

“Is There Unrighteousness with God?” Part 2

Rom 9.14 What shall we say then? Is there unrighteousness with God? Certainly not! 15 For He says to Moses, “I will have mercy on whomever I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whomever I will have compassion.” 16 So then it is not of him who wills, nor of him who runs, but of God who shows mercy.

* **After Joseph** and his generation died, Israel started turning away from _____ and unto _____.

Josh 24.14 “[P]ut away the gods which your fathers served on the other side of the River and in Egypt ...”

Eze 20.6 ... “I raised My hand in an oath ... to bring them out ... of Egypt ... 7 ... I said to them, ... [D]o not defile yourselves with the idols of Egypt ...’ 8 But they ... did not ... forsake the idols of Egypt.”

* **Israel received** the ruler they _____.

Israel was a picture of _____.

Heb 2.14 Inasmuch then as the children have partaken of flesh and blood, He Himself likewise shared in the same, that through death He might destroy him who had the power of death, that is, the devil, 15 and release those who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.

* **There really** wasn’t much difference at heart between the Israelites and the _____.

Exo 2:11 ... when Moses had grown up, he went out to his people and looked on their burdens, and he saw an Egyptian beating a Hebrew ... 12 He ... struck down the Egyptian and hid him in the sand. 13 When he went out the next day, behold, two Hebrews were struggling together. And he said to the man in the wrong, “Why do you strike your companion?” 14 He answered, “Who made you a prince and a judge over us? Do you mean to kill me as you killed the Egyptian?” ... 15 When Pharaoh heard of it, he sought to kill Moses. But Moses fled from Pharaoh and stayed in the land of Midian.

* **What did** the Israelites do when Pharaoh pursued with his army?

Exo 14.11 ... “Because there were no graves in Egypt, have you taken us away to die in the wilderness? Why have you so dealt with us, to bring us up out of Egypt? 12 Is this not the word that we told you in Egypt, saying, ‘Let us alone that we may serve the Egyptians’? For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than that we should die in the wilderness.”

Psalm 106.7 Our fathers in Egypt did not understand Your wonders; They did not remember the multitude of Your mercies, But rebelled by the sea—the Red Sea. 8 Nevertheless He saved them for His name’s sake, That He might make His mighty power known. 9 He rebuked the Red Sea also, and it dried up; So He led them through the depths, As through the wilderness. 10 He saved them from the hand of him who hated them, And redeemed them from the hand of the enemy. 11 The waters covered their enemies; There was not one of them left. 12 Then they believed His words; They sang His praise.

* **What did** Israel complain about next?

Exo 16.2 Then the whole congregation ... complained against Moses ... 3 ... “Oh, that we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the pots of meat and when we ate bread to the full! For you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger” ... 13 So it was that quails came up at evening and covered the camp, and in the morning ... 14 ... on the surface of the wilderness, was a small round substance ...

Psalm 106.13 They soon forgot His works; They did not wait for His counsel, 14 but lusted exceedingly in the wilderness, and tested God in the desert. 15 And He gave them their request, but sent leanness into their soul.

* **What did** the people complain about next?

Exo 17.3 “Why is it you have brought us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?” ... 6 “Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock ..., and you shall strike the rock, and water will come out of it, that the people may drink.” ... 7 ... they tempted the LORD, saying, “Is the LORD among us or not?”

* **Who**, in particular, is speaking to Moses on Mt. Sinai?

1Cor 10.4 [The people] all drank ... of that spiritual Rock that followed them, and that Rock was Christ. ...

Heb 12.18 For you have not come to the mountain that may be touched ... 22 But you have come to Mount Zion ... the heavenly Jerusalem, ... 23 to the ... church of the firstborn ... 24 to Jesus the Mediator of the new covenant ... 25 See that you do not refuse Him who speaks ... 26 whose voice then shook the earth ...

* **How does** God portray the proceedings at Mt. Sinai?

