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Night of
April 14, 1912 Great Vessel (Titanic) Steamship Exodus 14
Toward N.Y. - 1st & last severe crossing - 900 Mi. Cape Cod
Large iceberg & sank - 1500 lives lost.

THE NIGHT PASSAGE OF THE SEA

(12/32)

INTRODUCTION:

The life of the Hebrew nation began with the departure out of Egypt.
From our night scene sermons on Sunday evenings - we considered the awful night when the death angel passed over and all the first born in Egypt died, with the exclusion of those that were under the blood.

Now the night scene which we consider this evening, is the first great landmark on the line of their progress as a nation. And this involves the passage through the Red Sea. There are several elements in this night passage of the sea that I would like to fix in your mind. And these elements I want to use words that we will build our whole sermon in crossing the sea at night. The first is entangled. V. 3. The second is exaggerated. V. 10. The third, is evacuated in V. 19. And the final conclusion is that of expedience. So with these words that are more or less illiterative - it would help us to understand this miraculous deliverance.

I. ENTANGLED - V. 3

Now this will declare to the neighbors of the heathen nation that the divine power of God is able to protect his people.

It will complete the terrible demonstration of the plagues in Egypt that God can use the elements of nature to serve him.

And of course the greatest thing out of this deliverance will come their

dependance - not upon chariots and horses that have been trained for war but upon the living God.

The secret of the whole success will be the direct personal reliance upon the most high. Now this will be one lesson that you will gather and that they had to understand at the very start of a new life. They were going to have liberty of governing themselves as a nation and it was something that they were going to hand down from generation to generation.

Time and time again they were going to have to call upon God to arise and to scatter their enemies.

The night scene here is that they are, as we described it in this 14th chapter of Exodus, they were on the open plain about 10 or 12 miles across that was covered with low gravel ridges, in the sand. On the Eastern side of the sea, and on the South and the West a chain of mountains rolled down towards the sea. Giving a triangle shape and between the mountains and the sea there was a space large enough for a great multitude to move. And beyond that pass, beyond the mountain and the sea is another plain - completely walled in on the North and on the South by mountains. And of course, it terminated at the sea. But looking back to the West - led directly to Egypt and to the capitol of Pharoah.

Now they had traveled about three days march across the plain. And the sun is going down. And we are finding them encamping for the night. With the wall of mountains on the right and on the left, and the sea in front.

The next movement must either be towards the sea - or toward the west - the capitol of Pharoah.

Here is the reason the Egyptians say they are entangled in the land. The wilderness hath shut them in.

Now good people are often entangled in trying situations.

How do we understand the situation here. The Bible tells us there are about 600,000 who left. The women and the children are not counted. And there must have been between 2 and 3 million people in all, that went out. And a mixed multitude of other people. And as they started out, there were three ways that they could have gone to the Holy Land.

1 The first way would have been the (nearest) - the coastline through the Philistine country. A straight path. Why did they not go that way. God says that the Philistines were trained for war. The people of Israel were not ready to meet such adversaries. And that is why.

2 Second, the second way is the (middle one) - going straight through the desert. Now why, having started that way, did they stop. Now here is a piece of history in the war between the Egyptians and the Hittites. The Egyptians built a high wall. Following the line now occupied by the Suez Canal. From the most Northern point of the Red Sea. And it had towers every few hundred yards with armed men. Now why could God not blow that wall up and make a passage. He could have. But if he had done that, it would not have allowed him to have dealt with Pharaoh.

3 So they take the third way - and they make a turn and they come out the long way toward the Red Sea. They came to the end of the wall - not crossing it at all. But this led down toward Sinai. Now why was it that God selected that way. In the first place, God said to Moses when they met him at the burning bush, the token that I have given you - that you will deliver these people is, that you will bring them to this mountain and here worship God.

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Here the sun burnt earth, the salty sea, the suffocating clouds of dust, the barren mountains, the lowing thirsty cattle, the crying weary children, the frantic wails of women, angry complaints, expressions of discouragement, and fear.

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 The first joy of escape as subsided and the terrors of the desert - the mountain

and the sea, the hunger and the thirst, after their three days of freedom - this
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Young Preacher in shock - standing corner by Pool arms folded, eyes staring straight ahead -

Roar - caused - wind currents -
 The moaning sea ings - and they feel that all hope is gone. The desolate

mountains seem like a funeral monument to mark the graves of the mighty hosts. It is a sad night to follow so soon after that glorious morning when they came out of Egypt.

