

Bible study, 3 RC, Saint Marys, Ga.
Rom.15:4, 2 Tim.3:16

Where is the church now?

- 1.Egipt. Ex.2:23 / Sin
- 2.Wilderness. Out of Egipt, but not in Canaan? Exodus 16:1-3/Carnal christian
- 3.Canaan. Josua 1:4-7/Spiritual christian

Our Lord made these things clear in the Scriptures so we can understand them and learn from Israel, and OT.

Joseph went to Egipt and through him, Jacob, his father and his father's family got to Egipt like free men. But later they were transformed into slaves for 430 years. God heard their sufferings and wanted to save them. Our Lord made a promise to a man in Genesis 15:12-21, named Abraham. Into that promise, God start acting:

1.Egipt. The country of sin.

A.God prepare a man for that job – Moses. He live 120 years and his live could be easily divided in 3 major parts:

-40 years / Moses thought he was somebody

-40 years/ Moses thought he was nobody

-40 years/ Moses refuse to think, Moses obey; God was his commanding Leader, and he accomplish a lot, being defined "the most gentle man ever lived"!

Who take the people out of Egipt/ Who brought them in Canaan?

Why? How do you explain that?!

Moses=Representative for the Law is a ladder whose steps are so high, that nobody is able to climb, but Jesus grab us in His arms, threw us on His almighty shoulders, and carried us up from that pit.

Joshua=Jesus ! Not him, but the captain of the Host!

B.God prepares a people for Himself. A nation of slaves needs what? Liberation, freedom, but what was the first thing God did?

- Spiritual redemption, not just a physically one. What is the most important of these 2?

Take a lamb, keep it 4 days into your home. Why? To identify yourselves with that lamb that will die instead of you.

What do they have to do with the blood? How many times?

-Passover – how many times did they eat it until Canaan? Why?

What is the significance of this celebration? What about circumcision?

Passover and circumcision is a Destination celebration, and not just an Exodus (exit) celebration!

How can you celebrate something that is not real for you?! I mean how can you celebrate Leaving Egypt, if you are not in Canaan?

How many days should they travel from Egypt to Canaan initially?

-40 days, not 40 years. Exodus 12:11 'eat it in haste, it is the Lord's passover'. Why should they do that? Why was such a rush? The meaning was not just out of Egypt, but entering into the country.

C. God prepared a land for them, a land with milk and honey.

2. The wilderness. Out of Egypt was a success, but entering in Canaan, a total failure!

Why was that trouble? Whose fault was that? Was that God, for the people blamed Moses, Aaron, or God?

Hebrews 3:19 'so we see that they were not able to enter, because of their unbelief'.

Three characteristics of these people:

a) what they did? Deuter. 12:1,8,9.

Doing what is right in your own eyes is what you do in the wilderness!

b) what they thought? Numbers 11:4-6

What we allow our minds to dwell upon can have significant impact on our well-being! Be very careful what you think about!

c)what they said. Num.16:3. In other words:’’we are fine just the way we are, leave us alone’’.

Our self-centeredness can be very dangerous!

We know where you’re living by what you do, think and say!

*How God responded back to that unbelief: forbade them to enter in the country the way they were , but showed mercy to them: His presence in water from the Rock, mana, cloud, fire, etc... He will discipline us but He will never forsake us.

What a Good God we have, and what ungrateful we are!

We blame everybody but we refuse to look on our own self. Like the man with his sack divided in 2 parts,one in front on his body, and the other on his back. He saw all the time other people’s mistakes and never his.

Why it is so hard to live a full of joy life? Why are you in the wilderness?

*1 Corinthians 3,4 speaks about 3 kind of people, that correspond to this 3 states described above: *natural man*, *carnal christian*, and *spiritual christian*.

- Natural man is that person that is dead without Christ, and he is in the flesh, in Adam.
- A carnal person is that who is not in the flesh but in Christ, but live accordingly to the flesh many times, and does not have rest.
- The 3rd one is that person that is in Christ. Romans 5:10
Justification/ Sanctification/ Glorification !

Where are you here? Which one of these 3 states describe your spiritual status?

Amalek=Gen.36, Ex.17,1 Sam 15, Esther, Malachi 1:3, Rom.9:13,14.

God,why did you hate Esau, and loved Jacob? Gen 32, Jacob repent.

There is no sense to stay in the wilderness. Do not be afraid to live a saintfull life. It is going to be okay.

- Joshua sent 2 spies and what they heard amazed them. They were wondering for 40 years, but everything was prepared for them to enter just from the beginning. Joshua 2:9-11.

In the wilderness we experience: frustration, tears of fear, unsatisfaction, lack of trust, no rest,unsecurity,etc..

How can we enter into that rest?

Our rest is not a country, it is not heaven when after we will die, but Christ, His Person, now!

Matthew 11:28. Please hurry, enter into that state now. Once you crucify your flesh, your self, and let Christ be in command you will start experiencing what God intended you to live from the beginning of your spiritual birth / an abundant life. It is not a new concept, a new teaching, but an old one.

Unbeliever, remember you are in sin and you will die and there is no second chance after; *believer*, remember that you are in Christ, but you can be controlled by your self sometimes, and that might bring a miserable life to you, forcing you to live in the wilderness. Those that are spiritually, mature christians, should be very busy too.

All you have to do is to let Christ be in you the hope of glory ! A spiritual man let God guide his life in like manner Jesus let His Father work in Him.

Illustration: the glove and the 500 HP car!