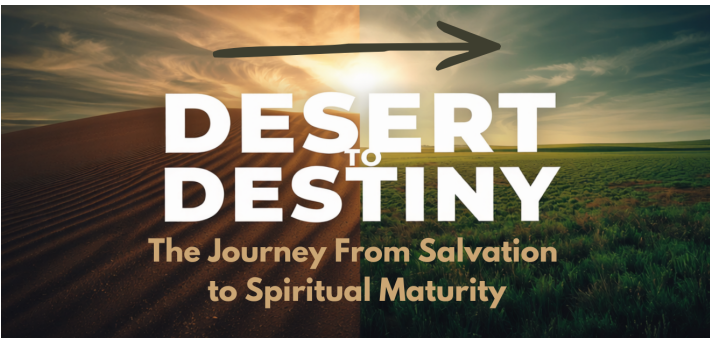




DESERT TO DESTINY

The Journey From Salvation
to Spiritual Maturity

The God Who Sets Us Free Exodus 12-14

Big Idea: God alone has the power
to rescue us from the bondage of sin.

I. God Provides the Sacrifice [Exodus 12]

Application: Religion says, "Work harder."
The gospel says, "Trust the Lamb."

II. God Leads His People [Exodus 13]

Application: Following Christ does not mean
life becomes easier. It means we are never alone.
God's presence is greater than our understanding.

III. God Fights for His People [Exodus 14]

In Exodus 14:13 we read that Moses said to the people, "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.'" [Notice the Progression]

A. Fear Not [Isaiah 41:10]

B. Stand Firm [2 Chronicles 20:17]

C. See the Salvation of the Lord
[Exodus 14:14, Isaiah 30:15b]

Application: The Exodus is not simply about
escaping Egypt. It is about knowing the Redeemer.

Question, Reading, Challenge, and Prayer

Question: Where do you need to trust God's power instead of relying on your own strength?

Reading: Read Exodus 1-14 and discover the God who sets His people free. Read two chapters each day and reflect on what God reveals about His power, His faithfulness, and the freedom He gives to those who trust in Him.

Challenge: This week, identify one area where you are trying to "work harder" instead of trusting the Lamb, one area where you need to trust God's presence, and one fear where you need to "stand firm" and see the salvation of the Lord.

Prayer: Spend time each day surrendering that area to God and reminding yourself that the God who rescued Israel is the same God who rescues and sustains you.

[Hebrews 9:22b] . . . without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins.

[Isaiah 53:5] But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed.

[Ephesians 2:8-9] For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, ⁹ not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

[John 1:29b] . . . "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!"

[Isaiah 53:7] He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he opened not his mouth.

[1 Peter 1:17-19] And if you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one's deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, ¹⁸ knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, ¹⁹ but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot.

[1 Corinthians 5:7b] . . . "For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed."

[Isaiah 55:8-9] For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the Lord.⁹ For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

[Isaiah 41:10] fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

[2 Chronicles 20:17] You will not need to fight in this battle. Stand firm, hold your position, and see the salvation of the Lord on your behalf, O Judah and Jerusalem.' Do not be afraid and do not be dismayed. Tomorrow go out against them, and the Lord will be with you."

[Exodus 14:14] The Lord will fight for you, and you have only to be silent.

[Isaiah 30:15b] . . . "In returning and rest you shall be saved; in quietness [silence] and in trust shall be your strength."

[2 Timothy 1:12b NKJV] . . . for I know whom I have believed and am persuaded that He is able to keep what I have committed to Him until that Day.

[1 Peter 3:18a] For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, . . .

[Romans 10:9-10] . . . if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.