Most of us are often brought into some of the most trying situations of life - the children of Israel here found themselves entangled and almost ensnared. They had not been led by their own judgement. They had been led by God. And history proves that people that are led by God are wisest. Even the trying situations of life, we get the best revelation of the love and power of God. When men feel that they cannot help themselves, then it is that God comes and helps them.

V. 3

And of course, V. 2 - Pharaoh observed that these people were in a trying situation and he said, they are entangled in the land. Because he had employed spies no doubt to report upon the movements of the children of Israel. Of all the events - thus we see how soon the wicked repent of their good actions which they had done. And all the afflictions that he had had, Satan sets to watch the good people. He is polite in his efforts to ruin a soul. Now why did Pharaoh note this and contemplate Israel in great haste. Did he wish to render them assistance

He wanted to take them a way that was possible for him to educate them. He wanted them to be ready when they entered the Holy Land. And so they would come down here and enter a national covenant. He would give them the moral law, the civil law, the law of the alter, the way of approach to God. And he kept them there a year learning that lesson. And that is why he took them the lower and more distant and difficult road.

Now when they camped here before the Sea it was a hazzard. And this was a place that they could not tunnel the sea and dig under the channel. And they could not go forward - and they could not climb the mountains to the right or to the left. And hence, Pharoah said, they are entangled in this wilderness.

They do not know - it is a strange situation. They do not know where they are going. Or why they have been led into a net of difficulties and entrapped and entangled. Is it so there masters can over take them. And drive them back into bondage.

The one thing at least they are sure - they are not on the way to the wilderness of Sinai - nor are they on the way to the land of promise.

If the army of Pharoah should follow them up from behind - there would be no way of escape. To turn, Westward between the mountain ridges - or to flee.

The wearry group after that day's march on the sand, in their straggling companies have joined with their friends and their neighbors - and they are striving now to get together for the night. The old and the young women and children, the flocks, and the herds are all mingled and crowded. Passing to and fro in the dry plain, as they beat the dust under their feet.

Now they begin to think about the green pastures of Goshen, the waving palm trees,

and help them in their march to liberty. No. He thought of rendering their circumstances more trying. He wanted to get even with them. And so Satan is always trying to frustrate the good that are trying to get to freedom. These trying situations that people find themselves in - that the Egyptians may know that there is a God - God conducted these people to encamp that night by the Red Sea. God alone gave the orders.

V. 10 We discover the good are pursued by the old enemies. You contemplate their despair as they lift up their eyes and behold - the Egyptians are marching after them. The cloud of dust which has settled down upon their own tracks is now rising in the distance. They look and see the flashing armour. The chariots of Pharaoh. The advancing host. The proud and pious king. And the power of Egypt with the weapons, the armour, the discipline - the orderly march, the trained armies, and then think of the panic-stricken mob.

They can ride down upon this disorderly multitude of slaves, upon their families, they can do as an eagle and swoop down upon the dove, or a lion springs upon a deer. They see at once that the Hebrews are not only entangled but they are ensnared. They are hemmed in on all sides. And they can wait and take their time to capture their prey.

The sun has already set. The moon which was full a few nights before, will not rise for two or three hours. The Egyptians themselves are weary. And they resolve to camp that night and wait for the morning before they rush in and destroy them. Or drive them back into bondage.

This we should take note of - that our old enemies will always pursue us. Good people are always pursued by Satan. He gathers his chariots and his chosen horses and he follows the young Christian with all the energy and skill. As Satan seeks in a

desperate struggle - he will try error, despair, he will tempt with sin, he is powerful, he has great resources.

And when a man enters on this Christian life, he will discover that some of the old habits will keep coming up after him. The young Christian must note this even to the end of his life. He will be pursued by wicked companions. Now these people were set free from Egypt and there is little surprise to find that they did not so easily get shed of them. And here they are entrapped and entangled at the Red Sea.

Sometimes the circumstances of life - we will be over-taken by our whims. As the Israelites were. And there we think, Hell always pursues a soul when it is least prepared for the attack. In the hour of unusual difficulty - Satan will come. And when all of your resources are weak by the lures of the world, he works. The old enemy comes.

II. EXAGGERATED

V. 11 - The cries of the Hebrews are wild and frantic. As they forget the mighty miracles that had been wrought in Egypt - they have no thought of hope. They could not even remember that the rod that changed the Nile to blood could now smite the sea and open up some kind of passage way for them.

V. 11 - Somehow amuses me in a way and yet it is so true. I have thought back over my ministry. And I remember how many people have said at different points along the road - as they have looked at things, when trouble comes, when dangers comes - there are always some people who say "we knew it would be so" (We told you so before.)

Have you ever met any person like that. Who always comes up and says, now I told

that's the way it would be.

