You have only to be silent. (Ex. 14:1-16)

Today is the day that we observe the feast of the harvest. The Bible speaks of 3 feasts. It is the Passover, the Pentecost, and the feast of gathering. The standard to that is the Passover. On that night, they placed the blood on their doorposts to which they were liberated from slavery and all curses. The feast of the harvest signifies of the 50 days starting from Passover. It means that the Christ who has resurrected to which the Holy Spirit has come upon them. From the Old Testament, they have already foreshadowed of what is to come. The feast of the Harvest signifies of the day Spirit has come. God said, "Within the first day of the land of the Canaan you entered in, you must give the first harvest to God. The first harvest signifies of the Christ. God has already prophesized what is to come. Today we are observing the feast of the gathering. May you bear tremendous fruits to which you will be able to receive throughout the year, and relay it to the posterity. May you hold to this as your covenant as you give offering to God. Today's passage is regarding the Red Sea to which it's such a significant event. Today's message is entitled "You have only to be silent." And the last scripture, it says, "Israelites were able to walk within the dry land as they cross the Red Sea." God, just as they had crossed the Red Sea by dry land, allow that to take place upon me as well. It's not that they are walking upon the muddy road, but they were walking within the dry land. May this blessing be upon you throughout this week. We have received the salvation by having faith and knowing Christ. And Bible speaks it is only Christ that can block the disasters. And the Bible records many of the historical events of what has taken place as proof and evidence. The Bible is not a fiction or novel, yet it is the historical event that has taken place that testifies Jesus Christ. It is only Christ that can block the disasters and all curses. Within this fact, there is something that you must do. You must hold onto Christ once again as your covenant. It is not that you hold onto your problem, you must hold to Christ as the answer. That is how you hold to the covenant of Christ. And you give praise, offering, and worship before God. If you simply do this, then miracle will take place. It will completely overturn your life. Works will take place and miracles will bound to be upon you. Of course, according to the God's will, whether He wants it to take place at once, or step by step. The sure effect is that you will be continuously changed. And then, you will be able to give all the glory to God. That is why it is so important for you to choose the covenant. If the Israelites scouts came back holding onto the covenant, they didn't need to abide in the wilderness for 40 years. It is same for them to be take as captives for 70 years to Babylon. The prophets continuously told them, "Do not fall into idol worship," but they have fallen inside of it to which they have no choice but to be captive for 70 years. There was the time to which Israelites had no choice but to wander for 2,000 years and they have fallen into Genecide to which it killed at least 60 million people. If they simply hold to the Christ, then their posterity would have never faced this tragic matter. What does this mean? Only when you select and choose the covenant, your life will be changed. If Israelites chose Joshua and Caleb instead of other ten secret detectives when they reported to the

whole community what they had seen after exploring the land, then you will not have to be fallen inside of the captivity for 40 years. God gives them the message, if you simply held to my covenant, then I would not have to send you to captivity to Babylon for 70 years. And of course, God was not the one that overturns His promises, but even if they were captivated for 70 years, God allows His works take place upon them. We can imagine that even in the time to which they were not taken as captives to Babylon, they simply remain the place that they were to which it could have become the age of Solomon. That is why may you hold onto Christ who is your covenant. Then your life will be overturned. Regardless of the reason whatever the excuse that may be, as people of God and children of God, if you don't hold onto the covenant, your life becomes strange.

