

“Some Divine Reasons for Our Impossibilities”

(Sunday Morning June 23rd, 2024)

Passage: Exodus 14:1-14

Jer 32:17 “‘Ah Lord GOD! Behold, You have made the heavens and the earth by Your great power and by Your outstretched arm! Nothing is too difficult for You”

Matt 19:26 “(Jesus Said)...with God all things are possible,” (Emphasis Added)

Everything that God allows to happen in your life and my life is ultimately for the p_____ of His g_____.

I. God R_____ His P_____

1) God’s Purpose Was I_____

Exod 13:21-22 (Reference)

Unfortunately, we don’t have a c_____ by day and a pillar of f_____ by night, but we do have God’s word and we do have the Holy Spirit.

2) God’s Purpose Was I_____

a. First, This Was for Their P_____

Exod 13:17 “Now when Pharaoh had let the people go, God did not lead them by the way of the land of the Philistines, even though it was near; for God said, “The people might change their minds when they see war, and return to Egypt.”

b. Second, This Was for Their M_____

Deut 8:2 “You shall remember all the ways which the LORD your God has led you in the wilderness these forty years, that He might humble you, testing you, to know what was in your heart, ...”

3) God’s Purpose Was I_____

God placed these Israelites in this very difficult situation, because He wanted to teach the E_____ a lesson.

Rom 9:17 “For the Scripture says to Pharaoh, “FOR THIS VERY PURPOSE I RAISED YOU UP, TO DEMONSTRATE MY POWER IN YOU, AND THAT MY NAME MIGHT BE PROCLAIMED THROUGHOUT THE WHOLE EARTH.”

Rom 9:20-21 “²⁰ On the contrary, who are you, O man, who answers back to God? The thing molded will not say to the molder, “Why did you make me like this,” will it? Or does not the potter have a right over the clay, to make from the same lump one vessel for honorable use and another for common use?”

Rom 9:22-23 “²² What if God, although willing to demonstrate His wrath and to make His power known, endured with much patience vessels of wrath prepared for destruction? ²³ And He did so to make known the riches of His glory upon vessels of mercy, which He prepared beforehand for glory”

II. God R_____ His P_____

1) God's Plan Was I_____

God brought them to a cul-de-sac, a place where they were h_____ in on every side.

Matt 14:30 "But seeing the wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, 'Lord, save me!'"

2) God's Purpose Was I_____

2 Tim 1:7 "For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind" (NKJV)

We can be calm, because we know that our God is an awesome God and that He loves us b_____
m_____.

Ps 46:10 "He says, "Be still, and know that I am God; ..."

III. God R_____ His P_____

1) God's Praise Was I_____

Judges 7:2 "The Lord said to Gideon, 'The people who are with you are too many for Me to give Midian into their hands, for Israel would become boastful, saying, 'My own power has delivered me.'"

Often times, God has to make a situation impossible for us in order to insure that the praise and glory will be directed t_____ H_____.

2) God's Praise Was I_____

*Rev 15:3 "And they *sang the song of Moses, the bond-servant of God, ... 'Great and marvelous are Your works, O Lord God, the Almighty; ..."*

Esther 4:14 "For if you remain silent at this time, relief and deliverance will arise for the Jews from another place and you and your father's house will perish..."

You can stand in God's way and get r_____ o_____ or you can cooperate with God and rejoice when He is victorious, but one way or the other, God will be glorified.

Job 13:15 "(Job Said)...even though He slay me yet will I praise Him!" (Paraphrase)

Job 23:10 "But He knows the way I take; When He has tried me, I shall come forth as gold."

2 Chron 20:15 "...thus says the LORD to you (Jehoshaphat), 'Do not fear or be dismayed because of this great multitude, for the battle is not yours but God's.'"

Acts 16:25 "...about midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns of praise to God, and the prisoners were listening to them"

Phil 2:10-11 "10...at the name of Jesus EVERY KNEE WILL BOW, of those who are in heaven and on earth and under the earth, 11 and that every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father"