

## The Old Testament – Questions to Consider

Week 8: Exodus 14-28

### Small Group Warm Up Question:

If you were to prioritize three things to do before you died, what would it be and why?

1. As God led his people on a longer route to the Promised Land, why did He not take them on the shortest route (Exodus 14:17-18)? When was a time that God took you on a “longer route” in life? How did that feel? What did God teach you through that season?
2. God led His people visibly through the “pillar of cloud” by day and a “pillar of fire” by night to guide and protect the people of Israel with “the angel of God” (Exodus 13:21-22 & 15:19). What do you think it was like to have this supernatural presence of God in front of them? Despite the visible presence of God with them, how did the Israelites respond when they saw Pharaoh’s army behind them (Exodus 14:10-12)? How did Moses respond? How is God really with Christians all the time today? Why do we get so afraid and anxious? How can we better let God fight our fears and worries?
3. God defeats the Egyptian army such that “not one of them remained” (Exodus 14:28). How does this foreshadow God’s future victory through Jesus when all of His enemies are cast into the lake of fire? How do you think the Israelites felt when they realized that God had protected them and kept them safe?
4. What verse stands out to you the most from the song of Moses and Miriam in Exodus 15? Why? How does a song help someone remember a past event more clearly? What victories has God accomplished in your life that you should “sing” about? What are practical steps we can take to memorialize and remember what God has accomplished for us? Items? Traditions? Celebrations?
5. Three days after this miraculous delivered in crossing the Red Sea, what do the Israelites start to do again? (Exodus 15:24) How did God respond? Exodus 16 begins with a similar issue (Exodus 16:2-3). How did God respond? What do you find yourself grumbling or complaining about a lot? Why is our grumbling and complaining often more serious of a heart issue than we realize? (Exodus 16:8) How can we better resist the temptation to grumble?
6. Many of the Israelites “paid no attention” to the commands of God through Moses (Exodus 16:20) and their food was full of maggots and smelled. When we follow our own opinions, instead of the commands of God, what should we expect?

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Week 9: Exodus 29-40, Leviticus 1-3

- **Read the Old Testament w/Us:** [www.southfork.church/2024](http://www.southfork.church/2024)

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to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness. [14] For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.”

- Romans 6:16 “Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness?”
- Romans 6:19 “I am speaking in human terms, because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness leading to sanctification.”

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- 2 Timothy 2:22–26 “So flee youthful passions and pursue righteousness, faith, love, and peace, along with those who call on the Lord from a pure heart. [23] Have nothing to do with foolish, ignorant controversies; you know that they breed quarrels. [24] And the Lord’s servant must not be quarrelsome but kind to everyone, able to teach, patiently enduring evil, [25] correcting his opponents with gentleness. God may perhaps grant them repentance leading to a knowledge of the truth, [26] and they may come to their senses and escape from the snare of the devil, after being captured by him to do his will.”
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2 Peter 2:19

[19] They promise them freedom, but they themselves are slaves of corruption. For whatever overcomes a person, to that he is enslaved. (ESV)

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And one of the scribes came up and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, asked him, “Which commandment is the most important of all?” [29] Jesus answered, “The most important is, ‘Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. [30] And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.’ (Mark 12:28-30 ESV)

#### New Testament Listings of Sin Identities

Romans 1:26-32 · 1 Corinthians 6:9-11 · Galatians 5:19-21 · 1

Timothy 1:9-11 · Revelation 21:8

“the sinful mind is hostile to God.

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haters of God, insolent ... inventors of evil ... ruthless. (Romans 1:29-32 ESV)

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Again you have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not swear falsely, but shall perform to the Lord what you have sworn.’ [34] But I say to you, Do not take an oath at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, [35] or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. [36] And do not take an oath by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. [37] Let what you say be simply ‘Yes’ or ‘No’; anything more than this comes from evil. (Matthew 5:33-37 ESV)

And I tell you, everyone who acknowledges me before men, the Son of Man also will acknowledge before the angels of God, [9] but the one who denies me before men will be denied before the angels of God. [10] And everyone who speaks a word against the

Son of Man will be forgiven, but the one who blasphemes against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven. (Luke 12:8-10 ESV)  
haughty, boastful (Romans 1:29-32 ESV)  
“hallowed be your name” (Matthew 6:9)

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“Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. [9] Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, [10] but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates. [11] For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.”

