

down the road, we will know that way would have led us the wrong way and this way was the way the Lord wanted for some reason or other. We were not ready to go that way. ~~He/seen/for/us/to/~~ He has things for us to do this way that we do not know about. He wants us to use our brains to study and figure how we can accomplish his will; how we can make our lives count for the utmost for him, but after we have done the best we can we will find many intangibles. many points at which it is difficult for us to know His will. But if we keep our eyes on Him and truly put Him first we can know that He will lead us just as truly as He lead the Israelites by the pillar of cloud and the pillar of fire.

6. That Marvellous Deliverance at the Red Sea. Ch. 14. When the Lord allows the people to get into a position where the wilderness shuts them in and the ~~Wild-~~ Red Sea ~~is~~ is right before them and there seems to be absolutely no way of deliverance and then the Lord intervenes in such a marvellous way. We are all of course very familiar with the story of How He led them through the Red Sea; how He so marvellously delivered We will not look into details of it. It is background for Num. rather than as yet, but it is an evidence of the fact that there will be even in the early part of the Christian life situations in which if we truly keep our eyes on Him He will work things in ways we would never dream of and accomplish His purpose and deliverance.

But let's not forget No. 7 - Ch. 15 the song of praise for deliverance. How ready we are to look to the Lord for help and then how often we fail to <sup>stop to</sup> thank Him for the help that He has given. Here we have the children of Israel singing this wonderful song of praise to the Lord for what He has done. and Miriam leading them in this <sup>great</sup> praise to God for what He has done. O the marvellous deliverance the Lord brings in the lives of each of us if we truly wait upon Him. But let us not forget to stop and thank Him for it and to remember what he does in our lives. I think we will stop at this point. Let us close with prayer. Our Father we thank you for this background for the book of Num. We thank you for the experience the Israelites had right in the first year of their wilderness journey. Preparing them for the long ~~stretch~~ stretch that lay ahead. And O