

“Moses parts the Red Sea” January 26, 2017

And Moses said unto the people, Fear ye not, stand still, and see the salvation of the Lord, which he will shew to you today: for the Egyptians whom ye have seen today, ye shall see them again no more forever. The Lord shall fight for you, and ye shall hold your peace. And the Lord said unto Moses, Wherefore criest thou unto me? Speak unto the children of Israel, that they go forward: But lift thou up thy rod, and stretch out thine hand over the sea, and divide it: and the children of Israel shall go on dry ground through the midst of the sea. And I, behold, I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians, and they shall follow them: and I will get me honor upon Pharaoh, and upon all his host, upon his chariots, and upon his horsemen. And the Egyptians shall know that I am the LORD, when I have gotten me honor upon Pharaoh, upon his chariots, and upon his horsemen. (Exodus 14:13-20)

I will be speaking to you today about a passage in the Bible that you are all familiar with. After being in the land of Egypt for 400 years, the Israelites were about to leave Israel. This is when the ten plagues and miracles happened. Today I will speak to you about the miracle of miracles, where Moses parted the Red Sea.

This is a passage that we have often read or seen, but we tend to look at it as if we were reading some kind of comic book for children. The extraordinary power of God who is the Creator of the universe is expressed here, and we need to recognize it. Every time I read this passage, I am incredibly impressed by the power of God, and by the reality that God is alive and He is able to do things that no one can expect.

We see that when the Israelites escaped from Egypt, they went through a great deal of suffering. They were only able to do it because God was with them. The Egyptians and the Israelites, in one sense people in Satan’s army and in God’s army, represented good and evil. But God was speaking to both sides. Through this process, He let both sides know that He is the Living God, that He is the all-powerful God, and people on both sides have the opportunity to believe in Him.

The Israelites would often wander and stray away from God, but because they were the chosen people, He continued to work with them. He continued to show Himself to them in amazing ways. After serving as slaves in Egypt for 400 years, the Israelites had the opportunity to go to the land of Canaan in just 21 days, but in fact it took them 40 years. Still, God worked His providence through the Israelites in a way that they were able to believe in Him as the Living God.

But, in the process, they had to deal with the obstacle of the Red Sea. God divided the Red Sea for the Israelites and, in doing so, He used just two things: He used a rod and a hand. With those two things He was able to divide the sea. God said to Moses, “Raise your rod and spread your hand out over the sea and divide it.” Then an amazing thing happened: when the Israelites came to the sea it divided itself for them. There were chariots, people, and many things, but when Moses pushed aside the Red Sea with the rod on the one hand and with his hand on the other, the Red Sea was divided.

The Israelites were able to pass safely; the Egyptians followed them and they thought that they could also pass but when they got about halfway across, the Sea closed on them and they drowned. We see therefore that God showed His power to the Israelites, and He showed the Egyptians what a fearful God He is.

The lesson we need to learn is to first understand that God is the Living God who is working in this world. Secondly, that there is nothing that He cannot do. There is no problem that He cannot solve with His power.

As the Egyptians were drowning, they realized that God was real, that God was alive and all-powerful.

Today in our church, God has appointed the Second King; He has appointed the representative and heir. We say that we know it, we read it, but we need to understand more deeply about the seriousness of it and think about it more seriously.

Every word that God speaks is extremely precious and if He said that He has appointed the Second King, the heir and the successor, then we need to take that very, very seriously. We need to attend him and we need to work with him. This morning we need to think about the seriousness of God's Word and the preciousness of God's Word.

Father has spoken, and we need to understand. We need to know the seriousness of his word. We need to realize that this is the absolute truth and God's Word. We have to follow God's words, and become the people in the world who put those words into practice.

The Church is still just beginning. It is still small and it appears weak, but we must recognize that behind this Church there is the power of God. There is the power of Father's words. We need to understand that God's Word is true and we must put it into practice and carry it out in the world.

Thank you very much.

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