

Moses: The Red Sea

Heb 11:29; Ex 14:8-31

1. Intro

1. The people of Israel experienced victory over their enemies as they trusted God
2. Trust and obedience led to deliverance.
 1. In obedience to the passover instructions, God has passed over them and brought them redemption.
 2. Now it is time to act upon that redemption.
3. Once through the Red Sea their salvation is complete.

2. Leaving

1. We do not get too far into the narrative and we see people doing what people do; complain.
 1. The army is fast approaching.
 2. Everyone knows the results; death (10-12)
2. In the face of difficulty unbelief in God surfaced.
 1. Is God in control?
 1. It sounds like they are relying on their own abilities.
 2. Faith gets behind the difficulty and there finds God in all His faithfulness, love and power.
3. Moses, responds by telling them to watch what the Lord will do. (13-14)
 1. Over the years Moses has learned what faith is.
 2. Faith is now firm.
4. Moses prays to God again (for deliverance) (15)
 1. God's response is get on with it.
5. Moses is obedient as he lifts his staff to the instructions of God (16)
 1. God then uses natural means (wind) to provide a path for His people.
6. We see God switching from guiding to guarding. (Isa 52:12)
 1. The cloud, a source of light for Israel, and darkness to the Egyptians. (19-20)
 2. Depicts the dual nature of God's glory in salvation and judgment.
 1. The same fire melts wax and hardens clay.

3. Salvation

1. Death and Resurrection
 1. With a wall of water on each side, Israel passes through "the grave" to the other side.
 2. They are "resurrected" on the other side.
 3. The old enemy is gone.
2. The people of Israel experienced victory over their enemies as they trusted God.
 1. We can be in that same position too.
3. Trust and obedience resulted in the Israelites' preservation.
 1. Trust and obedience our our preservation also.
4. God redeemed Israel on the Passover night, but their deliverance from slavery was completed at the Red Sea.
 1. In Christian experience these two works of God, redemption and deliverance, occur at the same time; they are two aspects of salvation.

5. The Israelites were this side of redemption and this side of deliverance.
 1. They could not go back.
 2. Now will they be obedient to God and follow Him?
6. If we have put our trust in Jesus as redeemer and saviour, we are this side of redemption and deliverance.
 1. We cannot go back.
 2. The issue is; will we be obedient and follow Him?

4. Conclusion

1. Israel was redeemed by the blood, was buried and resurrected.
 1. All done by the power of God.
 2. All Israel needed to do was respond by faith. Trusting in their Creator.
2. We have been redeemed, buried and resurrected.
 1. All done by the work of Jesus.
 2. All we need to do is respond in faith. Trusting in Jesus.