

## **Exodus 13:17-22 “God’s Presence on the Pilgrimage to Glory”**

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**17 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.” 18 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. 19 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.” 20 Then they set out from Succoth and camped in Etham on the edge of the wilderness. 21 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. 22 He did not take away the pillar of cloud by day, nor the pillar of fire by night, from before the people.**

### **Questions**

1. Read through Exodus 13:17-22. Why would God not lead Israel to the promise land by the quickest route? Why is the mention of the Red Sea important?
2. What do verses 17-18 tell us about God’s character and how he deals with his people? How does this relate to the way in which he deals with you?
3. Why is verse 19 so significant? Read Genesis 50:24-26 and Hebrews 11:22. What lesson does Joseph’s faith teach the people of Israel? What does Joseph’s faith teach us today?
4. What are some areas of temptation that draw your hope away from the new heavens and the new earth? How can you combat this?
5. How does the pillar of cloud and of fire point to Jesus Christ? How does God dwell with and lead his people today?
6. Read Galatians 5:16. If we are indwelt by the Spirit, why do we need to continue to keep in step with the Spirit? How do we keep in step with the Spirit? How does keeping in step with the Spirit relate to things like gathering on Sunday and prayer?

Spend some time praying for each other's struggles and then some time praising God for His goodness and for the Lord Jesus Christ the promised King who came, lived, died on the cross for forgiveness of our sins. Jesus Christ rose again and ascended to heaven where he sits on the throne and from where He will return and come again to judge the living and the dead. Who will by His power restore all creation, to the glory of God the Father. He lives to intercede for His own and saves to the uttermost as Hebrews puts it. Pray for more Spirit-wrought faithfulness and boldness to proclaim the good news of God's grace and mercy in Jesus Christ and for more faithful gospel preaching churches unashamed of the gospel of Christ to rise up. Pray the Lord of the Harvest would raise up many workers (Matthew 9:38) to take the Gospel to the nations and call sinners to repent of their sin and look to Jesus Christ for salvation, eternal life and lasting hope. Soli Deo Gloria!