

A WAY THROUGH THE SEA? Exodus 14:21-22

Introduction: *No way around, no way over, no way under, no way at all.....*

I. WHERE THERE WAS NO WAY, GOD MADE A WAY
(Exodus 14:11-14; 21-31)

II. THERE ARE TIMES WHEN GOD CAUSES THE SEAS
BEFORE US TO GIVE WAY

- A. In small and large ways He still performs miracles for His children
- B. If we do not believe this, it's time to close the doors to the church building
- C. Yet be wary of a "false gospel" around today: *real Christians have no setbacks*

III. THERE ARE ALSO TIMES GOD WILL NOT CHOOSE TO
SEPARATE THE WATERS FOR US

- A. There are times we simply have to face what we have to face
- B. This was also true for St. Paul (II Cor. 12:7-9)
- C. Jesus Himself was not exempt (Matt. 26:39; 27:46)
- D. St. John lived his last days exiled on the Island of Patmos (Rev. 1:9)

IV. BUT ALWAYS GOD WILL GIVE US WHAT IS NEEDED
TO STAND FIRM AT THE WATER'S EDGE

+ *The story of Horatio Spafford's hymn - **When Peace, Like a River***

*When peace like a river attendeth my way, when sorrows like sea billows roll;
Whatever my lot, Thou has taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.*

Conclusion: "It is well, it is well with my soul." [**Let's sing this hymn one more time.**]