

A Study In Exodus



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[**Matthew Henry**] – God deals with Moses' complaint with an assurance of success.

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Application – How can we use this today since we are on this same journey? We can trust Him no matter what we are under.

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Exodus 2

Exodus 2:1 – *And there went a man of the house of Levi, and took to wife a daughter of Levi.*

- **Amram** = Exalted people. **Exodus 6:20, Numbers 6**. Priest tribe.
- Jochebed = Jehovah is glory. The sister of Amram's father.

Exodus 2:2 – *And the woman conceived, and bare a son: and when she saw him that he was a goodly child, she hid him three months.*

- They have a child.
- When they see he is beautiful, they decide to protect him.
 - a) Three months they hid him from what? Judgment and the world.
 - b) Hid him by faith, **Hebrews 11:23**. Feared God more than the enemy.

Application – Some things we need to hide our children from until it is time.

Exodus 2:3 – *And when she could not longer hide him, she took for him an ark of bulrushes, and daubed it with slime and with pitch, and put the child therein; and she laid it in the flags by the river's brink.*

- At some point you can't hide them anymore.
- You have to let them go.
- Hiding him too long would not be helping him.
- She prepared him before letting him go.
- She made an ark, the same term used for Noah. Pitched or sealed it before she placed him in it.
- Facing the judgment but sitting in a protective place. Sealed like Noah. **2 Corinthians 1:20-22**. End time prophesy.
- We will go through stuff but don't need to fear when we are sealed, by faith.
- **John 6:27, Ephesians 1:13, Revelations 7:3**
- Didn't put him too far out there. Gave him some cover so he wasn't fully exposed.
- Let my kids experience a checking account, etc., to prepare them.

Exodus 2:4 – *And his sister stood afar off, to wit what would be done to him.*

- May be seasons in our life when all we can do is sit, wait, and watch. She had done all she could do.
- Had to watch from a distance.
- Didn't go back and get what she let go...had to wait by faith. If God kept me for 3 months....why be scared now? What was the plan and purpose of the hiding?
- What would have happened if she didn't wait and pulled him out early?

- Moses didn't sink...judgment proof.
- Whatever God allows you to be put into, He must know you are ready for it. Don't put the kids in something they are not ready for.

Exodus 2:5 – *And the daughter of Pharaoh came down to wash herself at the river; and her maidens walked along by the river's side; and when she saw the ark among the flags, she sent her maid to fetch it.*

- Washing herself. Not until we get rid of some stuff do we sometimes see other stuff.
- She saw it and pursued it. Don't miss the move of God because you ignored what you saw.

Exodus 2:6 – *And when she had opened it, she saw the child: and, behold, the babe wept. And she had compassion on him, and said, This is one of the Hebrews' children.*

- What she saw and heard caused her to have compassion.
- She could tell after pulling him out that he was a Hebrew. How? Application?

Exodus 2:7-9 – *Then said his sister to Pharaoh's daughter, Shall I go and call to thee a nurse of the Hebrew women, that she may nurse the child for thee? ⁸ And Pharaoh's daughter said to her, Go. And the maid went and called the child's mother. ⁹ And Pharaoh's daughter said unto her, Take this child away, and nurse it for me, and I will give thee thy wages. And the women took the child, and nursed it.*

- What looks like he's in the hand of the enemy, he's really in the hands of God.
- Got back what she lost and more...got peace...and paid for her trouble.
- Got more than she bargained for and expected.

Exodus 2:10 – *And the child grew, and she brought him unto Pharaoh's daughter, and he became her son. And she called his name Moses: and she said, Because I drew him out of the water.*

- Called Moses = to be drawn out. Story told in [Acts 7](#).

Exodus 3

Exodus 3:1 – *Now Moses kept the flock of Jethro his father in law, the priest of Midian: and he led the flock to the backside of the desert, and came to the mountain of God, even to Horeb.*

- Moses a shepherd. Leading sheep in the desert and comes to God's mountain or Horeb = Sinai.
- He had logged some time leading sheep in desert conditions.

Exodus 3:2 – *And the angel of the LORD appeared unto him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush: and he looked, and, behold, the bush burned with fire, and the bush was not consumed.*

- Lord gets his attention, shows him a flame out of a bush.
- Bush was on fire. Looked like the bush should have been consumed but it wasn't. It was still there.

Exodus 3:3 – *And Moses said, I will now turn aside, and see this great sight, why the bush is not burnt.*

- The bush attracted his attention so he turned aside.
- Changed direction to see why the bush was still there because it should have been burned up.

