

# God gets His Honor

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his people with him: **7** And he took **six hundred chosen chariots**, and **all the chariots** of Egypt, and captains over every one of them. **8** And **the LORD hardened the heart** of Pharaoh king of Egypt, and he pursued after the children of Israel: and the children of Israel **went out with an high hand.** **9** But the **Egyptians pursued** after them, all the horses and chariots of Pharaoh, and his horsemen, and his army, and overtook them encamping by the sea, beside Pihahiroth, before Baalzephon.

**10** And when Pharaoh drew nigh, the children of Israel lifted up their eyes, and, behold, the Egyptians marched after them; and they were sore afraid: and the children of Israel cried out unto the LORD. **11** And they said unto Moses, Because there were no graves in Egypt, hast thou taken us away to die in the wilderness? wherefore hast thou dealt thus with us, to carry us forth out of Egypt? **12** Is not this the word that we did tell thee in Egypt, saying, Let us alone, that we may serve the Egyptians? For it had been better for us to serve the Egyptians, than that we should

die in the wilderness. **13** And Moses said unto the people, Fear ye not, stand still, and see the salvation of the LORD, which he will shew to you to day: for the Egyptians whom ye have seen to day, ye shall see them again no more for ever. **14** The LORD shall fight for you, and ye shall hold your peace.

**15** And the LORD said unto Moses, Wherefore criest thou unto me? speak unto the children of Israel, that they go forward: **16** 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. **17** And I, behold, I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians, and they shall follow them: and **I will get me**

**honour** upon Pharaoh, and upon all his host, upon his chariots, and upon his horsemen. **18** And the Egyptians shall know that I am the LORD, when I have **gotten**

**me honour** upon Pharaoh, upon his chariots,

and upon his horsemen. 19 And the angel of God, which went before the camp of Israel, removed and went behind them; and the pillar of the cloud went from before their face, and stood behind them: 20 And it came between the camp of the Egyptians and the camp of Israel; and it was a cloud and darkness to them, but it gave light by night to these: so that the one came not near the other all the night.

21 And Moses stretched out his hand over the sea; and the LORD caused the sea to go back by a strong east wind all that night, and made the sea dry land, and the waters were divided. 22 And the children of Israel went into the midst of the sea upon the dry ground: and the waters were a wall unto them on their right hand, and on their left. 23 And the Egyptians pursued, and went in after them to the midst of the sea, even all Pharaoh's horses, his chariots, and his horsemen. 24 And it came to pass, that in the morning watch the LORD looked unto the host of the Egyptians through the pillar of fire and of the cloud, and troubled the host of the Egyptians, 25 And took off their chariot wheels, that they drave them heavily: so that the Egyptians said,

Let us flee from the face of Israel; for the LORD fighteth for them against the Egyptians. 26 And the LORD said unto Moses, Stretch out thine hand over the sea, that the waters may come again upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots, and upon their horsemen. 27 And Moses stretched forth his hand over the sea, and the sea returned to his strength when the morning appeared; and the Egyptians fled against it; and the LORD overthrew the Egyptians in the midst of the sea. 28 And the waters returned, and covered the chariots, and the horsemen, and all the host of Pharaoh that came into the sea after them; there remained not so much as one of them. 29 But the children of Israel walked upon dry land in the midst of the sea; and the waters were a wall unto them on their right hand, and on their left. 30 Thus the LORD saved Israel that day out of the hand of the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead upon the sea shore. 31 And Israel saw that great work which the LORD did upon the Egyptians: and the people feared the LORD, and believed the LORD, and his servant Moses.

## 1. God will get honor

- A. God intentionally sends the nation of Israel on a route where Pharaoh will believe that he can win back what he has lost **Exodus 14:1** **And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,** **2** **Speak unto the children of Israel, that they turn and encamp before Pihahiroth, between Migdol and the sea, over against Baalzephon: before it shall ye encamp by the sea.**
- B. God told what Pharaoh would do **3** **For Pharaoh will say** of the children of Israel, **They are entangled** in the land, the wilderness hath shut them in.
- C. God says that He will harden Pharaoh's heart **4** **And I will harden Pharaoh's heart,** that he shall follow after them; and **I will be honoured upon Pharaoh,** and upon all his host; that the Egyptians may know that I am the LORD. And they did so.

- i. The purpose in hardening Pharaoh's heart was for God to be honored
- ii. Pharaoh had believed that he himself was a god
- iii. He had denied that God was God
- iv. He had constantly disregarded God and blatantly ignored the Word of God
- v. Now God will prove to Pharaoh and all of Egypt that He is indeed the One and Only true God

D. As the children of Israel get free the great Egyptians rethink having let them go **5 And it was told the king of Egypt that the people fled: and the heart of Pharaoh and of his servants was turned against the people, and they said, Why have we done this,** that we have let Israel go from serving us?

