

Hebrews - 3/10/21

Israel – An Obedient Faith

TEXT- Hebrews 11:21 *By faith they passed through the Red sea as by dry land: which the Egyptians assaying to do were drowned.*

INTRO- Israel's faith was similar to Abraham. He was asked to go out and he obeyed. Israel is asked to go forward and they do. Israel was forced to make a decision. Would they move forward by faith or would they go back to the Egyptians? Perhaps they could have done nothing and faced the consequences. For the next 40 years the adults died in the wilderness because of a lack of faith. Sometimes we face decision when put into a difficult situation.

I. The Faith of Their Leader Moses - They followed the faith of Moses

The crossing of the Red Sea is an extension of the faith of Moses.

Heb 13:7 *Remember them which have the rule over you, who have spoken unto you the word of God: whose faith follow, considering the end of their conversation.*

Heb 13:17 *Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that is unprofitable for you.*

Mat 9:9 *And as Jesus passed forth from thence, he saw a man, named Matthew, sitting at the receipt of custom: and he saith unto him, Follow me. And he arose, and followed him.*

1 Co 11:1 *Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ.*

1 Co 4:15-16 *For though ye have ten thousand instructors in Christ, yet have ye not many fathers: for in Christ Jesus I have begotten you through the gospel. 16 Wherefore I beseech you, be ye followers of me.*

Php 3:12-17 *Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect: but I follow after, if that I may apprehend that for which also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus. 13 Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, 14 I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. 15 Let us therefore, as many as be perfect, be thus minded: and if in any thing ye be otherwise minded, God shall reveal even this unto you. 16 Nevertheless, whereto we have already attained, let us walk by the same rule, let us mind the same thing. 17 Brethren, be followers together of me, and mark them which walk so as ye have us for an ensample.*

II. By Faith They Crossed the Red Sea

Exo 14:21-31 *And Moses stretched out his hand over the sea; and the LORD caused the sea to go back by a strong east wind all that night, and made the sea*

dry land, and the waters were divided. 22 And the children of Israel went into the midst of the sea upon the dry ground: and the waters were a wall . . .

This was not saving faith but obedience to the command of God

Israel crossed by faith in the Word of God

A. It was faith in God directing Moses

1. Moses was called of God to deliver Israel
2. Moses performed miracles
3. He kept the Passover

B. It was faith that God was leading them out of Egypt

Exo 14:1-4 *And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, Speak unto the children of Israel, that they turn and encamp before Pihahiroth, between Migdol and the sea, over against Baalzephon: before it shall ye encamp by the sea. For Pharaoh will say of the children of Israel, They are entangled in the land, the wilderness hath shut them in. And I will harden Pharaoh's heart, that he shall follow after them; and I will be honoured upon Pharaoh, and upon all his host; that the Egyptians may know that I am the LORD. And they did so.*

C. They remembered the covenant of Abraham and Joseph

Heb 11:22 *By faith Joseph, when he died, made mention of the departing of the children of Israel; and gave commandment concerning his bones.*

Gen 50:25 *And Joseph took an oath of the children of Israel, saying, God will surely visit you, and ye shall carry up my bones from hence.*

D. God's people are identified with Him by an act of faith

1 Co 10:1-6 *Moreover, brethren, I would not that ye should be ignorant, how that all our fathers were under the cloud, and all passed through the sea; 2 And were all baptized unto Moses in the cloud and in the sea; 3 And did all eat the same spiritual meat; 4 And did all drink the same spiritual drink: for they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them: and that Rock was Christ. 5 But with many of them God was not well pleased: for they were overthrown in the wilderness. 6 Now these things were our examples, to the intent we should not lust after evil things, as they also lusted.*

III. The Egyptians Drowned in the Sea

A. The contrast of those living by faith and not living by faith
the Egyptians assaying to do were drowned

1. Israel crossed by faith in God's command
2. The Egyptians tried to cross in their own confidence

Psa 9:16-17 *The LORD is known by the judgment which he executeth: the wicked is snared in the work of his own hands. Higgsion. Selah. 17 The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God.*

B. Evidence of the protective hand of God

C. The revelation of the power of God

D. Illustration of the judgment of God

Mat 7:13 *Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat:*

Rev 21:8 *But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.*

Luk 16:22-26 *And it came to pass, that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom: the rich man also died, and was buried; 23 And in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. 24 And he cried and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame. 25 But Abraham said, Son, remember that thou in thy lifetime receivedst thy good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things: but now he is comforted, and thou art tormented. 26 And beside all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed: so that they which would pass from hence to you cannot; neither can they pass to us, that would come from thence.*

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