Exodus 3:4 – *And when the LORD saw that he turned aside to see, God called unto him out of the midst of the bush, and said, Moses, Moses. And he said, Here am I.*

- God speaks to him from the bush.
- Calls him twice and Moses answers the call.

Exodus 3:5 – *And he said, Draw not nigh hither: put off thy shoes from off thy feet, for the place whereon thou standest is holy ground.*

- Already on holy ground but can't come any closer until he humbled himself and took something off.

Exodus 3:6 – *Moreover he said, I am the God of thy father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. And Moses hid his face; for he was afraid to look upon God.*

- God wants him to know who it is that is calling him.

Exodus 3:7 – *And the LORD said, I have surely seen the affliction of my people which are in Egypt, and have heard their cry by reason of their taskmasters; for I know their sorrows;*

- God tells him He has heard the cries of his people.

Exodus 3:8 – *And I am come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land unto a good land and a large, unto a land flowing with milk and honey; unto the place of the Canaanites, and the Hittites, and the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites.*

- God's purpose is to deliver them from bondage and bring them up.
- Take them someplace higher into a good place, a much larger place that someone else was enjoying right now.

- Milk and honey spot.
- What some others are enjoying right now, God wants them to experience soon.

Exodus 3:9 – *Now therefore, behold, the cry of the children of Israel is come unto me: and I have also seen the oppression wherewith the Egyptians oppress them.*

- God hears our prayers.

Exodus 3:10 – *Come now therefore, and I will send thee unto Pharaoh, that thou mayest bring forth my people the children of Israel out of Egypt.*

- Tells Moses He wants to send him and will bring the people out of Egypt.

Exodus 3:11 – *And Moses said unto God, Who am I, that I should go unto Pharaoh, and that I should bring forth the children of Israel out of Egypt?*

- Issue is not who you are but who is with you.

Exodus 3:12 – *And he said, Certainly I will be with thee; and this shall be a token unto thee, that I have sent thee: When thou hast brought forth the people out of Egypt, ye shall serve God upon this mountain.*

- Token of how he will know that God will be with him, he will bring the people out of Egypt and to the place where he was standing now....holy ground.
- Need a leader that has been there and done that before.

Exodus 3:13-15 – *And Moses said unto God, Behold, when I come unto the children of Israel, and shall say unto them, The God of your fathers hath sent me unto you; and they shall say to me, What is his name? what shall I say unto them? ¹⁴And God said unto Moses, I AM THAT I AM: and he said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, I AM hath sent me unto you. ¹⁵And God said moreover unto Moses, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, the LORD God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, hath sent me unto you: this is my name for ever, and this is my memorial unto all generations.*

- I Am...the same name back then is the same name and same God today.
- Perhaps then it is the same plan, same steps, same route to success and favor.

Exodus 3:16 – *Go, and gather the elders of Israel together, and say unto them, The LORD God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, of Isaac, and of Jacob, appeared unto me, saying, I have surely visited you, and seen that which is done to you in Egypt:*

- God visits those in need and so we are called to visit those in need. We are taking on one of His characteristics.
- He sees what was being done to them.
- He is interested in what they are going through.
- God will come to see about His people to observe their condition.

Exodus 3:17 – *And I have said, I will bring you up out of the affliction of Egypt unto the land of the Canaanites, and the Hittites, and the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites, unto a land flowing with milk and honey.*

- God's response after seeing their condition and situation is that He will bring them out of this.
- From affliction and bondage to overflow and abundance.
- He starts to outline the plan. That is always a good thing to do. What's the plan?

Exodus 3:18 – *And they shall hearken to thy voice: and thou shalt come, thou and the elders of Israel, unto the king of Egypt, and ye shall say unto him, The LORD God of the Hebrews hath met with us: and now let us go, we beseech thee, three days' journey into the wilderness, that we may sacrifice to the LORD our God.*

- God says they will hear what you say and go with you.
- Tells them what to say.
- They are to ask permission to leave. Why ask permission? Why not just leave? Still under bondage and control of that king.
- Request is to travel three days.
- Three stopping points are the first three points in the journey.
 - a) Must complete these three steps in order to be far enough away from Egypt and close enough to where God says you can worship and sacrifice unto Him.
 - b) Until you can get to that place and those three steps, you are not where true sacrifice and worship takes place.
 - c) God wanted them to come out.
 - d) What do you think He desires of us; since He is the same God with the same name forever?
 - e) You can't enjoy His best until you come out.

