

A Song of Salvation

Proclamation Life Groups; Week of Sunday, February 13, 2022; Exodus 13:17-15:21; Steve Thiel

Sermon Theme: God's glorious salvation for Israel from death and enslavement through the Red Sea anticipates a greater salvation from sin and death through the Lord Jesus and His death on the cross. Both call for God's people to greatly rejoice!

I. Salvation Anticipated – Read Exodus 13:17-22

- A. What are all the different ways in these verses in which God is leading His people?
- B. What promises from Genesis have already been fulfilled in Exodus? How is Joseph's command for his bones to be taken out of Egypt a demonstration of His confidence in God?
- C. What are some advantages of God leading His people by a pillar of cloud and fire? In what ways does God lead His people today? How do you do when God's good and perfect plan for your life doesn't make any sense to you or causes you to experience difficulty and distress?
- D. Has God every put you in an impossible situation only to bring you through it? What value do you find in that kind of experience? How can we learn from the Exodus in that way?

II. Salvation Accomplished – Read Exodus 14:1-31

- A. What observations do you make about God's glorious salvation through the Exodus? How many miraculous things does God do in this one event to save the Israelites?
- B. In what ways can you relate to the Israelite's fear of the Egyptians and their situation? What comfort do you take from Moses' declaration of truth in verses 13 and 14?
- C. How would you respond to someone who says the Exodus was a natural phenomenon of high winds and a low tide or that God merely dried up a few inches of water in a marshy area?

III. Salvation Celebrated – Read Exodus 15:1-21

- A. How would you categorize the things that the Israelite's sing about?
- B. How do you think the Exodus points forward to the salvation that is ours in the Lord Jesus Christ? As you think about it, is there any middle ground with regard to God's salvation?
- C. According to 1 Peter 1:3-9, in what should we be rejoicing? How is 1 Peter 1 helpful as you think about ways in which God is working in your life right now that you find difficult?
- D. If you evaluate your life, what are you most likely to be celebrating? How can you cultivate a heart that rejoices most of all in God's good work in your life and in the lives of others?