

Going Home to Egypt (conclusion)

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Introduction:

- A. Previously:
 - 1. Israel Dominated By Egypt
 - 2. Israel Delivered From Egypt
- B. Keeping the back door open
 - 1. Heb. 11:15; Matt. 12:43-45
 - 2. Few people can let go of the past enough to prevent it from hindering the present and destroying the future
- C. What conditions are necessary to move one to long for a bad past?
 - 1. Hard times in the present lead one to look for an escape; everyone has to deal with this; hard times do not make our situation special or unique
 - 2. A selective memory that recalls only the pleasant or fun things from the past and excludes the bad things
 - 3. A deliberate choice to believe that returning to the past is an acceptable option for the children of God

I. ISRAEL DESIRED EGYPT

- A. Desired the worldly safety of Egypt - Ex. 14:10-11
 - 1. They had jobs, food, water, dwellings; Pharaoh oppressed them, but did not pursue them to kill them; they were slaves, but were not in the uncertain, unsafe wilderness
 - 2. Finding sin and its attendant shame and suffering to be one's comfort zone is testimony to the power of the Adversary and the fear of change in the sinner
- B. Desired the supplies of Egypt - Ex. 16:2-3, 17:3; Num. 20:4
 - 1. Psalm 37:25; Phil. 4:19
- C. Desired the spirits of Egypt - Ex. 32:1-8
 - 1. Luke 9:62; 2Peter 2:20-22
- D. Desired the stability of Egypt - Num. 21:4-5
 - 1. The question becomes, do you prefer stability here for a little while or stability forever in heaven? - Heb. 12:1-4
- E. Despised the savior from Egypt - Deut. 1:27
 - 1. Heb. 6:6, 10:28-29

II. ISRAEL DYING TO EGYPT

- A. The majority died in a polluted land - Num. 14:3, 29
 - 1. Heb. 10:26-27, 3:12-19
- B. The minority died in the promised land - Num. 14:30
 - 1. Phil. 3:13-15, 1:21-22; 2Tim. 4:6-8

Conclusion:

- A. Gen. 19:26; Luke 17:32; Heb. 11:15 - It can happen to us.