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Pursuit of the Slaves

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Lesson Text: Exodus 13:17-22 and Exodus 14:1-9

Related Scriptures: Numbers 14:1-3

Numbers 33:7-8

Time of Action: Unknown

Genesis 50:24-25

Psalm 105:25

Place of Action: By the Red Sea

Joshua 24 6-7

1 Corinthians 10:1-4

Exodus 4:21

Introduction to the Lesson Text

A hardened heart was repeatedly stated in the book of Exodus. The Lord God hardened Pharaoh's heart. This statement may be troubling to some based on how they view it. Here is a question - Was Pharaoh forced to sin against God? First, God knew before time began that Pharaoh would harden his own heart against the Israelites (Ex 3:19). Second, Pharaoh on his own accord became stubborn towards the Israelites (Ex 8:15,32). Lastly, Pharaoh remained stubborn despite the clear warnings of the plagues from God through Moses (Ex 8:19). As you can see, Pharaoh was not a well-meaning, misguided person who was not allowed to repent. Although God was ultimately in control of Pharaoh - - Pharaoh was accountable for his own actions.

QUESTIONS

1. Why didn't the Israelites go directly to "Canaan" after leaving Egypt? Why?
2. Why did Moses take the bones of Joseph with him? What should this have reminded Israel?
3. What means of guidance did the Lord provide?
4. What did the pillar demonstrate?
5. When the Israelites complained about their issues who took it as a direct complaint towards himself?
6. Where did the Lord tell Moses the people were to encamp? Why?
7. Why did the God instruct Moses and the Israelites to be in a vulnerable position against Pharaoh? Why?
8. Why did Pharaoh pursue the Israelites after the Egypt had suffered in the plagues?
9. What could the Israelites rightly expect regarding their confrontation with the Egyptians?
10. What preparations did Pharaoh make (Exodus 14:6-7)? Why?

Summary

How does this lesson apply to you or someone you know, concerning our God and the adversary, circumstances, issues, family, friends, finance, relationship, church, health, marriage, addictions, career/job government, etc? Are you a slave to any of the above?