

ONE in the word

“Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me (Jesus).” (John 5:39)

January 28 - Reflection

Men of ONE:

Wow! What a journey we have had this week and we have only just begun! In Exodus 14:28, as the Red Sea came crashing down upon Pharaoh and all the horsemen on their chariots, Pharaoh must have realized the answer to his question in Exodus 5:2, “Who is the LORD, that I should obey his voice...” only it was too late. He could not see the judgment of God in the plagues against his gods, or the salvation He was bringing to His people, until perhaps he was taking those final struggled breaths before succumbing to the power of the sea. But even, if then, he didn't see the Lord, all those nations around did see. But more importantly, Israel saw the saving power of the Lord and glorified God for a time. But understand, Pharaoh did come to KNOW, just as we ALL will KNOW, when we will kneel before the Lord and with the tongue confess, “Thou art LORD” (Romans 14:5-11). As we read through the scriptures, and God begins to reveal Himself to us through His word, may we be prompted to NOT wait for that day when “at the name of Jesus every knee should bow... And *that* every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ *is* Lord, to the glory of God the Father.” (Philippians 2:10-11) God desires on this day to be seated on the throne of our hearts, being magnified and glorified through the life He is living through us.

In reflecting back over the scripture we covered this week, let's be reminded of how truly applicable this Bible is to us. Although not necessarily written *to* us, it's quite clear that God had the church in mind when authoring the Book of Exodus. The Bible tells us in Romans 15:4, “**For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning**, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope.” Paul reminds us in 1 Corinthians 10:6 that “**these things were our examples**, to the intent we should not lust after evil things, as they also lusted.” In the same chapter, Paul reiterates this very point, “**Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples: and they are written for our admonition**, upon whom the ends of the world are come. God's word is clear. Let's never find ourselves discounting the Old Testament. Maybe even this week, we've seen ourselves directly in the middle of the story of the “exodus”.

Understanding it is the weekend, let's take some time to look back over our devotional scriptures and remind ourselves of how it applies to us. For further study read 1 Corinthians 10, and see how God uses this very story to compare with our life as believers. We'll find in 1 Corinthians 10, that “with many of them God was not well pleased: for they were overthrown in

the wilderness.” (1 Corinthians 10:5) Of course this is in reference to the children of Israel; however, let that never be said of us in our walk with Christ. We truly serve an amazing God! He has given us an amazing Book!

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION:

Exodus 9:16 “And in very deed for this *cause* have I raised thee up, for to shew *in* thee my power; and that my name may be declared throughout all the earth.”

Exodus 10:2 “And that thou mayest tell in the ears of thy son, and of thy son's son, what things I have wrought in Egypt, and my signs which I have done among them; that ye may know how that I *am* the LORD.”

Exodus 14:13-14 “And Moses said unto the people, Fear ye not, stand still, and see the salvation of the LORD, which he will shew to you to day: for the Egyptians whom ye have seen to day, ye shall see them again no more for ever. The LORD shall fight for you, and ye shall hold your peace.”

Exodus 18:20 “And thou shalt teach them ordinances and laws, and shalt shew them the way wherein they must walk, and the work that they must do.”

Exodus 23:9 “Also thou shalt not oppress a stranger: for ye know the heart of a stranger, seeing ye were strangers in the land of Egypt.”