

1. God's intense care for his people – 13:17-23

- What can you expect when God rescues you? God's care
 - a) **He takes account of your frailty**
 - v17 - "For God said, "If they face war, they might change their minds"
 - He knows their weaknesses: He knows how much pressure we can take
 - b) **He has a purpose amidst mystery**
 - There is reason in his mysterious or confusing dealings
 - In our lives we don't often have an explanation – but we can trust him
 - c) **He keeps his promises**
 - v19 – a strange burden – see Genesis 15:13,14 and 50:24-25
 - 700 years since the 1st promise – God hadn't forgotten.
 - d) **He accompanies his people on the journey**
 - v20 - When God rescues someone he stays with his people.
 - A God who goes ahead of you into new circumstances

2. God's intense concern for his glory – ch14

- Why does God do anything? Its not just about us
- v4 "I will gain glory..." also v17,18
- God is glorious – and we need to know it
 - a) **God's glory shows us that rebellion is futile**
 - Pharaoh ignores the glory/majesty of God - learns the hard way
 - Miracle? – Not natural, sea wall on both sides, not a shallow place.
 - God underscores his glory because too often we ignore it – to our harm
 - b) **God's glory shows us that we need him to rescue**
 - Israel learn that if they are to be delivered God is going to have to do it.
 - How? They don't have what it takes; they watch as God fights for them.
 - Rescue is by trusting in a glorious God who fights for you
 - The difference between Christianity and religions – God is too glorious for us ever to reach him – he needs to rescue us.
 - c) **God's glory shows us that fear is needless**
 - Have we anything to fear from God's concern for his glory?
 - Israel were fearful and lacking faith – but they didn't need to be
 - God's glory was tied to his preserving his people
 - Instead of fear, or doubt we need to "Stand firm and see the deliverance the LORD will bring you" (14:13)
- If we are to live faithfully and successfully in this world we need to be convinced that God is awesome and glorious.



Notices

- Sun Evening service - "A life worth living"
An Evening of praise with the Genevans, Guild Hall Derry 8.15pm
- Tues Midweek meeting at Colin & Caroline's - Bible Study 8pm

- Sat 22nd Ladies are invited to Breakfast with Heather McCullough at Faughan RPC
9.30-11.30am - see poster and flyer for more details

Leadership training day for men - Enniskillen 10.30am-2.45pm
Cost - £10 (including lunch) or £3 (bring your own lunch)
Speak to Mark if you are interested in going

Next week: Romans 5:1-11

Opening Psalm: 119 part 3

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