Jer 2.2 Go and cry in the hearing of Jerusalem, saying, “Thus says the LORD: ‘I remember ... the love of your betrothal, When you went after Me in the wilderness ...’”

* **Why is** God’s intent to dwell in the midst of his people such a big deal?

1Cor 3.16 Do you not know that you are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?

Eph 3.19 ... that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Rom 8.9 ... Now if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not His ... 11 ... if the Spirit ... dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit ... 16 The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God ...

* **What happens** while Moses is on the mountain for 40 days?

Exo 32.1 Now when the people saw that Moses delayed coming down from the mountain, the people gathered together to Aaron, and said to him, "Come, make us gods that shall go before us; for as for this Moses, ... we do not know what has become of him." 2 And Aaron ... 4 ... made a molded calf. Then they said, "This is your god, O Israel, that brought you out of the land of Egypt!" ... 6 Then they rose early on the next day, offered burnt offerings, and brought peace offerings; and the people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to play. 7 And the Lord said to Moses, "Go, get down! For your people whom you brought out of the land of Egypt have corrupted themselves. 8 They have turned aside quickly out of the way which I commanded them. They have made themselves a molded calf, and worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, 'This is your god, O Israel, that brought you out of the land of Egypt!' "

* **What does** God say when the idolatry is first discovered, and what is Moses' response? What is God teaching Moses?

Exo 32.10 ... let Me alone, that My wrath may burn hot ... and I may consume them. And I will make of you a great nation." 11 Then Moses pleaded ... 12 "Why should the Egyptians speak, and say, 'He brought them out ... to kill them ...'? Turn from Your fierce wrath ... 13 Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel ... to whom You swore by Your own self ..., 'I will multiply your seed as the stars of heaven; and all this land ... I give to your seed ...'" 14 So the Lord relented ... 31 Then Moses ... said, "Oh, these people have committed a great sin ... 32 Yet now, if You will forgive their sin—but if not, I pray, blot me out of Your book ..."

* **God says** he'll keep his promises, but he won't dwell in the midst of his people. How does this change things?

Exo 33.1 Then the Lord said to Moses, "Depart and go up from here, you and the people whom you have brought out of the land of Egypt, to the land of which I swore to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob ... 2 And ... I will drive out the Canaanite ... 3 ... I will not go up in your midst, lest I consume you on the way, for you are a stiff-necked people." ... 7 Moses took his tent and pitched it outside the camp, far from the camp, and called it the tabernacle of meeting ... 9 And ... when Moses entered the tabernacle ... the pillar of cloud descended ...,

and the Lord talked with Moses. 10 All the people saw the pillar of cloud ... and ... worshiped, each man in his tent door.

* **How does** Moses appeal to God?

Exo 33.15 Then he said to Him, "If Your Presence does not go with us, do not bring us up from here. 16 For how then will it be known that Your people and I have found grace in Your sight, except You go with us? So we shall be separate, Your people and I, from all the people who are upon the face of the earth." 17 So the Lord said to Moses, "I will also do this thing that you have spoken; for you have found grace in My sight, and I know you by name." 18 And he said, "Please, show me Your glory." 19 Then He said, "I will make all My goodness pass before you, and I will proclaim the name of the Lord before you. I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion." ... 34.5 Now the Lord descended in the cloud and stood with him there, and proclaimed the name of the Lord. 6 And the Lord passed before him and proclaimed, "The Lord, the Lord God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abounding in goodness and truth, 7 keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, by no means clearing the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children and the children's children to the third and the fourth generation." 9 Then he said, "If now I have found grace in Your sight, O Lord, let my Lord, I pray, go among us, even though we are a stiff-necked people; and pardon our iniquity and our sin, and take us as Your inheritance." 10 And He said: "Behold, I make a covenant. Before all your people I will do marvels such as have not been done in all the earth, nor in any nation; and all the people among whom you are shall see the work of the Lord. For it is an awesome thing that I will do with you."

* **How does** this change our typical understanding of Exo 33.19: "I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion"?

* **How can** God's salvation be so sure? (Rom 9.16)