

SERMON NOTES

“Biblical Principles When You are Out of Options”

Sunday, August 23, 2020 – AM Service

Text: Exodus 14:1-14

INTRODUCTION

☐ **Trials** and **suffering** are a big part of life.

I. PROVIDENCE – Read vs. 1-2

Exodus 13:18 – “But God led the people about, through the way of the wilderness of the Red sea: and the children of Israel went up harnessed out of the land of Egypt.”

☐ You **cannot cross** the Red Sea --- until you **come** to the Red Sea.

*“We will never experience the **greatness** of God **power** of God **glory** of God until you allow God to put you in a place where **only God** can make a way out.”*

II. PERSPECTIVE – Read vs. 3-4

* **God doesn't waste suffering.**

Psalm 34:19 - “Many are the afflictions of the righteous: but the LORD delivers him out of them all.”

1 Peter 5:10 – “ But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you.”

□ William Batten in *Fortune Magazine* said
“When I hear my friends say they hope their children don’t have to experience the hardships that they went through – I don’t agree. Those hardships made us what we are. You can be disadvantaged in many ways and one way may be **to not have to struggle.**”

□ **Charles Spurgeon**

“I bare witness that I owe more to the fire and the hammer and the file than to anything else in my Lord’s workshop. I sometimes question whether I have learned anything except through the rod, **when my schoolroom is, darkened I see most.**”

III. PURSUIT – See vs. 5-9

□ Spurgeon said

“The great tyrant – Satan – has not forgotten you, and he designs your capture and re-enslavement.”

THE BIBLE LIKENS SATAN TO 5 DIFFERENT ANIMALS

1. **A serpent** – trying to deceive God’s people. (Matthew 13)
2. **A bird** – trying to ruin God’s harvest. (John 10)
3. **A wolf** – attacking God’s flock.

4. **A lion** – trying to devour God’s children. (1 Peter 5)
5. **A dragon** – wanting to destroy God’s Son.

Pursue Jesus Christ and **keep** yourself under the protective cloud of His grace.

IV. PRAY – V. 10

- Christian – there is no **textbook** on prayer.
- No **professor** can teach it. No **pastor** can make it happen for you.
- True prayer is a spontaneous outpouring of honesty to God.

V. PATIENCE – Vs. 13-14

- Psalm 37:7-8 – “Rest in the LORD, and wait patiently for him...”
- Christian – once you’ve done all you know to do
 - ➔ then you must simply **wait** and see what God will do.
- **Time** means **nothing** to God. **Timing** means **everything** to God.