

Exodus 14 : 13-27—Memory Verses, 13,14.

Golden Text—Thus the Lord saved Israel that day out of the hand of the Egyptians ; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead upon the sea shore.—Exodus 14 : 30.



13 And Mo'ses said unto the people, Fear ye not, stand still, and see the salvation of the Lord, which he will shew to you to day : for the Egypt'ians whom ye have seen to day, ye shall see them again no more for ever.

14 The Lord shall fight for you, and ye shall hold your peace.

15 And the Lord said unto Mo'ses, Wherefore criest thou unto me ? speak unto the children of Is'rael, that they go forward :

16 But lift thou up thy rod, and stretch out thine hand over the sea, and divide it : and the children of Is'rael shall go on dry ground through the midst of the sea.

17 And I, behold, I will harden the hearts of the Egypt'ians, and they shall follow them : and I will get me honour upon Phar'ah, and upon all his host, upon his chariots, and upon his horsemen.

18 And the Egypt'ians shall know that I am the Lord, when I have gotten me honour upon Phar'ah, upon his chariots, and upon his horsemen.

19 And the angel of God, which went before the camp of Is'rael, removed and went behind them ; and the pillar of the cloud went from before their face, and stood behind them :

20 And it came between the camp of the Egypt'ians and the camp of Is'rael ; and it was a cloud and darkness to them, but it gave light by night to these : so that the one came not near the other all the night.

21 And Mo'ses stretched out his hand over the sea ; and the Lord caused the sea to go back by a strong east wind all that night, and made the sea dry land, and the waters were divided.

22 And the children of Is'rael went into the midst of the sea upon the dry ground : and the waters were a

wall unto them on their right hand, and on their left.

23 And the Egypt'ians pursued, and went in after them to the midst of the sea, even all Phar'ah's horses, his chariots, and his horsemen.

24 And it came to pass, that in the morning watch the Lord looked unto the host of the Egypt'ians through the pillar of fire and of the cloud, and troubled the host of the Egypt'ians.

25 And took off their chariot wheels, that they drove them heavily : so that the Egypt'ians said, Let us flee from the face of Is'rael : for the Lord fighteth for them against the Egypt'ians.

26 And the Lord said unto Mo'ses, Stretch out thine hand over the sea, that the waters may come again upon the Egypt'ians, upon their chariots, and upon their horsemen.

27 And Mo'ses stretched forth his hand over the sea, and the sea returned to his strength when the morning appeared ; and the Egypt'ians fled against it ; and the Lord overthrew the Egypt'ians in the midst of the sea.

THE LESSON RETOLD

At last the children of Israel began their journey to Canaan, and God went before them in a dark cloud by day, and a fiery cloud by night, to show the way. They went very quickly, till they came to the shore of the sea, and then the cloud stopped, and they set up their tents to rest. They had not been there long, before they heard a great noise behind them. Pharaoh was coming with a great army to take them back to Egypt.

The poor Israelites were very much frightened; but Moses said, "Do not be afraid, God will fight for you, and you shall never see Pharaoh and his men again." And he prayed to the Lord; and God said, "Lift up your rod, and stretch it out over the sea, and I will make a dry path for the Israelites to walk across to the other side, and I will punish Pharaoh and his army." So Moses

lifted up his rod, and God parted the waters of the sea, and they rolled back like two walls, one on each side, leaving a dry path between, and the Israelites walked safely over.

There were so many of them, and they had so many cattle, that it took all night to cross. But it was not dark, because the cloud of light showed them the way. For God had moved the cloud backward, so that the bright side was turned towards the Israelites, and the dark side to Pharaoh's army, who, therefore, could not see to go any farther. As morning drew near, the Israelites had all crossed to the land on the other side of the sea, and when Pharaoh and his men came up, they thought they would cross on the dry path, too, and they hurried after the Israelites.

But God looked at them through the cloud, and they heard dreadful noises, and their