

CAMP DAY No 2 (CONDUCTED BY GLORIA FELLOWSHIP FOR TEEN AGERS IN AUGUST 2007)**THEME: BOOK OF EXODUS AS A SHADOW OF SALVATION PLAN OF GOD IN CHRIST****INTRODUCTION**

In 2007 there were many teen agers in the Fellowship. They sincerely took part in the weekly Fellowships. The Congregation wanted to empower them with spiritual promises for their future life in Christ. A Camp day of three days was arranged in a desert far away from the city's crowd & noise.

THEME FOR TEEN AGERS

The Theme selected was SALVATION, based on the deliverance of Israel from the Bondage of Egypt as described in the Book of EXODUS in the Bible. Let us start with the Book of GENESIS to have the background of their bondage.

BACKGROUND FROM GENESIS

Abraham was called out from Mesopotamia and God gave him a place to live in Palestine. God gave Abraham and Sara the promised son Isaac. Isaac had two sons. One was Esau and the other was Jacob.

Jacob took the "birth right" from Esau by giving him "Red Stew" when Esau came back from hunting jungle, tired and hungry.

Jacob also grabbed "Esau's blessing" by cheating his father Isaac. Jacob told Isaac that he is Esau. He covered his hands and smooth parts of his neck with goat's skin to convince Isaac that he is Esau.

Jacob had to flee to his uncle's house in Syria to save himself from Esau. There he married Laban's daughters Leah & Rachel. Jacob had a big family of 12 sons and one daughter. Jacob had a big collection of sheep, cattle, camels, horses, donkeys and many servants in his possession.

Finally, he decided to return to Palestine. On the way he had a visitation by heaven at a place called Peniel, where Jacob cried for heaven's blessing in his life. In that place Jacob surrendered his life in the hands of God, and he received great blessing. God changed his name from Jacob to "Israel", which means "PRINCE OF GOD"

While living in Palestine there was a famine which continued up to seven years. Those days there was no rain, and hence no crops could be cultivated. There was shortage of food in Jacob's house too.

The sons of Jacob heard that there is plenty of wheat, rice and food is available in Egypt. They also went to Egypt to buy food. To their surprise they came to know their brother Joseph was the Prime Minister of Egypt and he is in charge of the food granaries. These brothers persecuted and sold Joseph to Medianite merchants several years ago. But Joseph did not do any harm to them. He gave them enough grains to take back to Palestine.

Later on as the famine was to continue for seven more years, Joseph decided to take Jacob and his entire household to Egypt. They were permitted to settle in a very fertile area of Egypt called Goshen.

EXPERIENCE OF ISRAELITES IN EGYPT

Seventy people who came from Palestine settled in the Goshen region of Egypt. This area was fertile and suitable for cattle feeding. During Joseph's time, they enjoyed great privileges. They were called "Israelites", according to the name God gave to Jacob at Peniel.

Years passed by, and the Israelites grew in number. God gave them rapid multiplication in their number. The Egyptian population was not growing compared to the growth of Israelites. Pharaoh and the people of Egypt got afraid of Israelite's Population growth. They knew that one day Israelites will outnumber them.

They took many preventive actions to reduce their growth. They put slave masters over them to oppress them with forced labour. Israelites were used for the construction of store cities for Pharaoh. They made their lives bitter with hard labour in "brick and mortar" and all kind of work in the fields. In all their hard labour Egyptians used them ruthlessly.

The King of Egypt ordered the Midwives during delivery to kill if the child is a boy and to keep girl alive. The Midwives did not carry out this cruel act as they were afraid of God. Pharaoh noticed that the Israeli population was still increasing. So he ordered to put every boy that is born in to River Nile.

MOSES WAS BORN

This is the time where Moses was born to Father Amram and Mother Jochebed. They believed that the boy was a special gift from God. They kept the boy in their house for three months in hiding. When they could not hide him anymore, they put him in a Papyrus basket coated with Tar and Pitch. They placed the basket with the boy among the reeds along the bank of Nile.

PHARAOH'S DAUGHTER RECEIVES MOSES FROM NILE

Pharaoh's daughter came down the Nile river to bathe. Her attendants walking along the Nile's bank saw the basket and reported to her. She ordered to bring it to her. She opened the basket and saw the boy crying. She felt sorry for him.

Sister of Moses seeing all these from a distance went and asked whether she can bring a Hebrew woman to nurse the baby. It was granted. Moses's sister brought mother Jochebed to nurse Moses.

