

The Lord Will Fight For You; Exodus 14:13-14

I. Fear

- A. There is so much that we would fear today
 - 1. Some fear the state of our country
 - 2. Some fear the state of the world
 - 3. Some fear for their life (or that of a loved one)
 - 4. Some fear for their health (or that of a loved one)
- B. But God tells us over and over again, “fear not”
- C. What is amazing to me about this text is the last statement in verse 14, “The Lord will fight for you, and you have only to be silent.”
- D. We get caught up in the 90/10 rule — we do our 10% and God will do His 90%
- E. We forget that God is a 100% God

II. The Exodus

- A. This is a very important story for us
- B. It is a ‘type’ of deliverance — one that foreshadows our deliverance from sin
 - 1. Israel is in slavery to Egypt — we are in slavery to sin
 - 2. God raises up someone to deliver them (Moses) — God raised up someone to deliver us (Jesus)
 - 3. God asked Israel to trust (and obey) Him while He completed the plan — God asks us to trust (and obey) Him while He completes His plan
- C. Now, let’s put ourselves in the shoes of the Israelites
 - 1. Witnessing the power of God through the plagues
 - a) The Nile turning to blood — Khnum was the guardian of the river’s source; Hapi was the spirit of the Nile; Osiris, the Nile was his bloodstream
 - b) Frogs — Hapi is the frog goddess of Egypt
 - c) Gnats — Seb is the god of the earth
 - d) From here on, the plagues affect only the Egyptians (except for the last plague)
 - e) Flies — Uatchit is the fly god
 - f) Livestock dies — Ptah, Mnevis, Hathor, and Amon are Gods associated with cattle
 - g) Boils — Sekhmet, goddess of epidemics; Serapis and Imhotep, gods of healing
 - h) Hail and fire “flashing continually in the midst of the hail” (Exodus 10:24) — Nut, goddess of the sky; Shu, god of the atmosphere
 - i) Locusts — Serapia, protector from locusts
 - j) Darkness — Re, Amon-Re, Aten, Atum, and Horus are sun gods; Thoth is the moon god
 - k) Death of the firstborn (Passover) — a judgment on all Egypt’s gods, including Pharaoh
 - 2. This same God caused Pharaoh to release them and also caused the Egyptians to give them gold and jewels — “they plundered the Egyptians.” (Exodus 12:36)
- D. Finally! Israel is free — God is with them in the form of a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night
- E. But God says to “turn back”
- F. Exodus 14:1–2 (ESV); ¹ Then the Lord said to Moses, ² “Tell the people of Israel to turn back and encamp in front of Pi-hahiroth, between Migdol and the sea, in front of Baalzephon; you shall encamp facing it, by the sea.
 - 1. Pi-hahiroth means “mouth of the canal” and Migdol means “tower, fortress.”
 - 2. So they were between the mouth of the canal and the fortress
- G. So they turned back and ended up in an indefensible position — between a rock and a hard place
- H. Hear this — God put them in an indefensible position knowing that the Egyptian army was coming for them
- I. Do you think they were afraid?

- J. Exodus 14:13 (ESV); ¹³ And Moses said to the people, “Fear not, stand firm, and see the salvation of the Lord, which he will work for you today. For the Egyptians whom you see today, you shall never see again.
 - K. Sadie Robertson talking about her trip to Mogadishu
 - 1. "I think that I always thought that being fearless would be an absence of fear, but in Somalia, I realized that wasn't actually the case, because being fearless is actually being in the presence of where fear is but yet having peace.”
 - 2. "It's being in the face of fear and yet you have peace," she explained. "And you say, 'Although I see what's in front of me, I choose to believe that my God's bigger, my God's better.’”
- III. Only Be Silent
- A. Exodus 14:14 (ESV); The Lord will fight for you, and you have only to be silent.”
 - B. “Don’t be afraid. Stay where you are and see the Lord’s salvation, which he will provide for you today. Because you have seen the Egyptians today, you will never see them again. The Lord will fight for you. You do not need to do anything.” ¹
 - C. Israel’s task was to sit tight, not to move, to remain and to watch
 - 1. God delivered them from Egypt in a miraculous way — through the Red Sea
 - 2. The entire night God was protecting them from the Egyptian army
 - 3. He had placed Himself in-between them and the army (the pillar of fire)
 - 4. They were silent — they did nothing but watch
 - D. God fights for us!
 - 1. He is bigger, He is better than anything in front of us — from the Red Sea to the Egyptian army!
 - 2. From unemployment to terminal illnesses!
 - 3. There is nothing that God cannot accomplish, we just need to be silent
 - 4. God is a 100% God!
 - 5. God has given us everything we have — nothing has come from us
 - a) You are successful because God has given it to you
 - b) If you point to your income — God gave that to you
 - c) If you point to your ability — God gave that to you
 - d) There is nothing you have that God has not given to you!
 - E. We tend to focus on all the inconsequential battles — like God rescuing Israel from the Midianites under Gideon
 - F. But the big one is God rescuing us from the clutches on sin — and we didn’t do a thing!
 - 1. We did not do anything but watch (or in our case read)
 - 2. God sent His unique person (son) to walk among us and become our sacrifice — we did not have to do anything
 - 3. God sacrificed His unique person (son) to reconcile us back to Him — we did not have to do anything
 - 4. Salvation is waiting there — for us!
- IV. Set Free
- A. Have you been set free — saved?
 - B. Romans 6:3–7 (ESV); ³ Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴ We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. ⁵ For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶ We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷ For one who has died has been set free from sin.

¹ Douglas K. Stuart, Exodus, vol. 2, The New American Commentary (Nashville: Broadman & Holman Publishers, 2006), 336.

C. God has done all the work — accept what He has done — be united in Christ