

# Let the Journey Begin

## a study in the book of Exodus

**Trials = Faith Builders for the Future - Exodus 14:30,31**

**Lesson 13**

These last two verses of Exodus 14 begin with the word *so*. They are summary and conclusion verses, summarizing what God had just done for His people followed by a few words describing their reaction. As we will see in subsequent lessons, their reaction was not life changing. May we be challenged as we reflect upon our own responses to the *great work* that God has done for us.

### **Read Exodus 14:30,31**

1. Read through this week's verses using both your Observation Worksheet (the last page of this homework) and another Bible translation or paraphrase. After reading through these verses, what would you say to someone if they asked you what they are about?
2. Key words help us to better understand the verses. We have listed below key words. Mark each one in a distinctive way (either with a symbol, highlighting, or some form of boxing, circling, or underlining). Mark each of the key words each time they are used in the text. Remember to mark any personal pronouns that refer to the *LORD*

Key Words: *LORD, Moses, Egypt/the Egyptians, and Israel*

3. List what the verses declare about:

the LORD

Israel

the Egyptians

**Read Exodus 14:30 The LORD saved Israel that day out of the hand of the Egyptians**

1. *The LORD saved Israel that day.* Record the promise of God to His people in Exodus 14:13a.

a. What did the LORD *save* His people from?

2. What do you think it was like for them to be in *the hands of the Egyptians*?

3. What are some similarities of their lives in *the hands of the Egyptians* and a life in bondage to sin?

4. Bask in the wonder of God's salvation as you record the words of the following verses:

Psalm 106:8,10

Isaiah 63:9

a. Share a thought about these verses as they relate to your salvation/deliverance.

## Read Exodus 14:30 Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore

1. *Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore.* Record the promise of God to His people in Exodus 14:13b.
  
2. The LORD not only delivered His people from their enemy, but He also destroyed their enemy. What do you think it was like for them as they looked upon their enemy, *dead on the seashore*?
  
3. Reflect on an experience in your life where God did as He promised. What is your response?
  
4. Apparently, many of the Egyptians were washed up on the shore on the other side of the Red Sea. They would have probably had their many weapons with them thus providing the children of Israel with weapons for the many battles with other nations that awaited them. Share a few thoughts as you ponder God's provision.
  - a. Meditate on the words of the LORD in Psalm 81:10. How does a reminder of God's past provision encourage you in times of need?

**Read Exodus 14:31 Israel saw the great work which the LORD had done**

1. *Israel saw the great work which the LORD had done* literally speaks of His mighty hand. Israel saw the mighty hand of the LORD at work. The psalmist declared God's *greatness* in Psalm 135:5. What did he write?
  - a. How do you *know* that the LORD is *great*?
  
2. Often the word *mercy* is coupled with a declaration of God's *greatness*. Reflect upon the words of Psalm 136:4 as you record them.
  - a. Why is *mercy* an example of God's *greatness*?
  
3. Israel had to first *see* the severity of their dilemma before they could appreciate *seeing* a *great work of God*. In what ways do you relate?

**Read Exodus 14:31 the people feared the LORD, and believed the LORD and His servant Moses**

1. *The people feared the LORD.* Fear of the *LORD* begins with recognizing His power. Reflect upon 1 Chronicles 29:11 and record what it declares about God's power.

2. Ponder the words of Psalm 66:7. How might they apply to Pharaoh and his people?

a. How might these verses apply to current events?

3. *...and believed the LORD and His servant Moses.* This *belief* did not result in a relationship of trust and commitment. What is the difference between believing someone and trusting/committing to them?

4. What are the two things God calls us to do in Psalm 50:15?

a. Personally, define your perception of how God desires to be *glorified*.



## Observation Worksheet

**Exodus 14:30-31** So the LORD saved Israel that day out of the hand of the Egyptians, and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. <sup>31</sup> 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.