

Israel's Deliverance

- How Egypt Defined Israel

- *And **they made their lives bitter with hard bondage** — in mortar, in brick, and in all manner of service in the field. **All their service in which they made them serve was with rigor.** Ex 1:14*

- How God Defined and Revealed Israel

- ***So the people believed**; and when they heard that the Lord had visited the children of Israel and that He had looked on their affliction, Ex 4:31*

- ***the Lord overthrew the Egyptians** in the midst of the sea. 28 Then the waters returned and covered the chariots, the horsemen, and all the army of Pharaoh that came into the sea after them. Ex. 14:27-29*

Less than Two Years Later

- *And to whom did He swear that they would not enter His rest, but to those who did not obey? 19 So we see that they could not enter in because of unbelief. Heb 3:17-19*
- *For indeed the gospel was preached to us as well as to them; but the word which they heard did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in those who heard it. Heb 4:1-3*
- **What Happened?**
- Israel continued to allow Egypt and the World to define who they were.
- The rejected God's plan to redefine them.

Never Saw what Moses Saw

- *choosing rather to **suffer affliction with the people of God** than to **enjoy the passing pleasures of sin**, 26 **esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt; for **he looked to the reward****. Heb 11:25-26*
- Israel never rose above the worlds view of them:
- Never chose to suffer affliction as the people of God
- Never stopped enjoying the passing pleasures of sin.
- Never esteemed the reproach of Christ greater riches.
- Never looked at the reward

12 Spies – 2 Views – 2 Responses

- **The 10 who saw but never united it with faith**
- *We are not able to go up against the people, for they are stronger than we...and we were like grasshoppers in our own sight, and so we were in their sight 13:31*
- **2 who saw through the eyes of faith and not sight**
- *do not rebel against the Lord, nor fear the people of the land, ... their protection has departed from them, and the Lord is with us. Do not fear them ..." 14:6-9*
- The children of Israel's choice between the two:
- *... all the congregation said to stone them with stones*
- What choice do you think you would have made?

Don't Have to Wonder – We are Making it

The choice of Moses and the choice of Israel

Mt 5:10-12 Cast insults at you – Blessed are you

Lk 6:22-23 Men hate you – rejoice

Jn 15:18-20 The world hates you – hated Me 1st

I Jn 3:13 Do not marvel if world hates you

II Tim 3:12 All who live godly- persecuted

- Do we feel blessed when insulted or just insulted?
- Do we Rejoice when hated or just feel hated?
- Do we Marvel – or accept it as a Christian?
- Are we the godly – or the persecuted?

Have we Made the Choice of Moses?

Heb 11:37-40 Of whom This world is not worthy
1 Pet 2:9 Elect race, royal priesthood, holy nation
Eph 1:15-19 The Hope; The Glory; The Power
Rom 8:31-37 God is for us, who is against us?
we are more than conquerors
Phil 3:20-21 Our citizenship is in heaven;
I Jn 3:1-2 Now we are children of God
not yet manifest what we shall be

Do we feel blessed, honored, protected, citizens of heaven, the children of God.

Allow the world to define us and feel dejected?
Will we allow Jesus to define us and feel elation?

Jesus Defines His Disciples

- *"If the world hates you, you know that it hated Me before it hated you. 19 If you were of the world, the world would love its own. Yet because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you. 20 Remember the word that I said to you, 'A servant is not greater than his master.' If they persecuted Me, they will also persecute you. If they kept My word, they will keep yours also. 21 But all these things they will do to you for My name's sake, because they do not know Him who sent Me. Jn. 15:18-21*
- Do we feel as Jesus defines us or just feel hated?
- Are we servants of Jesus accepting His reproach?

How we choose to See

- *Therefore we also, since we are **surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses**, let us **lay aside every weight**, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us **run with endurance the race that is set before us**, 2 **looking unto Jesus**, the author and finisher of our faith, who for **the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame**, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. 3 **For consider Him who endured such hostility from sinners against Himself, lest you become weary and discouraged in your souls.** Heb 12:1-4*
- Our cloud of witnesses forces us to choose
- Joy or shame? Hostility of sinners or praise from God
- Weights, Weary, Discouraged or joy and exaltation

Will We Reign with Him?

- *Faithful is the saying: For if we died with him, we shall also live with him: 12 if we endure, we shall also reign with him: if we shall deny him, he also will deny us: 13 if we are faithless, he abides faithful; for he cannot deny himself. 2 Tim 2:11-13*

Are we Citizens of Heaven?

- *For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, 21 who will transform our lowly body that it may be conformed to His glorious body, according to the working by which He is able even to subdue all things to Himself. Phil 3:20-21*

How the World Saw The Apostles

- We are **fools** for Christ's sake, but you are wise in Christ! We are **weak**, but you are strong! You are distinguished, but we are **dishonored!** 11 To the present hour we both **hunger and thirst**, and we are **poorly clothed** and **beaten**, and **homeless**. 12 And we labor, working with our own hands. **Being reviled, we bless; being persecuted, we endure;** 13 **being defamed, we entreat.** We have been **made as the filth of the world, the offscouring of all things until now.** 1Cor 4:10-13

How the Apostles Saw Themselves

- Yet in all these things ***we are more than conquerors*** through Him who loved us. 38 For I am persuaded that neither ***death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, 39 nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God*** which is in Christ Jesus our Lord. Rom 8:37-39
- They saw themselves as God saw them and what Jesus had made them.
- They did not allow the world to define them.

Looking at the Seen or Unseen

- *For our light affliction, which is for the moment, works for us more and more exceedingly an eternal weight of glory; 18 while we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal. 2 Cor 4:17-18*
- Are we walking by faith or by sight
- Are we like Israel or Joshua and Caleb?

It is our Choice

- *For He Himself has said,*
- *“I will never leave you nor forsake you.”*
- *6 So we may boldly say:*
- *“The Lord is my helper; I will not fear. What can man do to me?” Heb. 13:5-6*