

"WATCH GOD WORK"

EXODUS 14:1-31

TEXT: VSS. 13-16

INTRO: On a daily basis, people find themselves STARING IN THE FACE OF TROUBLE. In some cases, others know about the trouble, and yet in some cases, no one else knows except the person, the family or the group that is facing the trouble. **BUT TROUBLES ARE A PART OF LIFE.** In John 16:33 Jesus said, **"IN THE WORLD YE SHALL HAVE TRIBULATION: BUT BE OF GOOD CHEER: I HAVE OVERCOME THE WORLD."**

All too often we allow the TROUBLES OF THE WORLD to overwhelm us and in doing so, we miss out on the joy God has promised us, we allow the trouble to blur the working of God in our lives, sometimes we actually fall into sin because our focus is taken away from the Lord, and consequently we become of no effect for the Lord. I would venture to say that we all have been there at one time or another in our lives. **So how should we face those troublesome times?** Certainly not by our own strength, but rather by the strength and provision God sends our way. The lesson we all NEED TO LEARN is that WHEN TROUBLE COMES, WE SHOULD OBEY GOD, WATCH HIM WORK AND TRUST HIM TO WORK OUT THE DETAILS. My message title today is **WATCH GOD WORK.**

OBSERVATION: One great illustration of God's people facing trouble is seen when the CHILDREN OF ISRAEL were leaving the LAND OF EGYPT. The Egyptian Army was behind them, the Red Sea was in front of the them and they were truly in trouble. **God had a solution for them that WORKED OUT FINE, and should be a great example for us to follow today.** In reality the solution was simply to **OBEY GOD AND WATCH HIM WORK.** Note the text.

GOD TOLD MOSES TO DO FOUR THINGS

- 1) FEAR NOT- Do not let the situation bombard you with FEAR. (Vs. 13a)
- 2) STAND STILL – Do not do anything drastic or impulsive. (Vs. 13b)
- 3) SEE THE SALVATION OF GOD – Watch God Work. (Vs. 13c. 14)
- 4) GO FORWARD IN FAITH – Fulfill the task at hand (Vss. 15,16)

WHAT DOES IT TAKE TO WATCH GOD WORK?

I. IT TAKES A PERSONAL TRIAL OR TRAGEDY

- A. As Seen in Noah – The Flood
- B. As Seen in the Exodus – The Red Sea
- C. As Seen in Joshua – The Promised Land
- D. As Seen in David and Goliath

II. IT TAKES AN UNDERSTANDING OF GOD

- A. Understanding His Person
 1. He is Holy
 2. He works to Glorify His Name
- B. Understanding His Promises
 - To Never Leave or Forsake Us
- C. Understanding His Provision
 - To always supply our Needs
- D. Understanding His Power
 - To do exceeding abundantly beyond our expectations

III. IT TAKES A COMPLETE DEPENDENCE UPON GOD

-Proverbs 3:5,6

- A. By Trusting in the Lord with all our Heart
- B. By Leaning not on our Own Understanding
- C. By Acknowledging the Lord in all Things
- D. By Allowing Him to Direct our Paths

IV. IT TAKES A WILLINGNESS TO WAIT UPON GOD

-Isaiah 40:31

- A. Recognize that God has a Plan for the Trouble
- B. Recognize that God has a Way through the Trouble

V. IT TAKES TOTAL SUBMISSION TO THE WILL OF GOD

-James 5:13-17

- A. By Recognizing that God has a Plan for the Trouble
- B. By Remembering that God's Plan is always the Best
- C. By Receiving God's Strength to Fulfill His Plan

LESSON/APPLICATION

- 1) We can expect troubles to come into our life
- 2) We must remember that God has a purpose for the troubles we face
- 3) WE must remember that God will always work in every trouble for our good.