

struction is complete. But only after many warnings, many opportunities of repentance, many evidences of God's power. *Israel saw the great work.* Israel's destiny is to witness for God. *Believed the Lord... and Moses.* This experience of God's power heartened them for their desert adventure and also confirmed the authority of Moses in their sight.

III. ISRAEL'S REJOICING.—Ch. 15 : 1, 2. *Then sang Moses.* It is not enough to have an experience, we must interpret it, express it, capitalize it. Every experience challenges us to some new expression of faith. The real creed of our life is fruit of our own experience of God's goodness. *Sing unto the Lord*; because all the glory is his. *Triumphed gloriously.* God is likened to a man of war. Israel's battles are God's battles. *My God... my father's God.*

God's mercy is a fountain, not a flash. It follows from generation to generation.

## Lesson Questions

Describe the desperate position of the Israelites.

By what means was their deliverance effected?

How were the Egyptians destroyed?

What was the double effect of the deliverance on the Israelites?

## For Further Study and Discussion

1. How long did the Egyptian bondage last? (Ch. 12 : 40.)

2. Does God really harden men's hearts?

3. Is the day of miracles past?

PROVE FROM SCRIPTURE—That God laughs at wicked kings.

SHORTER CATECHISM—Review Ques. 39-43.

## THE LESSON IN DAILY LIFE (Daily Readings)

Monday—Pharaoh pursuing Israel, Ex. 14 : 1-9.

Pharaoh's characteristic is changeableness. This is the failing of a character that has no principle but expediency. Principle may seem weighty and burdensome, but is like the vessel's ballast, which weighs downward, but gives steadfastness of onward direction, saves from the power of every turn of tide or wind.

Tuesday—Israel troubled by his coming, Ex. 14 : 10-20.

Between the angry tyrant and the bitter sea! Life has many such places where God must undertake wholly bewildering nights, unscalable heights, overwhelming waters, consuming fires. For all such times God has the one command: "Stand still, hold your peace and see the salvation of your God."

Wednesday—Israel crossing the Red Sea, Ex. 14 : 21-31.

The great triumph of life is not to evade difficulties, but to get "through" them and out on the right side. Pliable, all mud, gets out of the Slough of Despond on the wrong side. Christian, equally muddy, gets through and out on the right side,—the side next the heavenly city.

Thursday—A song of deliverance, Ex. 15 : 1-13.

It is one of the tragedies of life that the laurels of victory are often placed on the wrong brow. This song hymns the true victor. God is still the getter of victory. The hand of God in history means history in the hand of God.

Friday—This deliverance commemorated, Ps. 106 : 1-12.

We measure our hopes not by what we are but by what God is. God is true to us because he cannot be untrue to himself—"for his name's sake." Redemption in Christ is not our thought of God but God's thought of us. This is the sum of our hope.

Saturday—God's mighty hand, Deut. 4 : 32-40.

Those who have heard God out of the midst of the fire must speak. Revelations are never private experiences. The hearer must herald, the seer must shout. What we know of Christ belongs to others. It must be betrayed in some way through speech, spirit, or service.

Sunday—The song of Moses and the Lamb, Rev. 15 : 1-8.

Souls sing only when they learn to wonder, and wonder when they learn to see. That is why heaven is a place of song. The redeemed have seen the marvels of God's love and wonder. That is what John means when he says no man can learn that song save the redeemed.

## A PRAYER

We lift our hearts to thee in exultation, our Father, because thou art mighty, and because thy might is for us. We rejoice that thou art our leader and our defender. Keep us close to thee. Bless us as we speak of thee to others, and give us the joy of bringing others to thee, our salvation. We ask in Jesus' name. Amen.