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
   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
   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.