JOCHEBED BECOMES PAID NURSING MOTHER FOR MOSES

She became the only mother who was paid for feeding her own son in secret. What a great arrangement God made to bring up Moses in the midst of hardships, the Israelites were passing through at that time. Thank you Lord for Moses. Thank you Lord for mother Jochebed, who could breastfeed Moses, and to impart in to him faith in the Lord God of Abraham, Issac and Jacob.

MOSES GROWS IN EGYPTIAN PALACE

Moses was given the privilege to grow in the Egyptian palace, as the son of Pharaoh's daughter. He received education in all the "knowledge and wisdom" available to the Egyptian royalties at those times.

Moses lived in Pharaoh's Palace up to age of forty years. He was concerned at the pathetic condition and ill treatment of Israeli people. Moses went in to their work places and tried to involve in solving their problems.

In that process he happened to kill an Egyptian and hid his body in the sand. But the news spread everywhere. Hearing this news, Pharaoh wanted to kill Moses. His life was under threat. He could be killed any moment.

MOSES FLED TO MEDIAN

So, Moses fled from Egypt and went to Median to live there. In the desert area of Median, Moses met the family of a priest of Median named Jethro. Moses married Zipporah the daughter of Jethro. Time went on for another 40 years and Moses was 80 years old.

GOD APPEARS TO MOSES & GIVES HIM A NEW JOB- TO DELIVER ISRAELITES FROM EGYPT

One day, Moses was feeding the flock of Jethro, God appeared to him in burning bush on the mountain of Horeb. God commanded Moses to go to Pharaoh and deliver the Israelite people. (Read Exodus: 4:7-14)

MOSES RETURNS TO EGYPT

Moses went to Egypt along with his brother Aaron and met Pharaoh. Moses informed Pharaoh what the Lord God of Israel commanded him to do; To release all Israeli people to go to desert to hold a festival for the Lord. In the desert God wanted them to offer a sacrifice for the Lord.

Pharaoh refused to release the Israeli people as God commanded. He wanted the Israeli people to do more jobs for his ongoing projects. He did not release them; more over he put more difficult conditions on their brick making jobs.

God send several miracles in Egypt to make him agree to the demands of Moses & Aahron. But he hardened his heart not to release the Israelites to worship the Lord in the desert. God sent plagues one after another on the land of Egyptians, while protecting the places where Israelites lived.

TEN PLAGUES GOD SENT IN EGYPT

Nine plagues were sent in Egypt, as listed below:

- The water in Egypt was turned to Blood
- Frogs came up and covered the Land of Egypt
- Gnats came upon men and animals
- Flies covered all their houses, and on the people
- A Plague struck on all live stock and killed all.
- Boils broke out on men and animals
- Severe hail storm fell on all land of Egypt
- A Plague of Locust filled the land devouring everything growing in the field.
- Total darkness covered the Land of Egypt for three days

In spite of all nine plagues, Pharaoh did not give permission for Israelites to go to desert and make sacrifice for the Lord. He hardened his heart. So, God decided to send the 10th plague.

THE PLAGUE OF FIRSTBORN (10TH PLAGUE)

God decide to send a tenth plague; the plague on the First born. Before sending the plague, he instructed all Israeli families to sacrifice a lamb and take its blood to spread on the sides and tops of door frames. They must eat from the sacrificed lamb fully without leaving any part. In case any part remains it must be burned in fire. Also God asked them to be ready with all preparation to start when they hear the signal from Moses & Aaron.

DELIVERANCE AT MIDNIGHT

In the midnight the Lord struck down the first born in each and every house of Egypt. All Israeli houses were spared where the sacrificial blood of lamb was spread on the door posts. There was loud wailing in Egypt, as there was not a house without someone dead.

In the night Pharaoh summoned Moses and Aaron and said “UP, Leave my people, you and Israelites.”

DELIVERANCE THROUGH BLOOD OF THE PASSOVER LAMB

Israel was delivered from “plague of first born” by the blood of the Passover Lamb. Now they were ready to start their journey from Egypt.

I want to ask you two questions:

- 1) How many people were there?

Ans: (6 lakhs men + 6 Lakhs women+18 lakhs Children = 30 Lakhs) =3 million

This increase is by the grace of God. God wanted to make them a strong nation.

2) Why God brought Jacob's family to Egypt?

Ans: 70 people living in Palestine among a number of different tribes was dangerous. God knew the danger. It was very easy to kill all the seventy people in one night by a crowd of enemies.

God brought them in to Egypt, a strong and stable country of that time, where Israeli people could prosper and increase in number under protection.