Exodus 3:19 – *And I am sure that the king of Egypt will not let you go, no, not by a mighty hand.*

- Tells them upfront the enemy will be against this idea.
- That king will not let them go to truly worship and sacrifice.

Exodus 3:20 – *And I will stretch out my hand, and smite Egypt with all my wonders which I will do in the midst thereof: and after that he will let you go.*

- But the blockers and opposition against your release will not be able to stand up against God.
- You are going to need the hand of God and some of His wonders in order to get the enemy out of the way. See this....He will do it...not you. You can't, but He promises that He will.
- Difficulty is not a sign of disaster.
- God bringing judgment upon them would cause them to release what they are holding onto that God says to let go of.
- Are we holding onto something that God says to let go of? If we are, chances are trouble might be around the corner to help us to let go of that thing.

Exodus 3:21 – *And I will give this people favour in the sight of the Egyptians: and it shall come to pass, that, when ye go, ye shall not go empty.*

- But wait...there's more.
- Favor, back pay, etc.
- Not starting out empty.
- When you start receiving favor that could be a good sign you are on the right track.
- Too many take the favor but, don't move and miss the greater move of God.
- Expect to get a reward or at least what you need to get by.

Exodus 3:22 – *But every woman shall borrow of her neighbour, and of her that sojourneth in her house, jewels of silver, and jewels of gold, and raiment: and ye shall put them upon your sons, and upon your daughters; and ye shall spoil the Egyptians.*

- The very place that they faced affliction will become the very place that would set them up and provide for their journey into something far better.

Exodus 4

Exodus 4:1 – *And Moses answered and said, But, behold, they will not believe me, nor hearken unto my voice: for they will say, The LORD hath not appeared unto thee.*

- After all these promises...Moses still complains about the assignment. More worried about what he thinks they will say rather than what God just said.
- You will never have all the answers but you will have what you need to get started...that's faith.
- He is afraid that they won't believe him. God says in **Exodus 3:18** they will listen; Moses says they will not listen and believe.

Exodus 4:2-9 – *And the LORD said unto him, What is that in thine hand? And he said, A rod. ³ And he said, Cast it on the ground. And he cast it on the ground, and it became a serpent; and Moses fled from before it. ⁴ And the LORD said unto Moses, Put forth thine hand, and take it by the tail. And he put forth his hand, and caught it, and it became a rod in his hand: ⁵ That they may believe that the LORD God of their fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, hath appeared unto thee. ⁶ And the LORD said furthermore unto him, Put now thine hand into thy bosom. And he put his hand into his bosom: and when he took it out, behold, his hand was leprous as snow. ⁷ And he said, Put thine hand into thy bosom again. And he put his hand into his bosom again; and plucked it out of his bosom, and, behold, it was turned again as his other flesh. ⁸ And it shall come to pass, if they will not believe thee, neither hearken to the voice of the first sign, that they will believe the voice of the latter sign. ⁹ And it shall come to pass, if they will not believe also these two signs, neither hearken unto thy voice, that thou shalt take of the water of the river, and pour it upon the dry land: and the water which thou takest out of the river shall become blood upon the dry land.*

- 1) When it comes to the Pharaoh, spare not the Rod.
 - a) The rod is a tool used by shepherds to guide and protect sheep.
 - b) It is also a symbol of authority like a scepter; authority to rule.
 - c) The design of the staff depends on the region. **Cliffs**, crooked staff; in desert areas it may be forked where it could be used against snakes invading the grazing area.
 - d) Why turn it into a serpent? Symbol of the devil, Egyptian symbol of authority.

[Matthew Henry] – power of the devil; leprosy the power of sin.

- 2) What's in your hand?
 - a) This reflects a precious principle regarding how God uses people.
 - b) God used what Moses had in his hand.
 - c) Moses' years of tending sheep were not useless. Those years had put into Moses' hand things he could use for God's glory.
 - d) Rod turns into a snake...something not desired and he ran from it.
 - e) God says go back and pick it up again.
 - f) Probably didn't want to pick it up again because of what it turned into but he obeys; what he had just ran from was now under his control. That's a pretty neat trick.
 - g) God might ask you to do some uncomfortable and scary stuff but, if He told you, then it will come out nice.

- h) Moses cast or threw down the rod of a lowly shepherd and when he picked it back up it became the staff of God.
- 3) Transformation:
 - a) Each of the first two signs had to do with transformation.
 - b) Something good and useful (a rod or a hand) was made into something evil (a serpent or a leprous hand), and significantly, they were then transformed back again.

