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Exodus and Leviticus Sermon Series
Supports Session 5: Power Revealed
Sermon Title: “Crossing Over” (Exodus 14:1-31)

Connection to Session 5

Exodus 14 tells the story of one of God’s greatest acts in the Old Testament. The exodus event serves as a picture of God’s salvation for His people. Israel was in bondage until God delivered them.

Introduction/Opening

Have you ever been on a trip where everything went as planned? How often our trips or vacations never go as planned! That feeling of disappointment, frustration, or uncertainty was certainly what Israel was experiencing once they left Egypt. However, God was at work in their lives to demonstrate His power and authority over Egypt. Outside of the cross and resurrection, the exodus event is one of the most important events in the Bible for grasping the nature of salvation. This text helps us understand that salvation is by grace.

Outline

I. Hear God’s Word (Ex. 14:1-18)

Pharaoh had let the people of Israel go; however, he regretted his decision and sent out his army to bring them back. As the chariots approached the Israelites, God spoke to Moses and the people telling them to not be afraid, stand firm, and see the work He was going to do.

- a. Do not be afraid
 - i. While the Israelites appeared to be trapped with their backs against the sea, God told them to not be afraid (v. 13).
 - ii. The people had no reason to be afraid. God had already worked on their behalf and given them promises to cling to.
 - i. Application: We can easily forget what God has done for us in the past and fail to remember His faithfulness to His word.
- b. Stand firm
 - i. The greatest army in the world descended upon the Israelites, yet they were called to stand firm (v. 13).
- c. See the Lord’s salvation
 - i. The Israelites would see the salvation that God would provide for them.
 - ii. The Israelites could not save themselves; God would act for them.

- i. Application: Similarly, we are unable to save ourselves. Salvation is by grace. We must trust in Christ and the work He has done to save us.

II. Behold the miracle (Ex. 14:19-22)

- a. How was Israel saved? They were saved by God's gracious intervention.
- b. How did this miracle happen?
 - i. Some skeptics deny the reality of this miracle. However, if God can speak the world into existence and raise the dead, then He has the power to intervene in nature.
 - ii. This miracle occurred by the mighty act of God (v. 21).

III. Know that judgment is coming (Ex. 14:23-28)

God's judgment would fall upon the Egyptians for their hardness of hearts. Judgment will fall upon all those who oppose God.

- a. God destroyed the Egyptian army
 - i. God's glory was on display in both the salvation of His people and the judgment on the Egyptians.
- b. God punished sin
 - i. Application: We should learn from the punishment of the Egyptians and seek the Lord through faith and repentance.

IV. Know that salvation is by grace (Ex. 14:29-31)

- a. Israel was saved by the grace of God. The exodus event is a picture of salvation.
- b. Israel was saved from slavery in Egypt.
- c. We are saved from slavery to sin.

Conclusion

At the Transfiguration in Luke 9:31, Jesus spoke to Moses and Elijah about "his departure" (literally His exodus). We are saved by the grace of God through the work of Jesus Christ. Jesus has accomplished the ultimate "exodus" for us by living a perfect life, dying on the cross, and rising from the dead so that we might be saved from bondage to sin.

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