

Blessed be the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Welcome, let us study the Bible and remind ourselves of the same things we have already learned before through various channels.

Many people ask, is baptism important? The answer is YES, it is very important and not just a little. Satan does not want many to know the secret found in true baptism because he knows its consequences.

When the children of Israel were coming out of Egypt, Pharaoh was still pursuing them. But immediately after they crossed the Red Sea and all of Pharaoh's army drowned in the Red Sea, that was the end of Pharaoh and his army following the children of Israel.

*Exodus 14:26-30*

*26 Then the Lord said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea so that the waters may flow back over the Egyptians and their chariots and horsemen."*

*27 Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at daybreak the sea went back to its place. The Egyptians were fleeing toward it, and the Lord swept them into the sea.*

*28 The water flowed back and covered the chariots and horsemen—the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed the Israelites into the sea. Not one of them survived.*

*29 But the Israelites went through the sea on dry ground, with a wall of water on their right and on their left.*

*30 That day the Lord saved Israel from the hands of the Egyptians, and Israel saw the Egyptians lying dead on the shore.*

Now what was the secret that Pharaoh's end came in the Red Sea? The answer is simple: It was that baptism—the baptism the children of Israel underwent by passing through the sea.

You may ask, does that mean the children of Israel were baptized in the Red Sea? The answer is yes!

*1 Corinthians 10:1-2*

*1 For I do not want you to be ignorant of the fact, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud and that they all passed through the sea.*

*2 They were all baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea.*

Do you see that? The act of the Israelites passing through the waters of the Red Sea without being harmed is likened to baptism. Therefore, that baptism marked the end of Satan's work and his army pursuing them, regardless of the fact that they had already been granted permission to leave earlier.

Similarly, proper baptism by much water works in the same way. When you go into those waters and are baptized in the name of Jesus and come out of the water... you will come out safely with joy and peace, but behind you, the armies of evil spirits that were pursuing you die in the water.

Thus, the water is a sign of salvation for you and destruction for Satan and his armies. That is why the Lord Jesus said in the Spirit that when an evil spirit leaves a person, it goes through waterless places (meaning places without water) seeking rest, and when it returns and finds the house swept clean, it brings seven other spirits more wicked than itself, and the final condition of that person becomes worse than the first.

*Matthew 12:43-45*

*43 "When an impure spirit comes out of a person, it goes*

*through arid places seeking rest and does not find it.*

*44 Then it says, 'I will return to the house I left.' When it arrives, it finds the house unoccupied, swept clean and put in order.*

*45 Then it goes and takes with it seven other spirits more wicked than itself, and they go in and live there. And the final condition of that person is worse than the first."*

This means that if a demon leaves a person and that person does not make the decision to complete their salvation—including being baptized properly by immersion of the whole body according to the Scriptures and continuing in purity—that person is in danger of being revisited by the same dark powers that left them in the first place. Therefore, true baptism is very important.

And baptism is not a new religion but a command of our Lord Jesus—and for our benefit, just as it was a benefit to the children of Israel when they were leaving Egypt. If it were not for those waters, Pharaoh would have continued to pursue them forever.

Satan and his demons will continue to follow a person who has not completed their salvation. And the Lord has already told us in His Word that, "Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved"

(Mark 16:16)—meaning these two things go together, they cannot be separated. Otherwise, it is very difficult to be saved from the hand of the enemy.

If you remember the story of the man who was possessed by demons who identified themselves as LEGION, that man was possessed by demons, and when those demons left him, they entered pigs. The way those pigs went and perished in the water is a symbol of how Pharaoh and his army drowned in the water. So you can see a great connection between water and the enemy's armies. Therefore, baptism is very important. As soon as a person believes and repents, they should be baptized without delay...

It would be a strange thing for someone to say they are saved, and then months go by, years pass, and they still haven't been baptized. What standard of salvation is such a person living by?

May the Lord bless you greatly.

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