



H2Oh!

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In moments of fear, I forget the loving care that God has for His children and think that I am completely alone. **In mercy, God comes to me in the times that I think He is farthest away and through His Son, Jesus, delivers me from all those things that would seek to do me harm.**

Bible Words

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Psalm 46:1

Connections

In the wilderness, God led the Israelites with a pillar of cloud by day and of fire by night. The angel of God in the pillar moved between the people and the Egyptian army at the Red Sea. The pillar kept the army in the dark but provided light that allowed the Israelites to escape (Exodus 14:19–20). Later, God spoke to the people from the cloud (Exodus 16:10–11) and wrapped Mount Sinai in a cloud when He gave the Law (Exodus 19:16–20). God spoke from a cloud at Jesus' transfiguration (Luke 9:28–36). Jesus promised to return to earth in clouds with great power and glory (Mark 13:26–27).

Walking through H2Oh! Crossing the Red Sea

Exodus 14

In an epic showdown, the Lord sent Moses to demand that Pharaoh let the Israelite slaves leave Egypt. Pharaoh, considered a god himself, refused. He only relented when the Lord showed He is the one true God by sending ten plagues against Egypt.

Pharaoh soon regretted his decision and sent his army in pursuit. Trapped between the Egyptians and the Red Sea, the Israelites panicked. Moses said God would fight for them. Their task was simple: stay silent.

God parted the water of the Red Sea and His people walked safely to the other side on dry ground. When the Egyptians followed, God let the water fall back into place, drowning soldiers, horses, and chariots. Once again, God used water as an instrument of judgment and mercy.

The New Testament uses these events to point us to Christ and Baptism (1 Corinthians 10:1–4). God baptized or washed the Israelites in the sea, destroyed Pharaoh's army, delivered the people from trouble, and gave them new life. In Baptism, we are buried and raised with Jesus. Claimed as His own people in Baptism, God delivers us from our enemies—sin, death, and the devil—and gives us new life. (Questions 319–22, Luther's Small Catechism © 2017 CPH).

Pharaoh's Hard Heart

The Bible says God hardened Pharaoh's heart. These texts trouble us because we know God wants the salvation of all people (1 Timothy 2:4). So, how do we make sense of God hardening Pharaoh's heart?

God spoke His Word of life to Pharaoh through Moses. Pharaoh had opportunities to repent, but didn't. He continued in unbelief. Pharaoh wanted life apart from God's mercy, and he got it. God handed Pharaoh over to the evil desires of his heart.

Prayer

Lord God, open our hearts to hear Your Word, repent of our sin, and receive Your mercy, the forgiveness of sins. Amen.

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