

“SEE THE SALVATION OF THE LORD”

LESSON 17
EXODUS 14-19

- Sad legacy of a faith that would not endure (Psa. 95:8-11)
- How could they?
- “Today, if you would hear His voice, Do not harden your hearts” (v. 7-8)
- “Let him who thinks he stands...” (1 Cor. 10:1-12)
- “Take care, brethren...” (Heb. 3:12ff)
- “How shall we escape...” (Heb. 12:1-3)

Chapter 14

- Yet again, Pharaoh's heart is hardened (v. 1-8)
 - Indirect route and the perception
 - Realization that the free labor is gone
 - A powerful army
- “The sons of Israel looked, and became very frightened” (v. 10)
 - “You have taken us away to die in the wilderness?” (v. 11-12)
- What they “saw” and perceived led to fear and lack of faith
 - Israel at Mt. Sinai
 - Spies report (Num. 13)
 - Goliath (1 Sam. 17)
 - Peter (Mt. 14)
 - A father and the disciples (Mk. 9; Mt. 17)

Chapter 14

- Moses responds (v. 13-14)
- The Lord responds (v. 19-20; Jos. 24:7)
- Joshua and Caleb – “The Lord is with us”
- David – “The Lord will deliver”
- Jesus to Peter – “Why did you doubt?”
- Jesus to the father – “All things are possible to him who believes”
- To the disciples - “If you have faith the size of a mustard seed”
- Jn. 16:28 – “Take courage, I have overcome the world”
- 2 Cor. 4:16 – “Therefore, we do not lose heart”
- 5:7 – “We walk by faith, not by sight”

Chapter 14

- Each one's role (v. 15-18)
 - To Israel, "Go forward"
 - To Moses, "Stretch out your hand"
 - God would provide deliverance and be exalted
- The water divides (v. 21-22)
- The Egyptians overthrown (v. 23-28); graphic description in verse 30 (Psa. 58:6-11)
- Israel delivered and believed (v. 29-31)
- Hope stemming from God's judgements (Psa. 59; Isa. 51)

Chapter 15

A song of praise and thanksgiving

- The Lord – strength, salvation, warrior, majestic in power, shattering the enemy, greatness, excellence, holy and awesome, lovingkindness and redemption, our guide (v. 1-13)
- Terror and dread on all who hear (v. 14-16)
- The grumbling begins (v. 22-27)
- “I, the LORD, am your healer”

Chapter 16

A picture of God's faithfulness, both to this generation and to us (Lam. 3:19-26)

- Memories fade quickly – “Pots of meat” and “bread to the full”
- To humble (Deut. 8:2) and to test – “Will they walk in My instruction?”
- Murmuring against God's instrument = Murmuring against God (v. 7-9)
- Meat in the evening, bread in the morning
- A lesson and a shadow

Chapter 17

Provision and Protection

- Hints of a rebellious people (v 2-4, 7)
- “Strike the rock” and God will provide
- Another shadow of salvation to come
 - Psa. 18:1-3... “The Lord is my Rock”
 - Psa. 61:1-2... “The Rock that is higher than I”
 - 1 Cor 10:3... “The Rock was Christ”
 - 1 Pet. 2:4-8... “A choice stone, a precious corner stone”
- Protection while vulnerable at Rephidim (v. 8-16)

Chapter 19

The LORD descends on the mountain

- An offer with conditions
- “All that the LORD has spoken we will do!”
- Preparations to stand before the LORD (v. 9-15)
- A scene beyond description as Jehovah descends to the mountain
 - Thunder and lighting from the thick cloud
 - Entire mountain quaked violently, consumed by smoke as God descends in fire
 - Trumpet blast of ever-increasing volume
 - Moses speaks, the LORD answers with thunder
- The reaction of the people and Moses
- Mt. Sinai/Mt. Zion - Heb. 12:14, 18-29