[David Guzik] – Obey God and enemies will be powerless and your pollution will be made pure.

- c) If they didn't believe in the transformation signs then judgment was on the way. Believe that.
- d) Transformation is important in getting others to believe the message and plan.
- e) Moses life: Had authority, threw it away through his actions, in killing an Egyptian earlier; what he had done turned into something undesirable and scary...dangerous. He runs from it. God says pick it up at the end; it turns into something he can use again. Moses is restored.
- f) How miracles work: God is involved; obedience takes place; you need to have trust and faith that you are protected.
- g) Why was Moses so fearful? Outside of comfort zone; past failure.

Exodus 4:10 – *And Moses said unto the LORD, O my LORD, I am not eloquent, neither heretofore, nor since thou hast spoken unto thy servant: but I am slow of speech, and of a slow tongue.*

- After all this, Moses still complains about his inability rather than what God can and wants to do through him.

Application – Do we complain about our insignificant things and our weaknesses? God said to cast what you have before him and when you pick it back up you will have the power and authority to do His work!

Exodus 4:11 – *And the LORD said unto him, Who hath made man's mouth? or who maketh the dumb, or deaf, or the seeing, or the blind? have not I the LORD?*

- God reminds him that He made him so that He is made as He intended and therefore, he is fully able to carry out this mission.
- It may not make sense to you, but God knows what you can and cannot achieve.
- Bible – Moses is looking too far down the road and is worried about what he will say and do in Egypt rather than moving today.
- Just get going...that is the move of faith...God will take care of it when you arrive.
- Why do we have to have it right now?

Exodus 4:12 – *Now therefore go, and I will be with thy mouth, and teach thee what thou shalt say.*

- God confirms again that He will be with him.
- Sometimes we need that confirmation again in order to get moving in the right direction.

- Moses is perfect for this assignment because of his flaws and therefore must rely on God and not his own strength.
- Despite his hang ups. God still greatly desires to use him still.

[**Matthew Henry**] – Notice that God didn't remove or correct his weakness. Just told him He would be with him and teach him what to say so he would be effective even in his condition. God will teach us how to deal effectively with our weaknesses, when I'm weak, He is strong, **2 Corinthians 12:9-10**.

Exodus 4:13 – *And he said, O my LORD, send, I pray thee, by the hand of him whom thou wilt send.*

- He still tries to back out.
- He doesn't want to do it himself even though he is called.
- Doesn't have a problem letting someone else do the work instead for him.

Exodus 4:14 – *And the anger of the LORD was kindled against Moses, and he said, Is not Aaron the Levite thy brother? I know that he can speak well. And also, behold, he cometh forth to meet thee: and when he seeth thee, he will be glad in his heart.*

- God gets mad. Note that Moses is talking with God, impressive. While he's talking to God; which is a good thing, God still gets mad.

Application – What is the application for today and why?

- Gives him something to assist in his doubt in the form of Aaron his brother. Aaron could speak well. Notice how God uses questions each time He deals with Moses' push back.
- When they get together, he will be happy to see and be around him. Look for those people who can still celebrate you.

Exodus 4:15 – *And thou shalt speak unto him, and put words in his mouth: and I will be with thy mouth, and with his mouth, and will teach you what ye shall do.*

- God promises to teach them what to say and do.

Application – How can we apply this today?

Exodus 4:16-17 – *And he shall be thy spokesman unto the people: and he shall be, even he shall be to thee instead of a mouth, and thou shalt be to him instead of God. ¹⁷ And thou shalt take this rod in thine hand, wherewith thou shalt do signs.*

- He can't talk his way out of this.
- As he goes, he is to take the rod with him.
- It has to be followed by signs and wonders.

Exodus 4:18 – *And Moses went and returned to Jethro his father in law, and said unto him, Let me go, I pray thee, and return unto my brethren which are in Egypt, and see whether they be yet alive. And Jethro said to Moses, Go in peace.*

- Moses asks permission to leave his old job and pursue his new job.

Exodus 4:19 – *And the LORD said unto Moses in Midian, Go, return into Egypt: for all the men are dead which sought thy life.*

- Notice that before he could do this new work and be used by God; his past had to be dealt with.
- God took care of the problem he left behind and ran away from.
- He was called before God confirmed to him that his past had been dealt with.

Application – Do you think that God is looking for an obedient heart that is willing to take the step of faith? He is!

Exodus 4:20 – *And Moses took his wife and his sons, and set them upon an ass, and he returned to the land of Egypt: and Moses took the rod of God in his hand.*

- Obedience is the key to bringing God glory.

