

Life-Study of Exodus Summaries – Messages 26-30

MESSAGE 26-27 – Israel's Exodus from Egypt

The children of Israel did not make their exodus from Egypt of their own accord or by their own power. **The exodus was accomplished by the saving God.** When the children of Israel made their exodus from Egypt, the whole environment was subdued by God. To be **rescued** from the usurping hand of Satan and from the world, we need God's hand to **subdue** our environment. After God subdues our environment and causes us to be driven out of the world, we shall discover that no time remains for **sinful** things. However, in God's salvation, He desires that we **plunder** the world of its wealth. We should plunder Egypt of wealth to be used in the **building** the tabernacle. Although we **work in** the world, we do not work **for** the world. To make our exodus from Egypt, to serve God, and to be a living sacrifice pleasing to God, we need **Christ to be our substitute**. To take Christ as our substitute for sanctification is a part of our **redemption**. In order to be sanctified to the Lord for His satisfaction, we need a **new beginning** of life. We need to take Him as our substitute for the beginning of a new, sinless life. For Christ to be our substitute for sanctification is also to be in **resurrection**. Only when the unbreakable, divine life comes forth in resurrection can we have an exodus from the world. (Life-Study of Exodus, 26-27)

MESSAGE 28 – Pharaoh's Last Struggle

Pharaoh's last struggle was used by God in a definite way for the **full** salvation of His people. Pharaoh's last struggle was a type of the struggle of **Satan** and his world over the believers who are to be **baptized**. Because his heart had been hardened by God, Pharaoh made the decision to pursue the people of God. According to Exodus 14:19, the Angel of God, the pillar, moved from the front of the people to the rear. This shows us that the **guiding light** spontaneously becomes the **protecting light** when opposition rises up against us. After Pharaoh served the purpose God had for him, he became a **sacrifice**. Pharaoh and his army pursued the children of Israel to the midst of the Red Sea. God did this for the purpose of glorifying Himself through Pharaoh and through his army. Praise the Lord that even Pharaoh's last struggle helped to accomplish the full salvation of God's chosen people! (Life-Study of Exodus, 28)

MESSAGE 29 – Israel's Crossing of the Red Sea

In His creation, God prepared the Red Sea to serve as a **baptistry** for His chosen people. The crossing of the Red Sea was a type of baptism. Just as Noah's family needed to be saved from the world through water, so the children of Israel also needed to be **saved** from Egypt through water. The blood of the Passover lamb saved them from God's judgment, and the water saved them from the tyranny of the Egyptians. Today, it is through **baptism** that believers are saved from the **world** and from the satanic power of **darkness**. Baptism makes our salvation **secure**. Baptism saves us from bondage and brings us into absolute **freedom** in Christ. (Life-Study of Exodus, 29)

MESSAGE 30 – Israel's Experience at Marah

The **wilderness** is a realm of **separation**. It also signifies the realm of **resurrection**. To those who have been baptized into Christ, resurrection is not a wilderness. But it is a wilderness in the eyes of the worldly people. If we have the heavenly view, we shall realize that the realm we entered through baptism is not a wilderness, but a realm of separation and resurrection where we can **walk** in resurrection according to the Lord's **guidance**. In this realm, there is no natural water, no natural supply. As we walk in the realm of resurrection, God will lead us to a place of bitterness. We need to see a **vision of the cross**. Seeing this vision, we apply the cross of Christ to our situation, and immediately the **bitter** waters become **sweet**. As long as we live on earth, we shall walk in the realm of resurrection and come to Marah again and again. Whenever we are in such a situation, we need to see the vision of the tree and then **apply** this tree to our circumstances. This will heal our situation and change the bitter waters into sweet. May we all experience this healing day by day. (Life-Study of Exodus, 30)