

Overwhelmed by the Times

1 Cor 10:5

Introduction

A. The Bible is a book of pictures

1. I do not mean funny ones nor highly colored ones - nor merely pretty pictures but pictures of real life.

2. If you want to get a picture of yourself

3. Paul one time in rehearsing what happened to children of Israel said vs 11

B. I want you therefore to consider - the last few hours of Israel's sojourn in Egypt

1. It is generally understood - Egypt = type of world - sense - last few hours in the world.

2. My text is found in vs 5 (1 Cor X) They were overwhelmed in the wilderness - Overwhelmed by the times -

BODY

A. The story is familiar to you all.

1. After a long hard fight - Moses has at last gotten Israel on the way out of Egypt

2. But Pharaoh is persistent - comes in terrible pursuit -

a - then the murmuring begins -

b - when the Devil (sin & flesh) commences

3. GOD gave them the greatest lesson - stand still & see - Your deliverance not yours but GOD'S

(a) - What a strange doctrine that seems - then they saw the waters -

(b) - So people murmur against GOD why murmur so - brought us -

- you say - see cross - your deliverance GOD'S

(4) - Then Moses says go on down as the floor - into the sea -

- down into the helpless condition - Suppose they had refused -

B. Read vs 1+2 - All acknowledged
the need of GOD's deliverance - wonderful experience

1. I am aware - many catch at that word - Baptism --- = water
 - (a) Ahha - must have been children
reason for infant B.
 - (b) Others - completely enveloped - immersion
~~by going~~ - in + in - twice

2. May I be allowed to suggest.
 - (a) These 1000's went over on dry ground
 - (b) vs 1. Says only the Fathers were
 - (c) were baptized - passive - Agent - GOD

3. If we can forget denominationalism we can get a gracious truth.
 - (a) I see them as they go down, - follow example of Moses - throw themselves entirely upon GOD
 - (b) GOD baptized them with Holy Spirit. lost all confidence in flesh.

C. If there is one thing we need to learn - absolute unreliability -

1. Oftentimes GOD allows us to fight and fight and lose & lose - until overwhelmed & misunderstood
2. We seem to think that because we are not as other men &c. - of Pharisees -

3. R.C. Chapman said - ^{1000 tales} pity not more D.D. { p 44 }
 of Peter - though all possible

Conclusion

- A. Has a great tendency of the times to white wash ourselves & camouflage - Carnal mind Rom 8:7,8
1. GOD says - right under check - murder
2. GOD says - struggle Gal 5:17 - struggle for the most part - struggle for separation
- B. What about separation & spirit is more, fleshly, exultation vs