

Confronting Egypt Within Us

Scripture:

Romans 12:2; Exodus 14:31; 16:3

Introduction

Egypt is a type of sin. For the Christian, we were delivered from Egypt when we gave our life to Jesus Christ. We were taken out of that world. But for most of us there is a lingering presence of Egypt within us, a contamination. The old lifestyle, attitudes, philosophies and actions die only after we purpose in our hearts to get rid of the Egypt within us.

I. How Israel left Egypt but kept Egypt in their hearts

Exodus 14:31 NIV And when the Israelites saw the great power the LORD displayed against the Egyptians, the people feared the LORD and put their trust in him and in Moses his servant.

Exodus 16:3 NIV The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the Lord's hand in Egypt! There we sat around pots of meat and ate all the food we wanted, but you have brought us out into this desert to starve this entire assembly to death."

A. They brought a mixed multitude with them

Exodus 12:37-38 And the children of Israel journeyed from Rameses to Succoth, about six hundred thousand on foot that were men, beside children. 38 And a **mixed multitude** went up also with them; and flocks, and herds, even very much cattle.

B. They continued to look back to their previous life

C. Their ability to believe God was jaded by their life in Egypt

II. Discovering Egypt within us today

Numbers 14:21-23 NIV Nevertheless, as surely as I live and as surely as the glory of the LORD fills the whole earth, not one of the men who saw my glory and the miraculous signs I performed in Egypt and in the desert but who disobeyed me and tested me ten times -- not one of them will ever see the land I promised on oath to their forefathers. No one who has treated me with contempt will ever see it.

A. Human philosophies

1. Materialism
2. Humanism
3. Scientific method

B. Faithless attitudes

C. Looking back

Luke 9:62 NIV Jesus replied, "No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God."

Genesis 19:26 But Lot's wife looked back, and she became a pillar of salt.

Luke 17:32 Remember Lot's wife.

III. Confronting Egypt within us

Hebrews 3:19-4:3a NIV So we see that they were not able to enter, because of their unbelief. Therefore, since the promise of entering his rest still stands, let us be careful that none of you be found to have fallen short of it. For we also have had the gospel preached to us, just as they did; but the message they heard was of no value to them, because those who heard did not combine it with faith. Now we who have believed enter that rest,

A. Make up your mind to trust God

B. Build up your faith through the Word of God

Romans 10:17 NKJV So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

C. Seek Godly counsel

Psalms 1:1-2 NKJV Blessed is the man Who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, Nor stands in the path of sinners, Nor sits in the seat of the scornful; 2 But his delight is in the law of the LORD, And in His law he meditates day and night.

1 Kings 22:7-8 NIV But Jehoshaphat asked, "Is there not a prophet of the LORD here whom we can inquire of?" The king of Israel answered Jehoshaphat, "There is still one man through whom we can inquire of the LORD, but I hate him because he never prophesies anything good about me, but always bad. He is Micaiah son of Imlah." "The king should not say that," Jehoshaphat replied.