



Exodus 14

1. God baits His enemies as a means to destroying them and exalting Himself (1-8; Pro 22:14).
2. Fear (of man) has been known to be the real reason people suffer or settle in life (9-12).
3. God fights for/saves His people from their troubles when they stand firm and don't give way to fear (13-14, 25; Psa 34:17, 71).
4. God wants courage not crying when He calls us to trust and obey (15-16; Jos 1:6-9).
5. God has been known to use the courage and obedience of His leaders as the means to delivering His people and destroying their enemies (16-30).
6. God knows how to prevent our enemies from getting close to us (19-20).
7. God was glorified thru washing Pharaoh and the Egyptians' dead bodies up on the seashore (18 w/30; Exo 9:16; Rom 9:17).
8. Realizing God's great power is key to initially fearing Him and obeying His commandments (31; hence the reason the people were to pass the story of the Exodus on to the next generation -e.g. Deu 6:20-24; consider Heb 6:5).

Exodus 15

1. Rejoicing and praising God is the proper response to the destruction of those who stand against us (and Him) (1-21).
2. Even the greatest and most powerful nation on the planet is no match for the "man of war", our God (3, 1-12; Dan 4:34-35).
3. God will safely get His people to His holy mountain (13-18; Mat 16:18; Heb 12:22-23; 2Ti 4:18; Jud 1:24).
4. Continuing to possess God as our "strength" and "salvation" requires that we continue to trust and obey His commands when testing/trials comes (1-21 vs 22-27).
5. Obeying God means doing what is right in His eyes – not ours (26).

Exodus 16

1. Grumbling against God's leaders is grumbling against God (1-2 w/7-8).
2. Witnessing God's mighty deeds or experiencing His supernatural presence does not cause people to *keep* trusting and obeying God, it only increases the reason they are w/o excuse (1-36; 6 – "know" = Further be w/o excuse. The people had already seen God's mighty deeds and were still experiencing His supernatural presence – 10; Re: not trusting and obeying, 2-3, 4 = God tested them by giving them only enough for one day, 28 – "How long will you refuse to keep my commandments and laws?"; consider again Heb 6:5w/6; Consider also Luk 11:14-17 w/27-36).
3. God expects us to be short-sighted in our trust and obedience (1-36; "blind righteousness"; hence – 4, 19-20; Mat 6:25-34).
4. God has replaced the daily manna from heaven w/the eternal heavenly bread of Jesus (12-21, 15 w/Joh 6:48-51).
5. In the same way God used the former manna to get His people to the promised land, God uses Jesus to get us to our promised land of heaven (32-36; Jos 5:12; Heb 4:8-11, 11:16).

Hebrews 13

1. God expects us to demonstrate affection for our Christian bro/sis (“philadelphia” = affection for a brother) - known or unknown, thru “hospitality” and compassion (1-3).
2. A sign of a good NC pastor is that no matter what else he teaches on, he always gets back to admonishing his people in relation to the core Christian practices (orthopraxy): 1) (brotherly) love (1-3), 2) sexual purity (4), 3) money fidelity (5-6), 4) submission to (sacred) authority (7, 17), 5) right gospel (8-15), 6) faithfulness (16), 7) effective worship (15, 18-19).
3. It is our baptism that equips w/everything we need to be faithful to God (20-21; “the blood of the eternal covenant” = The blood of Christ that washes us at our baptism – Heb 10:19-22 w/1Pe 1:22; Act 22:16).

Philemon 1

1. Fellowship or spending time w/other saints can cause us (or others) to better see our/their spiritual potential for serving Christ (1-7).
2. We should always trust that those known to be faithful believers will do – or are doing, the right thing and therefore give them the benefit of the doubt by going to them (1-14).
3. True Christians always stand up for their brothers (10).
4. We are to find God’s good purpose in all things (15-17).
5. What we ask of other believers should never forgo justice (i.e. what is fair) by taking advantage of the fact that they are inclined to sacrifice/help b/c we are bro/sis in Christ (18-25).