

Sermon Notes

Exodus – The Revealing of God’s Glory and His Design for the Chosen

“Praising God for Divine Guidance” – Exodus 13:17-22

I. Introduction.

A. Longing for a mentor.

1. Past experiences of Pastor Don.

B. The text: Exodus 13:17-21

II. Exposition.

A. Verse 17

1. The long and hard route is taken.
2. Concern over fear of military conflict (Num. 14:1-4).
 - a. Play on words in Hebrew.

B. Verse 18.

1. Southward route toward Red Sea.
 - a. Red Sea → Yam Suph.
2. “Military array” – not soldiers but in protected order.

C. Verse 19.

1. Curious note on Joseph’s bones.
 - a. Note prophetic fulfillment – Exodus 13:19 – Gen. 50:25.
 - b. Final resting – Joshua 24:32

D. Verse 20.

1. Etham / Migdol.

E. Verses 21-22

1. Theophany.
2. Two columns – represent glory and spirit.

III. Points for Reflection.

A. God’s direction is always the right direction.

1. God knows what is best for us.
 - a. Psalm 103:13-14

B. The ever-faithful God never lets His people down even in death.

1. Genesis 50:24-26. The Hebrews writer comments in Hebrews 11:22.
2. Jesus knew of God’s faithfulness – Psalm 22:1-5.

C. God will never desert you, even in the most terrifying places.

1. Five insights on the Pillars.
 - a. The pillars were not given until Israel had been delivered from Egypt.
 - b. The pillars were God’s gracious gift.
 - c. The pillar of fire gave light.
 - d. The pillar of cloud was given as a covering.
 - e. God spoke from the cloud.