Someone said "God put them in the womb of Egypt to multiply them in 400 years,"

WHAT HAPPENED NEXT

Children, you can read through the Book of EXODUS for the details. I give below the important points: -

- Israel was delivered from bondage by the power of God.
- Israel started marching towards the desert & came up to the RED SEA.
- Pharaoh's forces came behind them to take them back to Egypt.
- Israel cried to the Lord. Lord opened the Red Sea to make a dry land to pass through.
- The Pharaoh's army, horses & chariots all drowned in Red sea as the water flowed back on them after Israel's crossing completed.

ISRAEL IPRESERVED IN THE WILDERNESS

God gave them all needed protection in the desert area for their stay and travel.

- Protection from sun's heat by pillar of cloud in the daytime
- Protection from darkness and cold by pillar of fire in the night time
- Manna (bread from heaven) every morning
- Quail came and covered the camp for their meat
- Water from the Rock followed them
- More than all, the presence of God was in their midst, to overcome all huddles on the way

ISRAEL REACHED MOUNT SINAI

In Mount Sinai, Israel was given the Ten Commandments & Regulations from God, which we call The LAW. On the 47th day after leaving Egypt they reached at Mount Sinai. Moses asked them to purify themselves to meet with God. They cleaned and consecrated themselves and prepared to meet their God on the third day.

On that day Mount Sinai was covered with smoke, because the Lord descended on it in fire. The people stood at the foot of the Mountain trembling with fear.

ISRAEL RECEIVES THE TEN COMMANDMENTS & LAW

It is in this mountain that God gave Israel the Ten Commandments.

God also gave them regulations on: -

- social, moral & religious character,
- Priesthood, their cloth, dress code, etc.
- procedure for sacrifices,
- Tabernacle and its construction etc.

These LAW is the fundamental principles of Old Testament. To get justification in the presence of God Israel had to follow these LAWS strictly without any violation.

ISRAEL VIOLATES THE LAW – WORSHIPPED THE GOLDEN CALF

Moses remained in the mountain with God. Meanwhile Israel got impatient and forced Aaron to make an idol of calf. They sacrificed burnt offerings and presented Fellowship offerings in front of it. Then they sat down to eat and drink and got up to indulge in revelry.

Seeing this violation of God's Law, God's anger would have burned them off. But Moses interceded for the Israelites and begged for God's mercy.

God showed mercy and renewed the covenant with Israel. Israel brought offerings to build the Tabernacle. When Tabernacle was finished God filled it with His glory.

WHAT IS THE MESSAGE OF EXODUS?

The Theme of Exodus is Salvation. God delivered them from the bondage of Pharaoh and brought them out to occupy the holy land in Palestine.

This has some striking parallel with the "Salvation in Christ" offered in the New Testament. Let us see it in the chart below: -

In the new testament, after the Crucifixion of our Lord, "the Church" was formed by the Holy Spirit. Below let us see how the condition for Salvation in the CHURCH of New Testament stands in comparison to the Law of Old Testament.

DELIVERANCE OF ISRAEL FROM EGYPT	SALVATION OFFERED BY CHRIST
Passover Lamb's Blood was spread on side and top of Door Frames. Nissan Month 14th	Jesus Christ was crucified on Mount Calvary in Jerusalem – Jesus shed his blood for all sinners
Israel crossed Red Sea – Nissan Month 17th	Jesus resurrected on this day.
Israel Reached Mount Sinai on 3 rd Month on 3 rd day (This is 47 th day after Passover)	Jesus remained on earth 40 days. Jesus went back to His father's place in Heaven.
After 3 days' purification Israel reached Mount Sinai to meet God, who came down in His glory. (This is 50 th day after Passover)	Disciples and close friends assembled together and continued in prayer all these 10 days.
On 50 th day Israel Received the Ten Commandments and the LAWS from God. Israel celebrates this day as Pentecostal Festival day.	On 50 th Day after Passover and Crucifixion of Jesus about 120 people including Disciples were gathered together and praying, God sent the Holy Spirit on all of them.
Ten Commandments & Laws were Given to Israel	Holy Spirit was given to Christian believers
Ten Commandments were written by Finger of God	Command were written by Holy Spirit of God
Ten commandments were written on stones	Commands were written in the hearts of believers.
3000 people were slain when the Law was given to Israel due to their act of worshipping the Golden Calf in violation of God's Law. (Exodus 32:1-8 & 26-28)	3000 people were saved as they accepted the salvation offered by the sacrifice of Lord Jesus Christ. (Acts: 2:38-41)
Letter of Torah (The Law of God) (the old way of written code)	Spirit of Torah (Rom 2:29, Rom 7:6, 2 Cor 3:6) (serve in the new way of spirit)
Law given on Mount SINAI	SALVATION offered in Mount SION
The old has passed away (2 Cor 5:17)	He is a new creation in Christ(2 Cor 5:17)

SALVATION

I have already mentioned to you that the “Theme of Exodus is Salvation.”

