

Exodus Chapter 11

Verse 1 – How many times will it take before we heed the warnings from God? Took Pharaoh 10 times.

- Has taken 9 plagues to get to this point....but when the bondage is over....you will be delivered quickly. The enemy will thrust them out.

Verse 2 – Borrow here means to ask. There is no intent here to give these items back. This is back pay for the years of servitude. Travel money; they will get paid or compensated for all of the trouble they had faced. They will get a reward for their labor.

- I love what God is showing us through this example of the Exodus. When we are finally released from the bondage of sin and the world and turn to God instead, we will end up with more than we started with. May not always be in material rewards but it should be what you need for the next season.
- When you look at Exodus Chapter 25, you will see why these items (gold, jewels, etc.) are needed as they become part of their donations in the building of the wilderness tabernacle and worship items.
- God not only plans for our release and redemption, but also is our God and source of recovery and restoration.

Verse 3 – They were in a season where they were overlooked, rejected, abused, etc., but that season was just about over. God is about to turn it around. They are about to enter a season of blessings and favor. This is still applicable today. Only God can turn some situations around.

- When you are down but with the Lord, He will lift you up. He will, you can't nor are you able to pull yourself out of some situations...but He can.
- Look at Moses. He was important before, but his mistakes cost him. But his humble submission to God has caused God to make him great. He is greater now in the Lord than he ever would have been in the world.
- Observation (Greg): Moses didn't set out to be great the second time around. Greatness was not his goal; in fact, he tried to avoid and get out of this assignment. Our own greatness should never be our primary focus. Let the Lord promote you.

Verse 4- Last warning. God will often give us a warning before judgement comes.

Verse 5 – Moses already knew how this would turn out since God had told him earlier.....but he had to wait for the rest of the process to finish.

- God keeps His word. Israel is His first born. First to go through this process and His plan.
 - If Israel is the first born, then that indicates there are others who God will adopt and follow this same plan.
 - I am glad to be "born again".
- Attack on the first born. That represents the future blessing and inheritance. God is about to increase and protect the inheritance of His people and cut off the inheritance of the enemy.

- There is no real future in the world....it will eventually be cut off. But God's future for us is everlasting.
- Our future is always brighter with God than in the world.
- Look at the extent of the judgment. No one is exempt....from rich to poor....it applied to everyone. All of us will be judged.

Verse 6-7 – God again wants Egypt to see the separation and difference between His people and the world. He protects His own.....and He will again. This is a foreshadowing of end times.

- God is not a respecter of persons but He recognizes differences.
- There is a difference between a cheerful giver and a non-giver.
- Difference between accepted sacrifice and rejected one.
- Challenge for believers – too often we try to fit in. God wants the world to see there is a difference.
- The primary difference between God's people and the world when judgment comes is that believers are redeemed as a result of faith and obedience to God.

Verse 8 – There is a prediction and prophesy that every knee shall bow. It will happen again one day soon. Moses left mad. Why? Perhaps this person he had been praying for he had concerns that Pharaoh didn't have to let this happen and cause innocent people to have to suffer because of him.

- Instead of getting mad at others, we should be mad at the enemy.
- Moses is a type of Christ; similar prophet. As a result, when Pharaoh's servants will bow down to him, it represents a future fulfillment of the world bowing down to Christ.
 - Romans 14:11
 - Phil 2:10

Verse 9-10 – If it doesn't happen when you expect it, don't worry. Could be that God is allowing the delay so His wonders can be multiplied from your situation.

- Delay could be to perform a greater miracle or something bigger in you.
- Too many times we want the quick relief; fruit that stays on the tree longer is better.
- Why allowed to be hard headed?
 - Shows how God reveals His plans through this event and end time prophesy.
 - Reveals to us the nature of the enemy....he doesn't like us and doesn't want us to really serve God in spirit and in truth.
 - So the world would see that He is God alone, believe in Him, and be saved.

Some life application points:

- Temporary obedience only brings temporary relief.
- When God gets through, you will be free indeed. After every god is defeated, you will be free.
- A final exodus is coming and there is an expiration date for this trouble.
- There is a reward for your trouble.
- Being a faithful servant of God is one way to be great.
- Your rejection season is about to be reversed.

- If we really want God's best, we need to be different.
- Wait on the Lord and be patient; complete the process to get a more complete blessing.
- Obedience brings blessings, disobedience brings judgment.
- Giving is part of worship, don't leave your checkbook in Egypt/world.