1. You have only to be silent.

The first point we will look at is you have only to be silent. God says that you just have to be silent and stay still, and I will open up the path of the Red Sea. So, what will happen if you just stay put? Then, God will be very busy to do His work. And that is how God will open up the way and the path for you. But there is one thing that you must confirm through the miracles of the Red Sea. It is God's intention and the work He has done. Because He has a reason. If you look at verse 2, it says, " for them to turn back." God says, "to turn back" to people. And God sets the specific location and place that He wants them to go. He said, "Pi-hahiroth, between Migdol and the Sea, in front of Baal-zephon; you shall encamp facing it, by the sea. And God tells them in verse 3, "Camp there to which Pharaoh will be able to see that they are shut in between wilderness." And in verse 4, God allowed pharaoh to have his heart harden. God allow them to have continuously evil thoughts and wickedness to which He is able to show them that He will receive all the glory from Israelites. And in verse 7, it says, "and took chosen chariots and all the other chariots of Egypt with officers over all of them." He took all his strong weapons that he possessed. This is reason why God has permitted the incident of the Red Sea. This was the answer and He wanted to complete to destroy the work of Satan and to set free of His people. Satan must be completely destroyed and in order for them to be completely set free. And of course, they were not completely liberated because they were in between in Egypt and Red Sea. The method that God has used was He allowed them to be at the place that they cannot do anything, and God has no choice but to be at work. And that is how God lured Satan to come in. And he completely destroyed Egyptian's soldiers. Satan can never know or imagine God's plan. And he can never stop it. This is who Satan is before God. When does this blessing come upon you? When you hold onto the covenant. These people are the covenantal people because they held to the blood. That is why they simply placed the blood in which Satan was fooled by them. That is why it is very simple for you. All you have to do is simply hold to the covenant. And just follow God's word and God's plan. God's word and plan are matched. And He has already spoken the conclusion and you possess the Bible which is His word. The summarization of the Bible is of the Christ and the world evangelization. Also, maybe there are the level of plans and the specific plans. But you don't have to go in depth and know in detail. God already knows it all. All you have to so is set the direction, simply confess of Christ, and God will lead you. It is so rightful. You must hold onto Christ as your covenant to which Satan will be demolished. The reason why God has allowed Satan to be perished and revive the Israelites is they held to the covenant. And through this covenant alone, it will revive and save people. And God has the plan to save and revive many through the covenant. And there is one important thing that you must come to confirm through this incident. The crossing of the Red Sea was God's intention and purpose. But do you believe that it is just only for Red Sea? Or it is upon your life as well? You must confirm and have assurance that it is God's intention and purpose within every aspect of your life as well. And Jesus already knew the death of Lazarus even before His disciples spoke to Him. And He already knew the reason ahead. He already knew that it was for the sake of the God's glory, that is why He tells disciples he is not dead yet, but he is in sleep. And for Eliza, He already knew ahead where the Aram soldiers will go. And that is why he told the Israelites soldiers and officers to go and chase the Aram for that is where they are. And King of Aram was so in fears and upset. He said, "There is a spy that is watching after us." And when God called Abraham, God already has all the plans. That is why He called him. And even now, all the words that He has spoken to Abraham is being fulfilled today. And God gave the dream to Joseph. And for Joseph's life to fulfill that dream itself. That means He already knew everything. And that is why God has already planned all things. And in Matt 10:30, it says, "But even the hairs of your head are all numbered." And in verse 29, it says, "Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? And not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your father." And in Psalm 139:2, it says, "You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from afar." If these are the truth, where should you lead your conclusion? You must be able to acknowledge that every aspect of your life is according to God's plan. He already knows everything. Our lives belong to God. We can never depart from God's hand. May you live this life. The Bible says that the wisdom is of God's word and Jesus Christ. True happiness is when you live by God's plan. It's far better for you to become the LORD's servant. The more of your freedom that is taken away by God, then that is how you will be able to have more leisure. God is the one who govern all things for you.

2. The LORD will fight for you.

The second point we will look at is the LORD will fight for you. The crossing of the Red Sea is impossible for the Israelites unless God has fight for them. First, they don't have strength to even return and fight against the Egyptian soldiers. But there is a fundamental reason. They need to fight against Satan. Egypt was a nation that signifies of Satan. If Satan chase you, who will win over that fight? No one can defeat Satan. The incident of Exodus foreshadows God's salvation. At that time, it is because God's people lost hold of covenant, and they were enslaved. And for the sake of the restoration of the covenant, God allowed them to fight the spiritual battle.

And on that night that they place the blood on their doorposts, that was when Satan's work was completely destroyed. But Satan continuously chased them. That is how God has prepared the crossing of Red Sea. And that is how they all drowned and died. For Israelites, it was not only spiritual salvation that they received, but also, they were physically saved as well. And Egyptians can no longer follow them. The cause to all is they lost hold of the covenant. And the one who was at work was Satan. For them, the answer was to restore the covenant. And that is when God is at work, and He completely resolved all matters for them. This is the same foreshadow of what is to come after the incident of Gen chapter 3 of original sin. When they broke the covenant and the promise, that is when the curses applied into them. And automatically, they became a servant of Satan. They no longer follow the words of God. They follow Satan's words. And God wanted to save them, and He gives them the covenant once again. And through that, Adam was revived. That is why Adam was a type of one who was to come. It means that He held to the covenant once again. This is the reason why God has no choice but to be at work. The cause to all is Satan. Rightfully, God has no choice but to be at work. Mankind can never defeat Satan. That is why even at the crossing of Red Sea, God was at work and Israelites did nothing. God must do it. All you have to do is only be still and silent. It is alright with you to only be silent. It is because you hold to the covenant. The covenant is everything. God desires to save you and revive you. God wants to crush the work of the serpent. God desired for you to come to realize the work of the Serpent, the Satan. The answer is Jesus Christ. Your fundamental attitude and posture are that you must hold to the covenant, wait, and see the work that God will do. Does your body belong to you? Did you create your own legs? God is the one who will do it all from the beginning to the end. He will do it all 100%. And all the things that you do are by God's grace. It is called common grace. Nothing belongs to you. All has been given by God. You are able to do it what belongs to God. God is the one who is at work 100%. It is just 0% of what we do. Everything has come from God. You must be able to hold to the covenant and rely on God. What is more important is the fact that God must do it for your behalf. And the reason to that is Satan. May you be silent from today. And ask God, "God, is it really true?" God will give you the answer according to your level of your spiritual state. But you are not in the spiritual level to which God will freely want to give you the blessing because we will become very arrogant. He wants us to become very humble." Christ is the answer to all. You must live inside of that, and you must come to the answer. In Matt chapter 6, it says that you are not living by your own efforts. Are you a Gentile to live a life by your efforts? You are living with the covenant. Time is more important than money. So, you must invest your time to share the Gospel. May you carefully think of this. May this truly become your covenant. The answer is the covenant. May this blessing be upon you. God tells them only to be silent. The enemy is Satan. You must only be silent. Because without Christ, there is no other way. May this understanding be upon you. May this deeply inside of your heart to which it becomes your covenant.