You know there are people who do that in their homes, and in their families. And etc. There are always those who look at a rough situation and then they remind you of this. And there were a million people to remind Moses of the great terror. We'll die of hunger, of thirst. These iron chariot will trample us. We'll be torn down. And we'll be destroyed right here in this desert.

Now when the Israelites saw that situation, they were frightened on the inside and the outside. And they began to whimper like a whipped dog howling. Why could you not let us abide over yonder in Egypt they were saying.

Now this is really a foolish way of looking at the difficulties. You know when you think about the Christian way to look at any difficulties that come, we can quickly forget, that we have a power that is on our side.

V. 10
For example, V. 10 - There are many people who anticipate difficulties with a spirit of great fear. When they lifted up their eyes and they saw the enemies they were afraid. They saw them marching and they gave way to fear. They saw only the war like host. They looked at self. They looked not to God. And they are filled with gloom. Now religion ought to make a man brave and trustful even in the advance of perplexity. Now God is more than all the enemies of this world can take.

V. 11
V. 11 - They foolishly anticipated their difficulty with a spirit of complaint. They said unto Moses why we could die in this wilderness - wherefore have you dealt with us. And they began to complain. They were not generous. He was their best friend. And yet they blamed him for the peril that he could not help them.

And this is often the way men go when all is well in the enterprise they are undertaking. Little praise is ever spoken of the leader. But you let some difficulty show up, and you see how much blame they give the leader.

Even sometimes the best friend will down-grade him in the hour of danger. Now the Israelites murmured against Moses - and they murmured against God.

And unbelief sees (graves) where there are none. And men over estimated many times their sorrow in meeting it before it even comes upon them.

They had been (slaves) and now this glorious event of being delivered. They begin to think about all the past. And they anticipated that God had forgot them. They were being cowards and talking about retreating back to Egypt.

V. 12
The faithful leader who has sublime faith meets these reproaches of exaggeration and excitement. For one thing, Moses is sure Jehovah gave him the commission to deliver this people.

V. 13
" Fear not stand still and see the salvation of the Lord which he will show you today. The Lord will fight for you. Stand still and see the salvation of the Lord which he will show you today. The Lord will fight for you. And Ye shall hold your peace. "

In the face of exaggerated complaints came the wise faithful counsel of Moses. Hold your peace. And now this is one of the hardest things for excited and terrified people to do. Think about 2 1/2 million people of all ages in one vast crowd, mixed in with cattle, worldly goods, - now it was not easy to keep this crowd quiet. Now you let 3 or 4 - or 500, 2500, or 25,000 people go into an arena down here somewhere, and where they are gathered together in some ball game or something -

between them and their enemies. So as to hide the one from the other, the Bible says.

V. 20 - There it stands as darkness comes on - unmoved by the strong wind. And it is as dark as midnight to the Egyptians. They have settled down. And there is glorious light for all the host of the Hebrews. And it calms their fears and gives them assurance and they are thinking about some kind of deliverance.

The time has come for God to ride with the chariots and horses of salvation through the sea.

The greatest command of the ages was given when they were evacuated.

V. 15 - The Lord said to Moses, speak unto the children of Israel - that they go forward. "Go forward." That was the greatest command ever given.

V. 16 - Moses lifted the rod and stretched it out over the sea and divided it. And the children of Israel should go through on dry land. The foundation is being laid for them to be evacuated.

V. 19 - The angel of God which had removed - and went behind them now, and in V. 20, we discover that the pillar stands. And there is darkness - and there is all night.

V. 21 - Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord caused the sea to go back by a strong east wind all the night. The night passage through the sea was a miracle indeed. And it made dry land and the waters were divided.

V. 22 - The children of Israel went into the midst of the sea upon the dry land

and the waters were as ~~a wall~~ into them - on the right hand and on the left. Here was a divine command - Moses lifts the rod. The channel of the deep sea now becomes a broad highway and is bright. And these people pass over dry shod on the ancient sea bed. If a man was to go forward, pass through the great sea, leave the trap, the entanglement. And here was a strange life that was leading them all the way.

V 22
V. 22 - Tells us the last of the slaves have passed down and the beach - and have entered the bed of the sea. And the cloud itself moves slowly after them.

The plain of the encampment is now bare. And the light of the risen moon shines upon it. And the Egyptian guards rouse from their heavy sleep - begin to give the alarm. The Hebrews are escaping.

V 23
V. 23 - The cry goes out. That the Hebrews are escaping. And the whole force rushes forth bewildered. There is nothing that the cloud in the direction of the sea. And the plain. Where at sunset - all now is empty and silent. Beneath the light of the shining moon - and they follow on in the rear of the moving cloud. Thinking it is only a mist. And not knowing that they are marching in the bed of the sea.

