



Chapter Four:

Redeemer

Meeting God in the Old Testament

Main Scripture

Exodus 14

More Scriptures

Exodus 3; Exodus 7:1-5; Exodus 15;
Psalm 107; Psalm 124

Throughout the book of Genesis, God deals largely with righteous men and their families. In Exodus, though, God turns His attentions to an entire nation, the nation of Israel. In Exodus 1, the situation looks bleak—the Israelites are the slaves of the Egyptians, the most powerful nation on earth. However, God, through a spectacular display of power, frees the Israelites and proves to the arrogant Egyptians that He is God. Let's look at this story to see what it means that God is a Redeemer.

Questions: Exodus 14

1. Explain the problem that the Israelites are facing in Exodus 14:5-9.
2. According to Exodus 14:1-4, why did this problem come up in the first place? What does this tell us about God?
3. In what way is the Israelites' complaint in Exodus 14:10-12 reasonable? In what way is it unreasonable? What can we learn from this?
4. What does God tell Moses in Exodus 14:15-18? Does this seem like a spur-of-the-moment improvisation by God? Why is this significant?

The Big Question

What does it mean to us that God is a Redeemer?

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5. List the things that God does to accomplish the salvation of Israel in Exodus 14:21-29. On a scale of 1-10, how spectacular are these things? What does this tell us about God?
6. How much credit could the people of Israel claim for their victory over the Egyptians? Is this significant? Why?
7. Based on Exodus 14, what does it mean for God to be a Redeemer?

Questions: Other Scriptures

1. Throughout Exodus 3 (and indeed through Exodus 4), Moses repeatedly expresses reluctance to help God lead the Israelites to Canaan. However, God persists until Moses agrees to participate. What can we learn about God from this story?
2. Explain what Exodus 7:1-5 tells us about the way that God uses people to accomplish His will. Why is this important?
3. Exodus 15 is the oldest recorded song of praise to God. In what ways does it differ from what we would say to praise Him today? In what ways is it the same?
4. Psalm 107 describes God's redemption in a number of different settings. List three important truths that this Psalm reveals to us about God.
5. What basic claim does Psalm 124 make about the importance of God to the success of His people? How often is this true?

Questions: Application

1. Why do we care that God is a Redeemer?
2. If we truly understand and believe in His redeeming power, how will we live our lives differently?