

"And the waters returned, and covered the chariots, and the horsemen, and all the host of Pharaoh that came into the sea after them; there remained not so much as one of them. But the children of Israel Walked Upon Dry Land In The Midst Of The Sea; and the waters were a wall unto them on their right hand, and on their left." *Exodus 14:28-29 KJV*



I'm sure if the Israelites had a choice, they would have stayed on shore, but they did not. With Pharaoh's six hundred chariots and troops behind them and a sea in front they gladly took the path Offered them by God. Many times God Has To Bring us into desperate situations before we will

go the right direction. Even though it may seem that calamity surrounds us and threatens to engulf at any moment, we must trust the Mighty Hand Of God That Keeps calamity as a shield and wall to us as we trod through its peril on "dry land." The sea that guarded the Israelites destroyed their enemies. It may seem that we tread through a sea of evil, but God opens for believers a path of safe passage to the other side. The same calamity we pass through safely will destroy our enemies. Many times our enemies are the possessions and lusts we have in this world. It takes severe hardship at times to rid us of those things that prevent us from walking in the "Paths of Righteousness." God allows besetting sin to drive us in the right direction. If we turn again to sin, it will ruthlessly destroy us. Do not think of catastrophe as a threat, think of it as God's Providential Guidance And Protection. You will surely survive the most heinous acts of evil, but your enemies will not. "My Sheep hear My Voice, and I Know them, and they follow Me: And I Give unto them Eternal Life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of My Hand." You may safely pass where the wicked become entangled and bogged down. What guards you threatens them. They may attempt to follow, but they will never arrive safely on the other side. The sea of evil holds no threat for the Child of God. "Greater Is He That Is In you, than he that is in the world." We may tread confidently through calamity's threat where God Provides a Way!

In the midst of wickedness,
God's child can walk in righteousness,
His pathway sure, his way secure,
And to the end he shall endure! –CGP

Our feet will remain dry and our foundation sure if we flee evil and follow God's Pathway of Righteousness; that is, cheerful obedience to God's Word. Although our enemy may ever press close behind, on the other side we will sing triumphantly of God's Deliverance;

"The depths have covered them: they sank into the bottom as a stone. Thy Right Hand, O LORD, Is Become Glorious In Power: Thy Right Hand, O LORD, Hath Dashed in pieces the enemy. And in the Greatness of Thine Excellency Thou Hast Overthrown them that rose up against Thee: Thou Sentest Forth Thy Wrath, Which Consumed them as stubble." Exodus 15:5-7 KJV