

Red Sea Salvation

Exodus 14

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The Big Picture Truth: God never ceases to work out His purposes for our lives.

God's Primary Purpose: God wants to secure our salvation and free us from our bondage.

"Say therefore to the people of Israel, 'I am the LORD, and I will bring you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians, and I will deliver you from slavery to them, and I will redeem you with an outstretched arm and with great acts of judgment.'"

Exodus 6:6 (English Standard Version)

- From what were the Israelites being liberated? Answer: The bondage of slavery.

And the people believed; and when they heard that the LORD had visited the people of Israel and that he had seen their affliction, they bowed their heads and worshiped.
Exodus 4:31 (ESV)

- How does God free us from bondage? Answer: We cross over by grace.

. . . "Fear not, stand firm, and see the salvation of the LORD, which he will work for you today." Exodus 14:13a (ESV)

- Why are God's people saved? Answer: We have a mediator.

For there is one God and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, ⁶who gave himself as a ransom for all men—the testimony given in its proper time.
1 Timothy 2:5-6 (New International Version)

God's Secondary Purposes: To display His glory, deepen the Israelites' faith and secure their future from the menaces of their past.

"And I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians so that they shall go in after them, and I will get glory over Pharaoh and all his host, his chariots, and his horsemen. ¹⁸And the Egyptians shall know that I am the LORD, when I have gotten glory over Pharaoh, his chariots, and his horsemen." Exodus 14:17-18 (ESV)

Thus the LORD saved Israel that day from the hand of the Egyptians, and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. ³¹Israel saw the great power that the LORD used against the Egyptians, so the people feared the LORD, and they believed in the LORD and in his servant Moses. Exodus 14:30-31 (ESV)