

A Way Of Escape

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Introduction

The Lord always provides a way of escape for those who obey him. David learned this lesson from his years as a fugitive from intractable King Saul (Ps. 124:1-8; cf. 68:19-20). We trust in the same promise. If we look to God for deliverance, He will provide a way of escape from whatever trials befall us (1 Cor. 10:13).

Abraham

On one occasion, God told Abraham to take Isaac, his beloved son of promise, and offer him as a burnt offering in the land of Moriah. The patriarch arose early in the morning, assembled the necessary supplies, and departed for the place which God had told him. As they journeyed, Isaac spoke with his father, saying, “Here is the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?” Abraham answered, “God himself will provide the lamb for the burnt offering, my son.” Indeed! When the Lord saw that Abraham was willing to obey without reservation, He provided a way of escape (Gen. 22:1-14; Heb. 11:17-19; James 2:21-24).

Israel

The death of every firstborn in the land of Egypt served as an awful climax to the plagues that came through the hand of Moses. Pharaoh relented and allowed the Israelites to depart. Afterwards, his heart again was hardened. Pharaoh pursued the Israelites with his horses and chariots, determined to take vengeance upon the people of God. As the army of Pharaoh drew near, the children of Israel became very frightened. Moses said, “Fear ye not, stand still, and see the salvation of the LORD, which he will shew to you today: for the Egyptians whom ye have seen today, ye shall see them again no more forever” (KJV). Although the Israelites were seemingly trapped with their backs to the Red Sea, God provided a way of escape (Exod. 14:9-30; Ps. 106:6-12; Heb. 11:23-29).

Christians

Christians are also promised a way of escape from temptation (1 Cor. 10:13). Just as the Lord Jesus overcame the tempter by repeatedly saying, “It is written” (Matt. 4:1-11; Luke 4:1-13), we also can escape the snare of the devil through a knowledge of the truth (2 Tim. 2:22-26). God’s word is a powerful means of deliverance (John 8:31-32; Rom. 1:16-17; Heb. 4:12).

Conclusion

If we do not look for that way of escape from the temptations of Satan, there will be no escape from the wrath of God! Disaster awaits those who are worldly-minded (Gen. 19:15-17, 24-26; Luke 17:32), the hypocrite (Matt. 23:29-33; Rom. 2:1-3), the negligent (Heb. 2:1-4), and those who are rebellious (Heb. 12:25-29). Let us, therefore, search for the divinely provided way of escape. Eternity itself hangs in the balance.