On they pressed, driving their chariots into the mire and the bed of the deep. And they hear the murmurs of the slaves. They trace the broad path of their march. And they expect every moment to break through the retreating cloud and come upon the Hebrews. And so all the remainder of the night is like a man in a dream - toiling, and trying to come up with success but never succeeding.

V 24
V. 24 - It says that in the early morning watch the Lord looked down upon these Egyptians and that pillar of fire began to suddenly change in Heaven and shoot

Quickly the gate closed and the bar fell. The beast's head crashed against the woodwork. What an escape. A friend had seen his danger and hurried along the road and reached the gate just in time to open it. And saved the youth. God's great hand divided the mighty waters and opened the gateway for Israel to flee and to evacuate. And then to close them upon the enemy.

1 Cor 10:1-3

It is expedient that we think of their deliverance and salvation. In fact, in I Cor. 10:1-3 it says I would not brethren have you ignorant that our fathers were all under the cloud and all passed through the sea, and were all baptized unto Moses in the cloud and in the sea.

Now we learn here, that here is an explanation of baptism. In this way, it was a baptism. In the right hand a wall of water stood. In the left hand a wall of water stood. And between it was like a grave. And the cloud spread itself over the grave like the lid on a coffin. Only the cloud was as bright as the brightest day that earth ever knew. Now this cloud and the two walls of the sea entirely encompassed the children of Israel. There is the grave they were buried in baptism - with the light of the pillar of cloud above them. And the light would reflect the mirrored face.

All about them was darkness - but they were safe in the light. It was a baptism in light. It was a figurative baptism. The cloud above them, the clouds around them, they were buried in the cloud of light.

Women Timbrels 12:20-21
Talk about singing

Every man needs to go through that experience.

15:1

2- Another thing that is expedient for you to learn is the matter of thanksgiving.

What would you think of these Israelites after walking through on the dry ground. And on the other side, not recognizing that this was divine power and protection. They were safe the next morning. And yet they would refuse to sing the songs of

Lesson to Their Enemies: 15:14-16 "Fear" Fall upon them -

Hear Pharaoh's - Edom Amaged -

Now the day is not far hence, nor too distant

Moab Trembling - Cannabites Meli;
 "Not as still as a stone"
 like
 Buffer

When each of us shall stand on the shore of the great sea of death.

V.17 Travel to Mount Sinai; no opposites

Lesson to Israel: Strengthened their faith in God

We shall not be able to pause at the brink, or to return when once our feet

Psa 106:9-12 Believed his words

are set in the cold flood. But there is one guide who can take our hand, and

carry us across safely. We can guide us through that flood.

Your Life - Red Sea Experience -

Now I have often come to the Red Sea place in my life. And I have perhaps

thought there was no way out. But God has helped me time and time again to go

through.

Talked this with 2 people - Has God going to make it? Pressing Burdens - No Way open -
 Stormy life - Trouble -

There is a poem by Annie

- Page 674 - Sourcebook of Poet

Here is a poem that a member of my church shared with me several days ago, and it blessed my heart:

AT THE PLACE OF THE SEA

Have you come to the Red
Where, in spite of
There is no way out, there
There is no other
Then wait on the Lord with
Till the night of
He will send the wind, He
He says to your so
And His hand will lead you
Ere the watery wall
No foe can reach you, no
No mightiest sea ca
The tossing billows may re
Their foam at your

Have you come to the Red Sea place in your life
Where, in spite of all you can do,
There is no way out - and no way back --
There is no other way but THROUGH?
Then - wait on the Lord with a trust serene
'Till the moment of fear is gone,
He'll send the wind - He'll hold the flood,
And will say to your soul "NOW - GO ON!"

And His hand will lead you all the way through,
Before the walls of pressure come down,
No wave will touch you - no enemy will smite
And no mighty sea will drown;
The mighty waves may rear their crests,
Their very foam at your feet may break,
But, over the bed, you'll walk, dry-shod
In the path the Lord shall make.

And, in the morning watch, beneath the lifted cloud,
You'll be with the Lord, alone
And He'll lead you forth, from the place of the sea
To a land that you've never known;
Your fears will pass as your enemies have passed,
And you'll be no more afraid.
And you'll SING His praise in the beautiful land
The land His dear hands hath made!

Annie Flint

I have often come to the Red Sea place in my life.
 No way out - and no way back! But God helped me to
 find the way THROUGH. Glory!

But over their bed you may walk dry shod,
In a path that your Lord will make.

