

CHURCH OF THE LIVING GOD

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LESSON 2

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FRIDAY EVENING

JANUARY 6, 2006

**Exodus 13:17-22**

<sup>17</sup> Now when Pharaoh had let the people go, God did not lead them by the way of the land of the Philistines, even though it was near; for God said, "The people might change their minds when they see war, and return to Egypt."

<sup>18</sup> Hence God led the people around by the way of the wilderness to the Red Sea; and the sons of Israel went up in martial array from the land of Egypt.

<sup>19</sup> Moses took the bones of Joseph with him, for he had made the sons of Israel solemnly swear, saying, "God will surely take care of you, and you shall carry my bones from here with you."

<sup>20</sup> Then they set out from Succoth and camped in Etham on the edge of the wilderness.

<sup>21</sup> The LORD was going before them in a pillar of cloud by day to lead them on the way, and in a pillar of fire by night to give them light, that they might travel by day and by night.

<sup>22</sup> He did not take away the pillar of cloud by day, nor the pillar of fire by night, from before the people.

**Galatians 5:1**

<sup>1</sup> It was for freedom that Christ set us free; therefore keep standing firm and do not be subject again to a yoke of slavery.

Our Theme For Today

## THE JOURNEY INTO HIS PRESENCE

1. **From His Presence To His Presence**  
Thursday Evening January 5, 2006
2. **A Journey Out Of Bondage**  
Friday Evening January 6, 2006

The Passover was a celebration of Israel's exodus out of Egypt. The blood had to be applied at every house that intended to escape death. This was the beginning, the necessary preparation, for their journey out of bondage.

The Passover is symbolic of our Savior and the salvation that He is to us. Jesus Himself, is the Author of our salvation—the One who guides us, as our Shepherd, out of bondage, and into the liberty of the sons of God. Therefore, God wants the eyes of our heart enlightened, so that the hope of our calling will inspire us to embrace the journey, the race, that is set before us.

There are four stages to our journey out of bondage, that can be understood as we consider:

- ⇒ **THE PASSOVER**
- ⇒ **THE RED SEA CROSSING**
- ⇒ **THE WILDERNESS WANDERING**
- ⇒ **THE PROMISED LAND**

### **Psalms 78:53**

<sup>53</sup> He led them safely, so that they did not fear; But the sea engulfed their enemies.

## A JOURNEY OUT OF BONDAGE

The only way we can journey out of bondage safely, is through the divine guidance offered to us. The Lord guides us out of bondage by drawing us to Himself. He wants to teach us His ways, and show us how to approach Him—how to draw near to Him—how to take the journey into His presence.

The tabernacle in the wilderness was given for two reasons. First of all, God wanted to dwell among His people, in order to teach them that their journey out of bondage would depend on His Presence.

### **Exodus 25:8-9**

<sup>8</sup> "Let them construct a sanctuary for Me, that I may dwell among them.

<sup>9</sup> "According to all that I am going to show you, as the pattern of the tabernacle and the pattern of all its furniture, just so you shall construct *it*.

Secondly, God wanted to teach His people how to approach Him, according to His divine pattern, that they might come to know the benefit of His presence in a greater way, and never forget His saving, cleansing benefits.

### **Psalms 103:1-4 (NASB)**

<sup>1</sup> Bless the LORD, O my soul, And all that is within me, *bless* His holy name.

<sup>2</sup> Bless the LORD, O my soul, And forget none of His benefits;

<sup>3</sup> Who pardons all your iniquities, Who heals all your diseases;

<sup>4</sup> Who redeems your life from the pit, Who crowns you with lovingkindness and compassion;