- i. Notice that the people and Pharaoh decide what they will do.
- ii. Their heart is against the people for all that they have been through
- iii. They look at the people as the cause of their heart ache and decide to retaliate

E. Pharaoh and his men decide to attack **6 And he made ready his chariot,** and took his people with him: **7 And he took six hundred chosen chariots, and all the chariots** of Egypt, and captains over every one of them.

F. God steps in and hardens his heart **8 And the LORD hardened the heart** of Pharaoh king of Egypt, and he pursued after the children of Israel: and the children of Israel **went out with an high hand.**

- i. God's people had left defiantly
- ii. They went out in victory
- iii. They went out knowing that they had won

G. The Egyptians will see what they are able to do to save some sort of prestige and power from the great fiasco that has happened **9 But the Egyptians pursued after them, all the horses and chariots of Pharaoh, and his horsemen, and his army, and overtook them encamping by the sea, beside Pihahiroth, before Baalzephon.**



H. The big lesson in this passage

i. God will be honored on Pharaoh who had mocked him **4** **And I will harden Pharaoh's**

**heart,** that he shall follow after them; and **I will be honoured upon**

**Pharaoh,** and upon all his host; **that the Egyptians may know that I am the LORD.** And they did so.

a. Don't forget the way Pharaoh mocked the one and only true God **Exodus 5:2** **And Pharaoh said,**

**Who is the Lord,** that I should obey his

voice to let Israel go? **I know not the**

**Lord,** neither will I let Israel go.

b. Egypt was full of false gods

c. The magicians had tried to replicate as many plagues as possible to show that Moses and Aaron had nothing on them

- d. Pharaoh nor Egypt thought that God was anybody
- ii. God wanted the Egyptians to that He was God-the Lord, the Supreme One, the God above all Gods!
- iii. God wants the world to know who He is and what He can do and has done
- iv. The biggest lesson for all of us is that He will be honored!
- v. That point is mentioned throughout this chapter
- vi. How much honor does He get in your life
- vii. Do you recognize Him and His power? Do you make Him known? Are you working at making Him known around the world? Making Him famous!

2. Amazingly His own people do not want to honor Him

- A. They have watched God do great miracles. They have seen Egypt brought to her knees. They have seen God even kill the first born
- B. Now as the Egyptians come marching they doubt that God will be able to protect them **10 And when Pharaoh drew nigh, the children of Israel lifted up their eyes, and, behold, the Egyptians marched after them; and they were **sore afraid:** and the children of Israel**

cried out unto the LORD. **11** And they said unto Moses, Because there were no graves in Egypt, **hast thou taken us away to die in the wilderness?** wherefore hast thou dealt thus with us, to carry us forth out of Egypt? **12** **Is not this the word that we did tell thee in Egypt,** saying, **Let us alone, that we may serve the Egyptians?** For it had been **better for us to serve** the Egyptians, than that we should die in the wilderness.

- i. They figure that slavery and its consequences were worth it not to be at risk
- ii. Living for Jesus is risky. It is a life of faith
  - a. we trust God with our finances
  - b. we trust God with our reputation
  - c. we trust God with our children
- iii. They felt certain that they were now going to die

C. Moses lets them know that they are victorious **13** **And Moses said unto the people, Fear ye not, stand still, and see the salvation of the LORD, which he will shew to you**

to day: for the Egyptians whom ye have seen to day, ye shall see them again no more for ever. 14 The LORD shall fight for you, and ye shall hold your peace.

- i. God is going to fight for them
- ii. They are going to see what God can do
- iii. The Egyptians will no longer be a problem
- iv. All they had to do was wait and trust and see what God would do
- v. God wanted to show Himself strong in their lives just like He does in our lives

#### D. Lesson learned

- i. It is very easy to forget what God has done in the past and so not believe Him in the present
- ii. It is easy to look at your problems instead of His power
- iii. While God is allowing us to go through difficult times to show His power we often steal His honor
- iv. When we should be participating in Him getting honor we may be found trying to rob Him of His honor
- v. What is really better—suffering in slavery or serving God even when it requires risk
- vi. Do we plan on failure even while we are in the midst of

failure **12 Is not this the word that we did tell**

**thee in Egypt, saying, Let us alone, that we may serve the Egyptians?** For it had been **better for us to serve** the Egyptians, than that we should die in the wilderness.

vii. Do you miss seeing what God has for you because of the problems you are facing right now!

3. God will get His honor **17 And I, behold, I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians, and they shall follow them: and**

**I will get me honour** upon

Pharaoh, and upon all his host, upon his chariots, and upon his horsemen.

A. God hungers for people to know who He is

B. Those that have rejected Him and mocked Him especially need to know that He truly is the One and Only God

C. There was no need for God's people or God's man to be crying to God for help. He was already working His plan for His honor and glory **15 And the LORD said unto Moses, Wherefore criest thou unto me? speak**

unto the children of Israel, that they go forward: 16  
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.

