GOD WILL BE HONORED

Exodus 14

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INTRODUCTION: PROPER USE OF THE TOOL

You must use a tool for the job it was intended to do.

At the center of the Bible is a person...

I. HOW GOD WORKS

- A. SOMETIMES GOD DIRECTS US TO DO THINGS THAT MAKE NO SENSE, VV. 1-3
- Go By The Red Sea
- 2. Entice Pharaoh to Attack
- B. GOD CONTROLS THE HEARTS OF KINGS. VV. 4-9

Proverbs 21:1

The king's heart is like channels of water in the hand of the Lord; He turns it wherever He wishes.

- C. SOMETIMES GOD TAKES US CLOSER TO DANGER THAN SAFETY, VV. 4-9
- D. SOMETIMES GOD SAVES HIS PEOPLE IN DRAMATIC FASHION, VV. 19, 20, 21, 29
- 1. Angel of the LORD/Pillar of Cloud, vv. 19, 20
- 2. God "Caused" the Waters to Be Divided, v. 21
- 3. Israel Walked On Dry Ground, v. 29

E. GOD IS AWARE OF THE DANGER, VV. 24-28

- 1. God Looked, v. 24
- 2. God Brought Confusion, v. 25
- 3. God Caused the Chariots to Fail, v. 25
- 4. The Water Returned, v. 28

II. WHY GOD WORKS THE WAY HE WORKS

William Cowper

Blind unbelief is sure to err, and scan His work in vain; God is His own interpreter, and He will make it plain.

- A. FOR THE ENEMIES OF GOD, VV. 4, 17, 18
- 1. Knowledge
- 2. Glory

This is how God will deal with all of His enemies.

Ezekiel 28:22

Behold, I am against you, O Sidon, And I will be glorified in your midst. Then they will know that I am the Lord when I execute judgments in her, And I will manifest My holiness in her.

Romans 9:17

For the Scripture says to Pharaoh, "For this very purpose I raised you up, to demonstrate My power in you, and that My name might be proclaimed throughout the whole earth."

- B. FOR THE CHILDREN OF GOD, 31
- 1. To See/Know
- 2. To Fear

3. To Trust

Trust is not wishful thinking. It is confidence in a person.

Hebrews 11:29; 1 Corinthians 10:1ff.

Sobering Point: God is just as satisfied in destroying the wicked as He is in saving the righteous.

III. THE PART WE PLAY, V. 14

A. THE LORD WILL FIGHT

Deuteronomy 20:1-4

B. YOU BE SILENT

Psalm 46:10

Cease striving and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth."

Isaiah 64:1-5

? What does it mean to wait?

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Being still means we have ceased from following our own agenda or ingenuity; we have stopped trusting in our own strength and will power. We are waiting upon the Lord to exchange our weakness for His strength...

1. Resting

Psalm 62:1

For God alone my soul waits in silence; from him comes my salvation.

2. Learning

Psalm 25:5

Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all the day long.

3. Obeying

Psalm 25:21

May integrity and uprightness preserve me, for I wait for you.

4. Trusting

Psalm 33:20-22

5. Praying Expectantly

Psalm 5:3

In the morning, LORD, you hear my voice; in the morning I lay my requests before you and wait expectantly.

6. Practicing Patience

James 5:7

Be patient, therefore, brothers, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient about it, until it receives the early and the late rains.

7. Not Fearing

Psalm 37:7

Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for him; fret not yourself over the one who prospers in his way, over the man who carries out evil devices!

CONCLUSION: SO FEW MIRACLES TODAY

APPLICATION

- 1. Embrace the Work of God.
- 2. Embrace the Purpose of God.
- 3. Embrace Your Part in the Work of God.