*Monday, April 1, 2013*

**Hope**

Exodus 14:10-12 And when Pharaoh drew nigh, the children of Israel lifted up their eyes, and, behold, the Egyptians marched after them; and they were sore afraid: and the children of Israel cried out unto the LORD. 11 And they said unto Moses, Because there were no graves in Egypt, hast thou taken us away to die in the wilderness? wherefore hast thou dealt thus with us, to carry us forth out of Egypt? 12 Is not this the word that we did tell thee in Egypt, saying, Let us alone, that we may serve the Egyptians? For it had been better for us to serve the Egyptians, than that we should die in the wilderness. (KJV)

We have all faced our own pharaoh at times, seemingly insurmountable odds that according to the outward were leading us to a dead end. As in the verses above, you will notice throughout the scriptures life is about choices, and for those who have chosen to walk with the Lord it comes down to whether you will react in the flesh or respond in the Spirit.

Exodus 14:13-15 And Moses said unto the people, Fear ye not, stand still, and see the salvation of the LORD, which he will shew to you to day: for the Egyptians whom ye have seen to day, ye shall see them again no more for ever. 14 The LORD shall fight for you, and ye shall hold your peace. 15 And the LORD said unto Moses, Wherefore criest thou unto me? speak unto the children of Israel, that they go forward: (KJV)

As you move forward with the Lord there will be opposition to this plan of salvation you have chosen, and as you encounter these obstacles in life, the Lord desires for you to keep moving forward. In verse 14 the children of Israel had the Lord working on their behalf, and I pray that as you continue your own search through the Word that you will see that our Lord desires to work on your behalf as well. The question now becomes, will you let Him?

Exodus 14:16-18 16 But lift thou up thy rod, and stretch out thine hand over the sea, and divide it: and the children of Israel shall go on dry ground through the midst of the sea. 17 And I, behold, I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians, and they shall follow them: and I will get me honour upon Pharaoh, and upon all his host, upon his chariots, and upon his horsemen. 18 And the Egyptians shall know that I am the LORD, when I have gotten me honour upon Pharaoh, upon his chariots, and upon his horsemen. (KJV)

The Lord has cleared a path for you to walk in as well; in fact He drew it up before the foundation of the world. Now that you have accepted this plan, continue to move forward in it and you too will see things manifest in your own walk above and beyond what you could have ever asked or begun to think. God bless and have a prosperous day in Christ Jesus our Lord.