D. After the great miracle that He is about to work they  
will all know in Egypt that He is the true God. He will  
defeat the greatest army in the world 18

**And the Egyptians shall know that I am the**

**LORD,** when I have **gotten me**

**honour** upon Pharaoh, upon his chariots, and  
upon his horsemen.

E. God separated His people from the world. 19 **And the  
angel of God, which went before the camp of Israel,  
removed and went behind them;** and the pillar of  
the cloud went from before their face, and stood  
behind them: 20 **And it came between the camp of the  
Egyptians and the camp of Israel; and it was a cloud  
and darkness to them, but it gave light by**

**night to these:** so that the one came not near the other all the night.

- i. It was to protect them from their enemy
- ii. It was to give them light while their enemy stayed in darkness
- iii. Even in the night before the big day God was giving comfort to His people

F. Lessons to be learned

- i. God wants to be honored
- ii. God will get His honor
- iii. God will work in your life to show His power
- iv. How do you honor God?
  - a. Do you honor Him with your time? Making time to be in church and serving God?
  - b. Do you honor Him with your treasure? Are you a giver? Do you make certain that you tell money what to do and not the other way around?
  - c. Do you use your talents to serve God?

4. Never doubt that it is the Lord God doing the great work

- A. The Lord caused it to happen **21** And **Moses stretched out his hand over the sea;** and **the LORD caused** the sea to go back by a strong east wind all that night, and made the sea dry land, and the waters were divided.
- B. It was not Israel's power, wisdom, intelligence that got the job done but God doing a work. It was the Lord fighting for them **22** And the children of Israel went into **the midst of the sea upon the dry ground:** and the **waters were a wall** unto them on their right hand, and on their left. **23** And the **Egyptians pursued, and went in after them** to the midst of the sea, even all Pharaoh's horses, his chariots, and his horsemen. **24** And it came to pass, that in the morning watch the LORD looked unto the host of the Egyptians through the pillar of fire and of the cloud, and **troubled the host of the Egyptians,** **25** And **took off their chariot wheels,** that they drave them heavily: so that the Egyptians said, Let us flee from the face of Israel; **for the LORD**



# fighteth for them against the Egyptians.

- i. Israel goes through on dry land—no mud, no water, just a wall of sea beside them
  - ii. The Egyptians followed in thinking that they could make it through also
  - iii. God decides to slow them down. He takes the wheels off of their chariots
  - iv. Even the Egyptians recognize that it is God fighting for Israel
  - v. They are beginning to recognize Him for who He is though it will be too late
- C. Moses simply does little things that apparently don't mean much but God does something big **26 And the LORD said unto Moses, Stretch out thine hand over the sea, that the waters may come again upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots, and upon their horsemen. 27 And Moses stretched forth his hand over the sea, and the sea returned to his strength when the morning appeared; and the Egyptians fled against it; and **the LORD overthrew the****

## **Egyptians in the midst of the sea.** 28

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and the horsemen, and **all the host of**

**Pharaoh that came into the sea after  
them;** there remained not so much as one of them.

29 But the **children of Israel walked**

**upon dry land** in the midst of the sea; and the  
waters were a wall unto them on their right hand, and  
on their left.

- i. Moses simply lifts his hand over the sea and God closes it over the Egyptians
- ii. God's people had walked through on dry ground but Egypt all drowns
- iii. It was the Lord that over threw them in the sea
- iv. It is always God that does the work
- v. We are called on to do things that in the grand scheme of things are very small but with our obedience God will do great things
  - a. We give our offerings that are so small when you consider the need

- b. God takes the little we give and does something big
- c. We pray little words with great doubts and yet God answers our prayers in great ways
- d. We sing small songs with weak voices and ability but the great God of Heaven is blessed
- e. All we do is small but we are dealing with a great God who has no limits and no weaknesses

D. It was the Lord that saved Israel **30** Thus **the LORD saved Israel that day out of the hand of the Egyptians;** and Israel saw the **Egyptians dead upon the sea shore.**

E. Finally it seems that Israel knows that their God is great **31** And **Israel saw that great work which the**

# **LORD did upon the Egyptians: and the people feared the LORD, and believed the LORD, and his servant Moses.**

- i. They finally fear Him
- ii. They believe Him
- iii. They respect the man of God

## **F. Lessons learned**

- i. We serve a great God that is at work in our lives
- ii. It is not about us and what we do but about Him
- iii. We need to realize what God is doing in our lives
- iv. What does it take to make you believe?
- v. When will you decide that He is worth serving, honoring, and sacrificing for?

- If you decide to go your own way you can count on the day coming when God will not allow you to turn back
- Pharaoh and Egypt were hardened but it was after they continually denied God and went their own way
- Going our own way and doing our own thing will eventually become such a habit it will be impossible to turn back
- If you decide to mock God He may just work in your life in adverse ways to get honor for Himself
- I must never forget that it is God that is doing the work and not me
- I must realize that all I do is small and inconsequential in the grand scheme of things but they are steps and acts of faith
- Never let financial interests get in the way of trusting God and honoring Him with your life. That goes the same for position, pride, popularity