

# Southeast Sower

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## The Southeast Church Of Christ Meets At:

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### Services:

#### SUNDAY:

10AM Bible Study

10:50AM Worship

6PM Worship

#### WEDNESDAY

7:30PM Worship

### God's Plan of Salvation

Hear Rom.  
10:17

Believe Heb. 11:6

Repent Acts 2:38

Confess Matt.  
10:32

Be Baptized Mark  
16:16

Stay Faithful Rev.2: 10

#### **Micah 6:8**

***"...and what does the Lord require of you but to do justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God?"***

## Walk With The Lord

"Therefore you shall keep the commandments of the Lord your God, to walk in His ways and to fear Him." (Deuteronomy 8:6). "For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them." (Ephesians 2:10). "But whoever keeps His word, truly the love of God is perfected in him. By this we know that we are in Him. He who says that he abides in Him ought himself also walk just as He [Christ] walked. (1<sup>st</sup> John 2:5-6). "let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water." (Hebrews 10:22).

Each of the verses presented above share one common theme, walking. In fact each verse, except for the last specifically use the word "walk". The final verse given coincides because when we are walking towards something we are drawing nearer to it. Throughout the Bible one of the common ideas that connects the O.T and the N.T is this idea of a promised land. To the Israelites this was the land of Canaan. For us today, our promised land is a home in heaven. To obtain this reward, as the Israelites had to walk through the wilderness from Egypt, we also must walk through this world with our eyes set on the Lord for us to arrive at our eternal home with God.

To walk in the Lord can mean to literally and figuratively walk. The literal way to "walk with the Lord" would mean that everywhere you go throughout your earthly life, you are living God's word and being an example for all men. I use the word literal to describe the fact that you have to physically move your feet and transport yourself to different areas. No matter where you are, you act, think and speak with all purity and faithfulness in the Lord. To walk in the figurative sense means that you will not serve your will but have given the Lord complete control of your life and your aims. You desire only to walk on the path He has set before you, by looking for the ways of escape from temptations and by serving Him in every opportunity you are presented with.

There is only one path to heaven. Unfortunately few will find this path and be willing to follow it. (Matt. 7:13-14). God did not make this path a difficult one to find or walk on. It is you and I who make this difficult for ourselves. If we would simply humble ourselves and serve the Lord completely, then we would have no difficulty. It is when we allow for our temptations to gain strength and we decide that we must take control of situations ourselves that this path to heaven becomes more difficult to find and accept. To have a home in heaven with God you must put aside your own will, as Christ did, to serve God's will.

-Jordon Smith

### Genesis 15:13

"Then He said to Abraham: "Know certainly that your descendants will be strangers in a land that is not their own, and will serve them, and they will afflict them for 400 years."

### Exodus 13:17-18

"Then it came to pass, when Pharaoh had let the people go, that God did not lead them by the way of the land of the Philistines, although that was near; for God said "Lest perhaps the people change their minds when they see the war and return to Egypt." So God led the people around by the way of the Red Sea. And the children of Israel went up in orderly ranks out of the land of Egypt."

### Exodus 16:4

"Then the Lord said to Moses, "Behold I will rain bread from heaven for you. And the people shall go out and gather a certain quota every day, that I may test them, whether they will walk in My law or not."

## Some Lessons From Exodus

The Book of Exodus outlines the events leading to God's people leaving, exiting, Egypt. Throughout the book we can learn several lessons from God's people. Let's take a look at some lessons we can learn concerning what God will do for His people today.

The first lesson we should take from this book is that God does not forget, or break the covenants He makes. After the death of Joseph 400 years had passed with the Israelites serving as slaves to the Egyptians. God had made His covenant with Abraham many years before Joseph stating that He would give the land of Canaan to the descendants of Abraham. It does not matter how many years have passed since God made His covenant because God remembers His covenants. The Book of Exodus is the beginning of God fulfilling His promise as He begins to lead the Israelites to their promised land.

Secondly, we learn that God will lead His people. In Chapter 13 of Exodus we read of the Lord leading His people to and through the Red Sea. Then we read of God leading His people by a cloud during the day and by fire at night as they wandered through the wilderness. As God's people today, those who faithfully serve Him, let us not forget this fact. God will lead through every step of this life and will guide you to your promised land, if you allow Him and accept His requirements.

Thirdly, to be numbered with God's people one must obey His voice. The Hebrew people, to avoid suffering the 10<sup>th</sup> plague, were given specific instructions. In the wilderness the people were also to follow God's instructions to prove their faithfulness and obedience to Him, in not worshipping any other god, collecting manna as He instructed, etc.. Today, God's people consist of only those who serve Him according to His instructions and do so with a honest, humble heart.

Next lesson we learn is that God will provide for His people. When the Hebrew people complained about not having any food to eat, God sent manna, then quail. When they complained about not having anything to drink, God provided them with water. The Lord instructed the Israelites to collect only enough food for the day and if any was stored for another day it was ruined or spoiled. This may have been a lesson to teach the Israelites to trust in Him to provide for them and to keep them from trusting in themselves. What about you? Our society puts a great emphasis on having a large savings account. This is good for we are to prepare for the future but we need to make sure we don't put all our trust in ourselves. Remember that it is through God all blessings come.

Finally, God's people are expected to keep their covenant with Him. The Israelites made a promise to obey God and follow his commandments. Roughly 60 days later when God was giving Moses the 10 commandments, the people worshipped a golden calf. If we desire for the Lord to guide us to the promised land and provide for us, we must remember our covenant we made with Him, to serve Him faithfully all the days of our lives.

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