

SERMON NOTES with Pastor Greg Formey



Calming The Chaos

Exodus 14:13-14

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This message displays God's defeat of Israel's human enemies and reveals His dominion over the gods of this world.

13 But Moses told the people, "Don't be afraid. Just stand still and watch the Lord rescue you today. The Egyptians you see today will never be seen again. 14 The Lord himself will fight for you. Just stay calm." NLT

Some moments define a people for all time. Israel was trapped at the Red Sea, while Pharaoh's chariots rushed after them from behind. You could have smelled the panic in the air. Then God spoke to and through Moses. He command them not to flinch, but to keep their eyes open. He promised to fight for them, doing what no human could do.

THE CHAOS OF THE SEA

In the ancient times the sea was a symbol of chaos and evil power. There were many stories of the gods of nations wrestling the sea. Israel's story is different. Yahweh does not struggle.

The Almighty God, however, does not wrestle; He commands the waters to part and He goes before His people as they walk through the sea. Then He brings the waters back on the enemy in a spectacular victory.

All Israel is required to do is trust. And as they do, supernatural calm replaces earthly terror. God's promise met them at the edge of the sea.

Back then, Egypt's chariots were mighty vehicles, driven by seasoned fighters. Israel had no chariots. The best they had to offer in the fight were families with carts and flocks - nowhere near enough to face the mightiest military on earth. Night travel was common in desert marches because they supplied cooler air.

So God used a force of nature - a strong east wind through the night to open a

pathway for millions of helpless evacuees. He was driving home to them that He could dominate the indomitable, defeat the undefeatable, and make a way out of no way. A sea of chaos is no barrier for Him.

It is very interesting that Genesis begins with God separating waters and making dry land appear. At the Red Sea, He echoes the creation event before Israel's very eyes.

Where do you need to see God open an impossible way in your life?

CONTROL OVER CHAOS

Exodus 14:27-31

27 So as the sun began to rise, Moses raised his hand over the sea, and the water rushed back into its usual place. The Egyptians tried to escape, but the Lord swept them into the sea. 28 Then the waters returned and covered all the chariots and charioteers—the entire army of Pharaoh. Of all the Egyptians who had chased the Israelites into the sea, not a single one survived. 29 But the people of Israel had walked through the middle of the sea on dry ground, as the water stood up like a wall on both sides. 30 That is how the Lord rescued Israel from the hand of the Egyptians that day. And the Israelites saw the bodies of the Egyptians washed up on the seashore. 31 When the people of Israel saw the mighty power that the Lord had unleashed against the Egyptians, they were filled with awe before him. They put their faith in the Lord and in his servant Moses. NLT

In Exodus 15, Israel, led by Moses and Miriam sand a song of victory. Egypt lost more than soldiers. They lost the favor of their gods, and the awful symbols of their might became wreckage beneath the waves.

Colossians 2:15

In this way, he disarmed the spiritual rulers and authorities. He shamed them publicly by his victory over them on the cross." NLT

Do you live as if Christ has already defeated the rulers and authorities of this world?

Conclusion

The Exodus is not only a story of slaves set free. It is a spiritual battle. The plagues stripped Egypt's gods. The Passover marked God's people. The Red Sea crushed the Lord's enemies. The clash of kingdoms shows that only our God reigns.

In Christ, that victory is ours today. Will you stand still and trust the Lord who fights for you, and walk the path He opens?