

The Freedom of Israel

The nation of Israel did not know what it was like to be free. For over four hundred years, they belonged to the Egyptians.

One day, God gave them their freedom. He sent Moses to the people to deliver them from the Egyptians. He brought them out of the land by allowing them to cross through the Red Sea (Exodus 14). God freed His people from the bondage of the Egyptians.

Unfortunately, Israel did not know how to use their freedom. Just three days after they had crossed through the Red Sea, they began to complain to God (Exodus 15:22-26). Throughout their history, they constantly complained against God. Because they did not use their freedom properly, they lost it (2 Kings 24-25).

In reality, we are just like the children of Israel. We were in bondage for many years. The bondage that we were under was not imposed by a foreign nation. We were under the bondage of sin. We faced the consequences of sin. We were slaves to sin.

One day, just like Israel, we were given our freedom. Christ came to this earth to remove the penalty of sin. He died on the cross so that we could gain our freedom. When we are “buried with Him through baptism,” we are “freed from sin” (Romans 6:4, 7). We are no longer under the bondage of sin. We are free!

How will we use our freedom? Will we, like Israel, complain about the struggles of this life? Will we seek to return to our bondage and lose our freedom?

Or will we be different? Will we use the freedom that God has given us to be greater servants in His kingdom? Will we forsake the bondage of sin and seek His glory? Will we look to the good things that God has given us and be thankful for them? Will we live daily for Christ, knowing that it is only through Him that we have our freedom?

Today, we have the opportunity to be free from the bondage of sin. How will you handle your freedom?