, we _____ . (14:16-31)**

V. **God saves, we _____ . (15:1-21)**

- a. He is highly exalted (v. 1)
- b. He is our strength and our salvation (v. 2)
- c. He is a (victorious!) warrior. (v. 3)
- d. He is majestic is power. (v. 6)
- e. He is like no other. (v. 11)
- f. He is faithful. (v. 13-18)

“A grand theme of Scripture appears at this point in the song (in verse 13). Even though God has graciously come at various times and ways—most fully in Christ—to the place where we live, it has always been God’s plan that his people should, because of the work of Christ, eventually join him where he lives. The story of ancient Israel mirrors this. God called them out of where they had been born and had been living (Egypt), bound them to himself in a covenant (at Sinai and again in Deuteronomy), and then led them to his holy dwelling (Israel/Jerusalem/the temple). The same sort of thing happens in Christ, yet on a greater and more lasting scale. God calls those who believe in him out of where they have been born and are living (earth), binds them to himself in a (new) covenant (by believing in Jesus as Savior and Lord), and then leads them to his holy dwelling (heaven).” (Stuart, D. K., *Exodus* Vol. 2, 355–356)

Time to “marinate”:

- 1) Has God ever lead to you a place of weakness and complete dependence? If so, how did you grow spiritually? What aspect(s) of God’s character really came alive to you in that hard place?
- 2) What part of the hymn in chapter 15 do you love the most and why?
- 3) How are you ensuring that your family regularly remembers the mighty act of God’s redemption through the work of Jesus?