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In the morning watch, 'neath the lifted cloud,
You shall see but the Lord alone,
Where He leads you on from the place by the sea,
To the land that you have not known;
And your fears shall pass as your foes have passed,
You shall be no more afraid;
You shall sing His praise in a better place,
A place that His hand has made.

-- Annie Johnson Flint.

Grandmother Stearns
Fredericktown, Mo.

"all is bright over the River, Oh so bright, over there"

- sweetly passed to home of flowers -

thanksgiving, for the great deliverance that night. Now there are lots of people who lie down at night and sleep in their own homes, and they go about their daily occupation. But in the morning they never pray. They never offer thanksgiving for God's mercy. That has redeemed life. Did you not know that in God we live, we move, we have our being. We have our being, every pleasure, every emotion of happiness we have ever experienced ought to be grateful recognition that God is with us.

Not one of us should be ashamed to say, that in our pleasure, in our occupation, I put God first and foremost in our duty. No one should ever say or be ashamed to be known as God's servant. Skeptics may doubt and scoff.

3 - ^{Love & following} Another thing that is ~~expedient - the command of God~~ This is our Christian duty. To stand still is to stagnate. To stand still when the voice of God cries to go forward is to quench the spirit. Sometimes it does a man good to be brought into a place like Israel was. But I say to you tonight, whatever situation you are in, how ever dark the situation may be, in God's name go forward. Do your duty at whatever cost. Obey the divine command. The sea of troubles will open before you. A safe path will come. The trials and the hindrances this very hour will pass.

If the Hebrews had not advanced, weary and terrified, when Moses gave the word we have no reason to suppose that the waters would have divided. Go forward was the watchword. For progress, it was the progress of being obedient. The difference between success and failure, triumph and defeat, salvation and damnation.

Go forward, press toward the mark, forgetting that which is behind. Reaching for those things that are before. Do your duty. The time is short. The opportunity that you have today may be lost.

Now the walls may come in and cover us and keep falling in upon us. Now we say that was a miracle which protected them. Yes, it was. An the laws of nature protect us. But it is both God.

IV. EXPEDIENT *known*

Now as we conclude this night passage in the sea, we re-count that they were entangled and second, there was the note exaggerated. And thirdly, they were evacuated. And now forthly, I want to talk to you about the expedient part of it - and that involves your life. That involves you. Now God has ways of causing the mad schemes of this world to drag. God took the wheels off their chariots - and the Egyptians had the best armament. They had the finest chariots and the best horses. They had the best battle equipment. And they were well managed. Yes, but they were troubled by God. Now sin can prosper. In some places, but it cannot prosper long because it is against God. And the divine troubled the wicked. Now the Egyptians thought about retreating. And why did they wish to flee. They were armed. Were they not brave. They had a wicked enterprise. But it was vain. And they thought about getting away and being excluded from the judgement themselves but they were too late. And I want to point out to you tonight that it may be too late for you if you continue pursuing sin in your life. Sometime judgement is going to come crashing in on you. And it will be eternally too late.

(You) may have a way of escape tonight. I read about a boy that was in a field and he was being pursued by a wild dangerous bull. The only chance of escape was to hasten to a gate. He had turned and fled - nearer the animal came and he fancied that he could feel its hot breath. And in a moment he realized that he had no chance to open the gate in time to escape the angry animal. He was at the point of giving himself up as lost, but he was surprised to see that the gate suddenly opened. He gathered a fresh strength of energy and sprang forward and sped through.

wood and stone.

He paid no attention to the God who had given him breath and life. And he carried this on despite God's feeling of his father before him.

There are people today who are profane and live with no respect for God's name - the Bible, the church or anything else. For they are as godless as this heathen king.

Now I might say that this does not say that the king is at peace with himself. His reckless manner may be to hide an anxious and an aching heart. There are more troubled and weary souls in the halls of gaiety, in the saloons, and the riotous places than there are in the house of God. There are unhappy people, who go on through this life and must be amused. They do not care for religion but they are miserable without it.

A young lady thinks she can give up the pleasures of the world for the peace with God and yet she does this and she finds least satisfaction with the worldly life. To find joy in everything we do, we must do everything with God. Now they profaned the golden vessels of Jehovah. Until they had drunk wine and this prepared the way for every other excess to profane.

No man can be sure that he will be saved from any degree of shame or crime when once he has put an enemy in his mouth that steals away his reason.

Now that is why people need to not drink at all. Some talk about temperance. But this matter of when you put the wine cup from the feast - profanity and ludeness will go. You shut up the bars and the houses of prostitution will be purified. And the cells of prison houses will be empty.