

Summary

This sermon focuses on God's deliverance of the Israelites from Egyptian bondage as recorded in Exodus 14:13, where Moses tells the people to "stand still and see the salvation of the Lord." Pastor Chris traces the journey from Abraham's covenant with God through the Israelites' 400 years of slavery in Egypt, their exodus led by Moses, and their miraculous crossing of the Red Sea. The message emphasizes that just as God delivered His people from physical bondage in Egypt, He continues to deliver believers today from spiritual bondage and life's challenges. Pastor Chris draws parallels between Egypt representing the world's kingdom and the church representing God's kingdom, encouraging believers to trust in God's provision, protection, and deliverance rather than relying on worldly solutions.

Intro Prayer

Heavenly Father, we come before You today with grateful hearts, acknowledging that You are our deliverer and provider. As we gather to study Your Word and discuss how You delivered the Israelites from bondage, we ask that You open our hearts and minds to what You want to teach us today. Help us to be receptive to Your Spirit's leading and to see how Your deliverance applies to our own lives. Give us wisdom to understand Your Word and courage to apply it. We pray that through our discussion, we would grow closer to You and to one another. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Ice Breaker

What's one time in your life when you had to wait for something important, and how did that waiting period affect you?

Key Verses

- Exodus 14:13
- Genesis 15
- John 10:9-10
- Exodus 12

Questions

- How does the story of the Israelites in Egypt relate to our own spiritual journey from bondage to freedom?
- Moses told the people to 'stand still and see the salvation of the Lord.' What does it mean to 'stand still' when facing overwhelming circumstances?

- Pastor Chris mentioned that Egypt represents the world while Goshen represents the church. How do you see this distinction playing out in your daily life?
- What role did the blood of the lamb play in the Israelites' deliverance, and how does this point to Jesus as our deliverer?
- The Israelites complained even after witnessing God's miraculous deliverance. Why do you think people struggle with gratitude and trust even after experiencing God's faithfulness?
- How did God provide for the Israelites' daily needs in the wilderness, and what does this teach us about depending on God?
- Pastor Chris emphasized that 'the Lord shall fight for you.' What battles in your life do you need to let God fight instead of trying to handle them yourself?
- What's the difference between the provision and protection offered by 'the old kingdom' versus God's kingdom, as mentioned in the sermon?

Life Application

This week, identify one area of your life where you feel 'stuck' or in bondage - whether it's fear, worry, a bad habit, or difficult circumstances. Instead of trying to fight this battle on your own, practice 'standing still' and trusting God to deliver you. Each morning, spend time thanking God for His past faithfulness and asking Him to fight this battle for you. Keep a journal of how you see God working in this situation throughout the week.

Key Takeaways

- God is faithful to deliver His people from bondage, just as He delivered the Israelites from Egypt
- When facing overwhelming circumstances, we should 'stand still and see the salvation of the Lord' rather than trying to fight in our own strength
- God provides for our daily needs and protects us when we trust in Him rather than relying on worldly solutions
- The blood of the lamb that saved the Israelites points to Jesus, the Lamb of God, who delivers us from spiritual bondage
- God's people should be characterized by gratitude and trust, remembering His past faithfulness when facing new challenges

Ending Prayer

Lord God, we thank You for this time of fellowship and study in Your Word. We are reminded today that You are our deliverer, just as You delivered the Israelites from Egypt. Help us to trust You completely when we face our own 'Red Sea' moments, knowing that You will fight for us. Give us grateful hearts that remember Your faithfulness, and help us to encourage others who need to experience Your deliverance. May we live as people who have been set free from the kingdom of darkness and brought into Your marvelous light. Continue to provide for us, protect

us, and use us to point others to You. We commit this week to trusting You more fully. In the mighty name of Jesus, our deliverer, Amen.