

God, the Faithful God

“Thus Jehovah saved Israel that day...Israel saw the great work which Jehovah did upon the Egyptians, and the people feared Jehovah: and they believed in Jehovah...” (Exod. 14:30-31).

Pharaoh said in his hardened pride of the Israelites, “My desire shall be satisfied upon them...” (Exod. 15:9). Instead, Jehovah’s desire was satisfied upon Pharaoh (Exod. 14:4).

Centuries later, Jesus declared, “For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned” (Matt. 12:37). It proved true with Pharaoh and true of all who opposed the will of Jehovah before and after Pharaoh. The song of Moses (Exod. 15) reflects the ultimate end of the wicked. They prosper initially as Jesus explained in Luke 16:7, “...the sons of this world are for their own generation wiser than the sons of the light”. However, the sowing and reaping principle applies to the wicked in like manner as it does to the righteous: “He that is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much: and he that is unrighteous in a very little is unrighteous also in much” (Luke 16:10). When Jehovah’s wrath came as the waters returned, both Egyptians and the Israelites acknowledged the power of Jehovah (Exod. 14:25, 30).

It is sad to read that, afterward, many in Israel met the same fate as the Egyptians (cf. Psalm 106). Faith looks both backward and forward (Heb. 11:1). The Israelites’ deliverance gives assurance that Jehovah fulfills His promises. It is through these promises that we “become partakers of the divine nature...” (2 Peter 1:4). God is faithful to His words. “God keepeth covenant and lovingkindness with them that love him and keep his commandments to a thousand generations...” (Deut. 7:9). What about you? Roger Bruner