

**Men's Sunday Night**  
**A Study in the Book of Exodus**  
**Lesson 7 – Exodus 14-15**  
**Journey to Freedom**  
**Crossing the Sea**

**Exodus 14**

God specifically directed Israel to their place of encampment by the Red Sea, and He told Moses that the Egyptians would pursue them. Sad to say, the Jews were walking by sight, not by faith; for when they saw the Egyptian army coming, they gave up in despair and cried out in fear. Fear and faith cannot dwell in the same heart; if we trust God, we need not be afraid.

Moses knew that the way of victory was through trusting the Lord. Note his three commands: “Fear not” for God is on your side; “stand still,” for you cannot win this battle in your own strength; “see the salvation of the Lord,” for He will fight for you.

God protected His people by coming between Israel and the Egyptian armies. God kept the army at a distance that whole night. The entire nation walked through the Red Sea on dry land. Pharaoh reaped what he had sown, for he had drowned the Jewish infant boys, and now his own army was drowned.

**Exodus 15**

This is the first recorded song in the Bible, significantly coming after redemption from bondage. Only the Christian has a right to sing songs of redemption. Exodus began with sighing, but because of redemption, we now see the nation singing. Note that this song exalts God, for the Lord is referred to at least forty-five times in these eighteen verses. Too many songs exalt men instead of the Person and holy character of God, and His wonderful works of power.

Life is a combination of the bitter and the sweet, triumphs and trials. However, if we are following God, we never need fear what comes our way. We must accept the bitter waters with the sweet, knowing that God knows what is best for us.

**Read Exodus 14:1-31 and Answer the Following Questions:**

1. What does the Lord tell the Israelites to do next? Why does He tell them to do this?
2. Why does the Pharaoh change his mind? What life lesson has Pharaoh not learned?
3. How did the Israelites react when they see Pharaoh coming? What life lesson have they not learned?
4. How does Moses react to all of this? What life lesson does he learn?
5. Describe next, how God is going to save His people? (See Ex. 14:15-28)
6. What does Israel do while God is providing this protection? (See Ex. 14:21-22)
7. What does God do to the Egyptians? How many survive?

8. What have the Israelites just learned about God? Did they really trust Him? Why did they have to learn this again?

**Read Exodus 15:1-27 and Answer the Following Questions:**

9. The song of Moses (Israel's song of praise) can be divided into two parts: 15:1-12 and 15:14-18, with verse 13 serving as a transition between them. Describe how God is pictured in each of these parts.

1-12:

14-18:

10. As you think about this song of praise as a whole, what things jump out at you?

11. What else did the Lord want to teach the Israelites as they started out their life of faith?

## **What is God Like?**

### **Exodus 15:6-12**

Some people see two Gods in the Bible. According to this view the “God of the Old Testament” is violent and cruel, while the “God of the New Testament” is a God of love and peace. However, the whole of Scripture clearly reveals one God who is good, true, powerful, pure and compassionate, but never vindictive or brutal.

Without question, the Old Testament story is at times cruel and ugly. But the ugliness does not come from God, it comes from the sin and rebellion of people. Nor does the New Testament tell only a peaceful and pleasant tale. Jesus’ voluntary death on behalf of guilty sinners is as brutal account as it can be.

Overall, Scripture does not avoid the dark and dismal story of a fallen humanity. Instead, it does add a bright light of hope, because a powerful, holy, and compassionate God has reached out to us and provided a way to come to Him. Thanks be to God.