

Preparation & Even More

Personal Bible Study for Weekend of October 27th, 2013
(To Be Available Weekend of October 20th, 2013)

God Delivers His People

Monday & Tuesday

1. God Cares – Read Exodus 3:1-22

- *In your life, when have you felt like God has observed your misery, heard your cries, and was aware of your suffering?*
- *In those times, has God come down to rescue you? How?*
- *Who, at pivotal times in your life, has been a Moses for you?*
- *When you've faced your own Pharaohs, how have the exchanges gone? Have you been aware of God's presence in those circumstances?*

Wednesday & Thursday

The following articles relate to this lesson and are contained in this packet for your reading. You do not have to read all these articles in one sitting, but intersperse them throughout the week's study.

- *"Egypt and the Asiatics"*
- *"A Cry of Pain in Exodus"*
- *"Pharaoh's Army"*
- *"Who is Yahweh"*

2. God Judges – Read Exodus 12:1-42

- *If you have children, does this passage rub you the wrong way? How so?*
- *Have you ever experienced a sense of God passing over you? Maybe a sense that you were protected? What was that like, and how did it affect your faith?*
- *Were God's actions in this passage fair? Were they just? In what way?*
- *Why was it important for God to act in the ways He did here?*

- *Pharaoh repeatedly hardened his heart against God, and it cost him and his people dearly. How much are you like Pharaoh, ignoring God's efforts to divert you from certain disaster?*

Friday & Saturday

3. God Delivers – Read Exodus 14:1-31

- *Does God always come through on His promises? How do you know?*
- *When, in your life, has God fought for you?*
- *In times when you're acutely aware that God is fighting your battle, how difficult is it to "be quiet?"*
- *Were the miracles God performed here more dramatic than the ones He does today? In what ways are they? In what ways aren't they?*
- *Does it seem strange for God to kill so many people here? Why or why not?*
- *God's delivery came in a most unusual way—who would have thought delivery, then victory, would have come simply by Moses stretching out his hand? On a scale of 1 (forget it!) to 10 (absolutely!), how likely would you be to experience God's delivery if it required you to do something unconventional and without directly addressing the apparent problem? Explain.*
- *This lesson shows God compassionately expressing His power on behalf of His people. If you rest convinced that He still does this on our behalf today, confess to God and praise Him for it!*

Pray for Pastor Jim's Message weekend of October 27th