

Series: The Life of Moses

Mini Series: The Red Sea Rules: #8

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“Deliverance Will Come”

Text: Exodus 14:21-29

Intro: Recap the Red Sea Rules: 1) Remember God means for you to be where you are. 2) Be More concerned for God’s glory than for your relief. 3) Acknowledge your enemy, but keep your eyes on the Lord. 4) Pray 5) Stay Calm and Confident, and give God time to work. 6) When unsure, just take the next logical step by faith. 7) Envision God’s Enveloping Presence.

Today we will look at the most famous story maybe of all time. The day God rolled back the waters and deliverance had come.

1) An Outstretched Hand (v. 21)

- a. Look back at v. 16.
- b. Moses is clearly obeying the command of God.
- c. This is a step of faith. Do what God tells you to do.
- d. Sometimes it will not make sense. Ask Naaman, or the little boy with the lunch, or fisherman who were told to cast their net on the other side.
- e. Faith will require action.

2) A Rolled Back Sea. (v. 21)

- a. It is incredible to me how many have tried to lessen what happened here.
- b. Someone said that Moses knew the land very well and would have waited for the tide or the waters to move. That this was not literal but figurative.
- c. Many that I read tried very hard to explain how hard the wind blew, and how much water had to be moved.
- d. The Fact is God could have rolled back that sea without the wind, but the wind is a great picture of the guiding presence of the Holy Spirit.
- e. I don’t know how it happened, and I don’t’ need to know how, but I believe that the water rolled back on two sides and made a path in the middle, and the wind dried the ground up.

3) An Encouraged Nation

- a. This is a no brainer. Who would not be encouraged by this.
- b. **Matthew Henry:** This was done, in order to encourage God's people in all ages to trust him in the greatest straits. What cannot he do who did this? What will not he do for those that fear and love him, who did this for these murmuring, unbelieving Israelites?
- c. I am encouraged by this this very day.
- d. The Same God who can open up seas, is with me at this very moment.
- e.

4) A Destroyed Enemy (v. 28)

- a. We can rest assured that when God works it is not done half way.
- b. God even took the wheels off of their chariots.
- c. We can rest sure today that when God took care of our enemy it is a complete work as well.
- d. **Matthew Henry:** Behold the end to which a Christian may look forward. His enemies rage, and are mighty; but while he holds fast by God, he shall pass the waves in safety guarded by that very power of his Saviour, which shall come down on every spiritual foe. The enemies of his soul whom he hath seen to-day, he shall see no more for ever.
- e. No enemy can stand against our God. He will strip them down to nothing and lay all of his enemies at his feet.
- f. Our God delivers.

Red Sea Rule #8: Trust God to Deliver in His own unique way.

1) Sometimes God delivers Miraculously

- a. Our text today is living proof of that.
- b. God does still today, but we must understand that God doesn't have standardized, same size fits all solutions to our various problems.
- c. He chooses when, how, where and who miracles will work through.
- d. **Read from the J. Robert Morgan book page 83-84**

2) His Providential Ways

- a. Yes, miracles still occur. God uses them sparingly.
- b. No doubt that miracles are all in our Bible, but it was not the norm.
- c. Throughout most of the Bible, God helped people in ordinary, providential ways.
- d. We often say, "It just so happened", or luckily, or by happenstance.
- e. We know that there is no such thing. God knows how to connect the dots.
- f. Charles Spurgeon once said "We believe in the providence of God, but we do not believe half enough in it."

3) His Mysterious Ways.

- a. Face it. God does things we will never understand while we live here.
- b. **Vance Havner:** "God marks across some of our days, "Will explain later."
- c. John 13:7 Jesus said, "What I am doing you do not understand now, but you will know after this."
- d. Our view of deliverance is mostly for the here and the now. Healing now, miracle now.
- e. **Vance Havner:** "When before the throne we stand in Him complete, all the riddles that puzzle us here will fall into place and we shall know in fulfillment what we now believe in faith- that all things work together for good in His eternal purpose. No longer will we cry "My God, My God, why?" Instead, "alas" will become "Alleluia," all question marks will be straightened into exclamation points, sorrow will change to singing, and pain will be lost in praise."

