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Exodus 14:31

Thus Israel saw the great work which the Lord had done in Egypt; so the people feared the Lord, and believed the Lord and His servant Moses.

Read the context: Exodus 12:29-42; 13:3, 17-22; 14:1-31

The phrase “the great work which the Lord had done” is literally “the great hand with which the Lord worked.” From the context verses, list all the ways that the Israelites had seen the great hand of the Lord.

When the Israelites saw Pharaoh’s army marching after them, how did they feel according to Exodus 14:10?

But Moses says to the people in Exodus 14:13, “Do not _____.” In the natural, physical realm they had every reason to be afraid. In that same verse what reason does Moses give the people as supporting “evidence” for why they should and could put away their fear? However, that hadn’t happened yet. They were being called upon to put away their fear of man by faith in the Word and promise of God. This is the essence of Hebrews 11:1: What does this verse tell us the substance of faith is? And what is the evidence of faith?

Things hoped for, things not yet seen, this is what fills the view of the eye of faith. Faith hears the promise of God and sets that before its eyes as evidence and actual substance; it is as palpable as any concrete, tangible reality. And that vision, though not yet fulfilled, becomes the governing reality of the person’s life.

What 2 things did their experience engender according to the verse for the day? List the 3 verbs in the verse that tell what the Israelites did.

When the other disciples were telling Thomas they had seen the resurrected Lord, he said: “Unless I see...I will not believe.” Now look at what Jesus said to Thomas in John 20:29. What blessing does Jesus tell us about in this verse? This blessing is also spoken of in Hebrews 11:6.

The Israelites’ fear switched over from the fear of man to the fear of God after they saw. Read Psalm 78:43-53. What does verse 53 say about the people?

Psalm 76 refers back to those same events of Exodus 12-14 and also mentions the fear of the Lord. What do the following verses in Psalm 76 tell us about God: verse 1, verse 4, and verse 12? What do these verses in Psalm 76 tell us that God did: verse 3, verse 6, and verse 9? What is our response to be according to Psalm 76:7 and 11? Psalm 76:11 says that God “ought to be feared;” from this Psalm, list reasons why He should be feared. Notice the referral to God’s

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anger in Psalm 76:7, 10 and also in Psalm 78:49-50. Toward whom was God's anger directed and why (Psalm 76:9 and Psalm 78:42b, 43)?

The righteous anger and judgment of God toward sin and oppression should cause us to fear and turn away from those things. He is awesome In His anger and we do well to take due warning.

Psalm 78:40-42 are very sad verses. List the 4 things these verses say the people of Israel did to God. What was it that made them think they had the freedom to do these things (verse 42)?

Faith and the fear of the Lord are tightly bound together, as are unbelief and the fear of man.

From this study, write out your own definition of faith. Also from this study, write down the things that give rise to the fear of the Lord in us.

Remembering and the fear of the Lord also go in tandem, as do forgetting and disregard of the Lord.

Take some time to look back on your life and remember the things God has done for you, the ways you have seen His hand at work in your life. Then look forward to the promises God has made to you that are yet to be fulfilled. Set those things before the eyes of your heart. Let us not forget and let us be diligent and faithful to tell the next generation (Psalm 78:5-8). May we set our hearts aright and may our spirits be faithful to God.