Children, what do you know about salvation? I want to give you a small explanation.

Bible says: “God created MAN in His own image”. (**Gen 1:27**)

What is God’s image?

John 4:24 “God is spirit and His worshippers must worship in spirit and in truth” – Jesus told the Samaritan woman.

God’s image is spiritual and so God created man in His Own Spiritual Image.

MAN = Body + Mind + Spirit Spirit = (Human Spirit + God’s Spirit)

Man was alive spiritually.

When Adam sinned, the God’s spirit left him. And Adam became spiritually dead. (**Gen 2:17** You must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat of it you will surely die.)

He became separated from God due to the sin he committed. (**Rom 3:23** For all have sinned and fell short of the glory of God.) Without holiness no one can see the Lord.

Thus the world was filled with men - All spiritually dead. They could not get Salvation by their own efforts. And God could not accept man as all men remained unholy.

A great sacrifice was needed for reconciling man to God.

Unholy man cannot do this sacrifice by himself. Whatever sacrifice unholy men do, it won’t be acceptable to Holy God.

GOD’S SALVATION PLAN

God loved Man. God’s love wanted to restore man to his lost position.

God decided to come down to earth in a human form. God with us = Immanuel

Lord Jesus Christ –God in Christ –Full of Grace. (**John 1: 14** The word became flesh and made his dwelling among us – We have seen His glory, the glory of the “ONE AND ONLY”, WHO CAME FROM THE FATHER - Full of grace and truth. (Read **Romans 3:23-24** – This will explain “Justification offered in Christ for a sinner)

SACRIFICE MADE BY CHRIST FOR OUR REDUMPTION

Rom 4:25 Jesus was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification.

He became our sacrifice –He became our Passover Lamb – Jesus lived without sin- The blood of Jesus Christ was totally holy. God accepted that sacrifice.

HOW CAN WE BECOME PARTAKERS OF THE JUSTIFICATION OFFERED BY THIS SACRIFICE

God made a simple condition. It is a miraculous offer – **“SALVATION BY FAITH IN LORD’S SACRIFICE”**

Rom 5:1 Therefore, since we have been **justified through faith** we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Read the Verses confirming these principles: **John 3:16, Rom 3:24-25, Rom 10:9-10** = Salvation by Faith

It is really a great miracle that can happen in a human life - The moment you accept Jesus Christ as saviour in your heart, and put your trust in His atoning sacrifice, and proclaim it in your mouth, you are saved.

This is Salvation by Faith – Jesus came in to this earth for this – This is the core truth of New Testament.

John 1:12 – Yet to all who received Him, to those who believed in His name, He gave the right to become Children of God

This is the greatest position a human being can achieve in this life.

Let me ask you children one question:

Dear child, ARE YOU SAVED?

Have you accepted Jesus Christ as Saviour?

Do you have the assurance of Salvation?

- **Do you want to become a child of God?**

Our Loving God the Father and His only begotten son and The Holy Spirit are waiting for you.

SALVATION PRAYER

If you decide to accept Jesus Christ as Saviour, please pray with me as below:

LORD JESUS CHRIST, I AM A SINNER. I REPENT OF ALL MY SINS. WASH ME CLEAN DEAR LORD. I SURRENDER MY LIFE IN TO YOUR MIGHTY HANDS.

I BELIEVE THAT JESUS CHRIST IS THE SON OF GOD. I BELIEVE THAT HE DIED ON THE CROSS FOR MY SINS AND ROSE AGAIN ON THE THIRD DAY FOR MY VICTORY.

I BELIEVE THAT IN MY HEART, AND MAKE CONFESSION WITH MY MOUTH, THAT JESUS IS MY SAVIOUR AND MY LORD.

Dear Child,

You have now accepted Jesus Christ as your personal Saviour. Heaven rejoices over you.

Remember that you are not alone. You are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses who passed before you. Millions and millions of true believers are in this earth, waiting and looking forward to the glorious day of RAPTURE, promised by our Lord.

You must lead a true Christian life. Trust in Lord Jesus Christ for a victorious life. Jesus Christ is a very good friend. He will be with you in all your walks of life. He will not leave you or forsake you.

PRAISE AND GLORY BE TO OUR LORD AND SAVIOUR JESUS CHRIST - HALLELUAH

Note:

2007 August Camp Day has three parts.

1. Theme – Book of Exodus as a shadow of salvation plan of God in Christ
2. Advice to Children – Practical Christian life
3. Message to parents