

The Journey
Series 03: Covenant
Week 22: God Delivers and Provides

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Review (Where We Have Been)

Key Thoughts from Last Week...

- God ***called*** and ***would use*** Moses to deliver the Israelites from Egyptian slavery
- God ***rescued*** Israel from Pharaoh's slavery through sending 10 plagues

How did we conclude last week?

Exodus 12:31 (ESV) Then he [*Pharaoh*] summoned Moses and Aaron by night and said, "Up, go out from among my people, both you and the people of Israel; and go, serve the Lord, as you have said."

BIG Idea

Today, **God's deliverance and provision will be on display.**

Israel couldn't have rescued themselves, nor did they deserve His help – they doubted His ability.

Exodus 6:9 (ESV) ...but they did not listen to Moses, because of their broken spirit and harsh slavery.

Information (What We Need to Know)

Let's begin by looking at why God delivered Israel from Egyptian slavery...

- To keep His promises (to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob - land, nation, leader)
 - To preserve the Deliverer ("all nations of the earth will be blessed through you")
 - To entrust God's message of rescue to Israel (who would proclaim it to the world)
- God entrusted His Truth to Israel (Moses/prophets). They were to teach it to the world.**

Israel's Escape Out of Egypt...

- God led the way out of Egypt
 - ✓ His path (not the shortest route)

Exodus 13:17 (ESV) ...God did not lead them by way of the land of the Philistines, although that was near. For God said, "Lest the people change their minds when they see war and return to Egypt." **18** But God led the people around by the way of the wilderness toward the Red Sea. And the people of Israel went up out of the land of Egypt equipped for battle.

“The coastal route was the shortest/most common way to go from Egypt to Canaan. Yet it was also the road where Egypt’s military outposts were. God knew the people of Israel were not ready to face this yet.” – David Guzik

- ✓ His presence (pillar of cloud and fire a visible mark of God’s leading)

Exodus 13:21 (ESV) And the Lord went before them by day in a pillar of cloud to lead them along the way, and by night in a pillar of fire to give them light, that they might travel by day and by night. **22** The pillar of cloud by day and the pillar of fire by night did not depart from before the people.

- Israel’s escape was “halted” by the Red Sea (God brought Israel here to demonstrate to them, and to the Egyptians that He is the Almighty, sovereign God)



- Pharaoh changed his mind and decided to chase down Israel

Exodus 14:5 (ESV) When the king of Egypt was told that the people had fled, the mind of Pharaoh and his servants was changed toward the people... **6** So he made ready his chariot and took his army with him...

- ✓ The Israelites feared and blamed Moses (God’s mercy prevailed)

Exodus 14:10 (ESV) ...the Egyptians were marching after them, and they feared greatly. **11** They said to Moses, “Is it because there are no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness? What have you done to us in bringing us out of Egypt? **12** Is not this what we said to you in Egypt: ‘Leave us alone that we may serve the Egyptians’? For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness.”

- ✓ Moses assured Israel that God would provide rescue to them again

Exodus 14:13 (ESV) And Moses said to the people, “Fear not, stand firm, and see the salvation of the Lord, which he will work for you today. For the Egyptians whom you see today, you shall never see again. **14** The Lord will fight for you, and you have only to be silent.”

- God provided a way for Adam and Eve to be accepted after they had sinned
- God provided a way for Abel to be accepted by God
- God provided a way for Noah and his family to be saved from the flood
- God provided a way to save Isaac when Abraham was going to sacrifice him
- God provided a way to save the firstborn children of the Israelites from death

- **God delivered Israel from the Egyptians** (once again)

Exodus 14:21 (ESV) Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and the Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night and made the sea dry land, and the waters were divided. **22** And the people of Israel went into the midst of the sea on dry ground, the waters being a wall to them on their right hand and on their left. **23** The Egyptians pursued and went in after them into the midst of the sea, all Pharaoh's horses, his chariots, and his horsemen. **27** So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and the sea returned to its normal course... **28** The waters returned and covered the chariots and the horsemen; of all the host of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea, not one of them remained. **29** But the people of Israel walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters being a wall to them on their right hand and on their left..

The Israelites had seen God's deliverance and provision, but they still doubted...

- **Israel complained about having no food, but God provided** (30 days after escape)

Exodus 16:2 (ESV) And the whole congregation of the people of Israel grumbled against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness, **3** and the people of Israel said to them, "Would that we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the meat pots and ate bread to the full, for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger."

Exodus 16:11 (ESV) And the Lord said to Moses, **12** "I have heard the grumbling of the people of Israel. Say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall be filled with bread. Then you shall know that I am the Lord your God.'"

- **Israel complained about having no water, but God provided**

Exodus 17:1 (ESV) ...there was no water for the people to drink. **3** But the people thirsted there for water, and the people grumbled against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?" **4** So Moses cried to the Lord, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me."

Exodus 17:5 (ESV) And the Lord said to Moses, "...take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. **6** Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock at Horeb, and you shall strike the rock, and water shall come out of it, and the people will drink." And Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel.

Application (What We Need to Do)

“The example of Israel’s experience in the wilderness warns of what can happen to people who hear God’s words and see his works, but do not come to true faith.” – ESV Study Bible

1 Corinthians 10:1 (NLT) I don’t want you to forget, dear brothers and sisters, about our ancestors in the wilderness long ago. All of them were guided by a cloud that moved ahead of them, and all of them walked through the sea on dry ground. **2** In the cloud and in the sea, all of them were baptized as followers of Moses. **3** All of them ate the same spiritual food, **4** and all of them drank the same spiritual water. For they drank from the spiritual rock that traveled with them, and that rock was Christ.

“Israel had the presence of Christ with them in the wilderness! Here, in identifying the ***Rock that traveled with them***, Paul builds on a rabbinical tradition that said Israel was supplied with water by the same rock all through the wilderness, a rock that ***traveled with them***. Jesus Christ was present with Israel in the wilderness, providing for their needs miraculously.” – David Guzik

1 Corinthians 10:5 (NLT) Yet God was not pleased with most of them, and their bodies were scattered in the wilderness.

“God is certainly good ***TO*** us. But more importantly, God is good ***FOR*** us. He is what we should want. We don’t just want God’s gifts; we want God. If we go to God to get God’s gifts, we won’t get God’s gifts and we won’t get God, ***but if we go to God to get God, we will get God and His gifts.***” – J.T. English