

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

DEAR WOMAN OF GOD'S AMAZING GRACE:

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 then, 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). By this time, Pharaoh, and all others who reject Christ, will then be cast into the eternal hell.

What a great victory Israel experienced and they did nothing to bring it about! Sadly the after-effects of such jubilant celebration, quickly gave way to murmurings against God for not providing, in their time, pure, drinkable water. It didn't take long for them to forget how God had protected them from plague after plague; how He brought them through the deep, Red Sea on dry ground, and how He had provided for them the “*Egyptians jewels of silver, and jewels of gold, and raiment*” (Exodus 12:35) for their journey. It didn't occur to them that God did all this to give them life as they cried out expecting death to come. Oh how the Lord's heart must have grieved to hear their cries against Him and His servant, Moses!

It may be easy for us to ask, “How could they do that?” but the fact is we all are guilty of the same. When we choose to look at things with our natural eyes, and can see no way out, no way to “fix it”, and no way to ease the pain, we cry out to God, “Are you killing me, Lord?!” It is then hard for us to hear Him say, “No, my Daughter, I am bringing you out.”

It is a sad thing to realize that many who are saved are never truly separated from the things that entangle them in this world. When we choose to only see with our physical eyes we will only believe we are satisfied when everything is going according to our own plan. We will only feel accepted when others who see us with their physical eyes accept us. We fail to consider what the Lord sees in us. God has chosen you, dear woman of His amazing grace, by His grace, to be a peculiar treasure unto Himself, to bring honor and glory to Him. If you are fearful

that God is “killing” you in the trials and tests you are in, then you are looking at them with the wrong set of eyes.

For today, reflect on the children of Israel and how God was doing all things for them, and yet, they could only murmur against Him. Then, let us consider our own cries: are they cries of murmurings and complaints against God, Who is allowing things to happen in our life, as He is at work bringing us out of our bondage to the world? If they are, we need only confess, repent, and then rejoice. Let us realize in our pursuit of Christ we only need to just BE with Him; that He is doing all things to bring us out of the world and into a closer relationship with Himself.

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION:

Exodus 5:2 *“And Pharaoh said, Who is the LORD, that I should obey his voice to let Israel go? I know not the LORD, neither will I let Israel go.”*

Exodus 12:12 *“For I will pass through the land of Egypt this night, and will smite all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and against all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgment: 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 20:21 *“And the people stood afar off, and Moses drew near unto the thick darkness where God was.”*

Exodus 24:7 *“And he took the book of the covenant, and read in the audience of the people: and they said, All that the LORD hath said will we do, and be obedient.”*