

Scripture Texts

EXODUS 14:10-14;16,17,19,20

As Pharaoh approached, the Israelites looked up, and there were the Egyptians, marching after them. They were terrified and cried out to the Lord.

Then they said to Moses, "Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that you brought us to the desert to die? What have you done to us by bringing us out of Egypt? Didn't we say to you in Egypt, 'Leave us alone; let us serve the Egyptians'? It would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the desert!"

And Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid. Stand still, and see the deliverance of the Lord, which He will accomplish for you today. For the Egyptians whom you see today, you shall see again no more forever.

The Lord will fight for you, and you shall hold your peace."

Lift up your rod, and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it. And the children of Israel shall go on dry ground through the midst of the sea. And I indeed will harden the hearts of the Egyptians, and they shall follow them. So I will gain honor over Pharaoh and over all his army, his chariots, and his horsemen.

And the Angel of God, who went before the camp of Israel, moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud went from before them and stood behind them. So it came between the camp of the Egyptians and the camp of Israel. Thus it was a cloud and darkness to the one, and it gave light by night to the other, so that the one did not come near the other all that night.

MATTHEW 12:38-40

Then some of the Pharisees and teachers of the law said to him, "Teacher, we want to see a sign from you." He answered, "A wicked and adulterous generation asks for a sign! But none will be given it except the sign of the prophet Jonah. For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of a huge fish, so the Son of Man will be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth."

2 CORINTHIANS 4:8,9

We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed.

ISAIAH 49:1-3

Listen to me, O coastlands, and give attention, you peoples from afar. The Lord called me from the womb, from the body of my mother he named my name. He made my mouth like a sharp sword; in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow; in his quiver he hid me away. And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified."

PSALM 103:1-5

Bless the Lord, O my soul; And all that is within me, bless His holy name!
Bless the Lord, O my soul, And forget not all His benefits:
Who forgives all your iniquities, Who heals all your diseases,
Who redeems your life from destruction,
Who crowns you with lovingkindness and tender mercies,
Who satisfies your mouth with good things,
So that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

Big Ideas

1

We don't see things the way they are;
we see things the way we are.

2

It is not that we don't have signs;
it is that most of us refuse to read them.

3

Crisis does not change us; it reveals us.

4

What I fear ultimately becomes
what I worship.
We have survived 100%
of our worst days;
we can be confident
God will see us through today.

5

We can leave Egypt,
but until Egypt leaves us
we will operate as slaves
wherever we go.

6

If we have peace,
everything else will follow.
If we don't have peace,
no matter what else follows,
we will never be happy.

Questions & Takeaways

- What are we holding on to that is actually holding on to us? What must we say “no” to, right now, so we can say “yes” to God?
- How can we better hold our peace... guard and cherish our peace?
- What is in our hands, ready for God to use to accomplish the miraculous?

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