

Between the Devil & the Deep Red Sea

(Exodus 14)

- Introduction:
1. Why does God allow His children to be placed in troubling situations; dilemmas that make us uncomfortable and often threaten to drive us to despair?
 2. (Habakkuk 1:2; Job 3:11-26).
 3. Let's see if we can come to some answers to this question by examining an Old Testament example.

I. God's Plan

- A. (Exodus 14:1-4).
- B. God's plan was not to lead them to safety, at least not right away.
- C. The reason: (v.4) so God could be glorified.

II. The People's Reaction

- A. (Exodus 14:10-12).
- B. They reacted in two ways.
 1. They looked up.
 2. And they lashed out.
- C. Notice the example of Jesus while suffering (1 Peter 2:21).

III. God's Protection

- A. (Exodus 14:13-30).
- B. God was busy working on their behalf.
- C. Notice some of the things He did.
 1. He protected them by the cloud.
 2. He slowed the progress of the Egyptians.
 3. Finally, He destroyed them in the Sea.
- D. Remember, the Red Sea opened and closed at God's command, not at the command of the people.
- E. Also remember that deliverance may not be temporal but eternal.
 1. (Daniel 3:17-18; Hebrews 11:8-10).

IV. The People's Reaction

- A. (Exodus 14:31).
- B. Their difficulty brought them to reverence and belief in God.
- C. (Psalm 119:67,71).

- Conclusion:
1. We will all have our "Red Sea Experiences".
 2. This account was not simply written for our amazement, but for our instruction.
 3. May we learn from this account to glorify God in difficult times and may we allow those difficult times to be times when our faith is strengthened and it becomes a testimony to those about us.