You shall remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the LORD your God brought you out from there with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm. Therefore the LORD your God commanded you to keep the Sabbath day. (Deuteronomy 5:15 ESV)

Therefore let no one pass judgment on you in questions of food and drink, or with regard to a festival or a new moon or a Sabbath. [17] These are a shadow of the things to come, but the substance belongs to Christ. (Colossians 2:16-17 ESV)  
for whoever has entered God's rest has also rested from his works as God did from his. [11] Let us therefore strive to enter that rest, so that no one may fall by the same sort of disobedience. (Hebrews 4:10-11 ESV)  
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Ephesians 6:1–3 Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. [2] “Honor your father and mother” (this is the first commandment with a promise), [3] “that it may go well with you and that you may live long in the land.” (ESV)

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malice. ... murder, strife ... maliciousness. (Romans 1:29-32 ESV)

enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions (Galatians 5:19-21 ESV)

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You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ [28] But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lustful intent has already committed adultery with her in his heart. (Matthew 5:27-28 ESV)

It was also said, ‘Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.’ [32] But I say to you that everyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of sexual immorality, makes her commit adultery, and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery. (Matthew 5:31-32 ESV)

For this reason God gave them up to dishonorable passions. For their women exchanged natural relations for those that are contrary to nature; [27] and the men likewise gave up natural relations with women and were consumed with passion for one another, men committing shameless acts with men and receiving in themselves the due penalty for their error. [28] And since they did not see fit to acknowledge God, God gave them up to a debased mind to do what ought not to be done. (Romans 1:26-28 ESV)

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1 Corinthians 7:39 A wife is bound to her husband as long as he lives. But if her husband dies, she is free to be married to whom she wishes, only in the Lord. (ESV)

Romans 7:2–3 “For a married woman is bound by law to her husband while he lives, but if her husband dies she is released from the law of marriage. [3] Accordingly, she will be called an adulteress if she lives with another man while her husband is alive. But if her husband dies, she is free from that law, and if she marries another man she is not an adulteress.” (ESV)

1 Corinthians 7:10–11 “To the married I give this charge (not I, but the Lord): the wife should not separate from her husband [11] (but if she does, she should remain unmarried or else be reconciled to her husband), and the husband should not divorce his wife.” (ESV)

### **8. Work Hard. Do Not Steal. (Exodus 20:15)**

- Protect yourself from the greed of theft, unjust gain, gambling, tax evasion, cheating, selfishness, & non-tithing.

“You shall not steal.”

nor thieves, nor the greedy ... swindlers (1 Corinthians 6:9-11 ESV)

Malachi 3:8 Will man rob God? Yet you are robbing me. But you say, ‘How have we robbed you?’ In your tithes and contributions. (ESV)

Proverbs 15:27 Whoever is greedy for unjust gain troubles his own household, but he who hates bribes will live. (ESV)

### **9. Do Not Lie. Speak Truth. (Exodus 20:16)**

- Know truth, not opinions and experiences. Be trustworthy, take responsibility, avoid gossip, and keep your promises.

“You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. (Exodus 20:16)

deceit ... They are gossips, slanderers (Romans 1:29-32 ESV)

enslavers, liars, perjurers, (1 Timothy 1:9-11 ESV)

all liars (Revelation 21:8 ESV)

### **10. Be Content and Don't Covet. (Exodus 20:17)**

- Avoid all forms of envy - greed, lust, and jealousy. Guard your eyes from desires, lust, pride, & worry. Trust God's provision.

“You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor's.” (Exodus 20:17)



covetousness ... They are full of envy ... (Romans 1:29-32 ESV)  
envy (Galatians 5:19-21 ESV)