Exodus 4:21 – *And the LORD said unto Moses, When thou goest to return into Egypt, see that thou do all those wonders before Pharaoh, which I have put in thine hand: but I will harden his heart, that he shall not let the people go.*

- God tells him in advance that the enemy isn't going to go along with this message or the plan that God has for His people.
- Why does God tell him this?

Application – Do you see an application here for today? You can expect some opposition and challenges when obeying God; know that He will be with you.

Exodus 4:22 – *And thou shalt say unto Pharaoh, Thus saith the LORD, Israel is my son, even my firstborn:*

- As they journey to Egypt God begins teaching him what to say and additional details about the assignment.
- When does he get these additional instructions and training?
- Tells him what he needs at different stages of the journey. Closer he gets, more details are revealed.

Exodus 4:23 – *And I say unto thee, Let my son go, that he may serve me: and if thou refuse to let him go, behold, I will slay thy son, even thy firstborn.*

- Israel is the first born which means He has others on the way.
- Every son starts out in spiritual Egypt and bondage and has to be called/brought out of that.
- Note how God calls them His sons while they are still in Egypt.
- They were saved in Egypt, but now called out of that place.
- You can't stay there and prosper.
- Pharaoh has the spirit of an unbeliever.
- You have to want to be free. See [Hosea 11:1](#) and [Matthew 2:15](#).

Exodus 4:24-26 – *And it came to pass by the way in the inn, that the LORD met him, and sought to kill him. ²⁵ Then Zipporah took a sharp stone, and cut off the foreskin of her son, and cast it at his feet, and said, Surely a bloody husband art thou to me. ²⁶ So he let him go: then she said, A bloody husband thou art, because of the circumcision.*

- There's lot of commentary on this one but little information about specifics.
 - a) Moses personal life had to be in order before he could lead the spiritual lives of God's people.
 - b) The circumcision act symbolized covenant relationship with God.
 - c) Maybe Zipporah was against it. How did she know that it had to be done, and that it had to be done right then?

What we do know:

- Moses, being obedient was enroute to carry out the mission to deliver Israel as God had said.
- God met him and was looking to kill him.
- His wife then circumcises their son.
- She's not happy about doing this.
- God lets Moses go on and continue.
- Wife still mad and giving him grief. She is mad because of the circumcision act.

What we can conclude from this:

- Complete obedience must be important to God and your own success, [Matthew 22:37](#). A double minded man is unstable in all his ways, [James 1:8](#).
- You can be partially obedient and still not be qualified to serve.
- God loves you, but He will take you out.
- Obedience completely caused God to change His mind about taking him out.
- God still desired to use him.
- Everyone won't agree with what God requires you to do.
- If you ain't got it together at home....you gonna have some problems when you take it on the road.
- Circumcision must be pretty important to God.

- [Genesis 17](#), a heart condition.
- [Deuteronomy 10:16](#)
- [Jeremiah 4:4](#)
- [Romans 2, 3, 4, 15:8, 1 Corinthians 7:19, Galatians 2, 5](#) – Circumcision of the flesh vs the heart.
- [Phillippians 3:3](#) – Worship in Spirit.
- [Colossians 2:11; Romans 2:28-29](#) – Circumcision is of the heart in the spirit.
- [Galatians 6:15](#) – We are a new creature in Christ.
- [Romans 15:4](#) – Biology test example

Exodus 5

Exodus 5:1 – *And afterward Moses and Aaron went in, and told Pharaoh, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, Let my people go, that they may hold a feast unto me in the wilderness.*

- Moses and Aaron obey and deliver the word to Pharaoh.
- Same word given in Chapter 4 that was believed by elders is about to be rejected here.
- The message being let my people go.
- Notice the enemy owns them before they actually leave.
- Feast or an appointment in the wilderness.
- The wilderness must be a place where God wants us to get to in order to process and prepare us for something greater.
- Sacrifice is involved.

Exodus 5:2 – *And Pharaoh said, Who is the LORD, that I should obey his voice to let Israel go? I know not the LORD, neither will I let Israel go.*

- Response from the non-believer.
- Who is He? I don't know Him.
- Not going to obey Him, so I'm not letting you go.

Exodus 5:3 – *And they said, The God of the Hebrews hath met with us: let us go, we pray thee, three days' journey into the desert, and sacrifice unto the LORD our God; lest he fall upon us with pestilence, or with the sword.*

- God trying to meet Pharaoh where he is....can you support just a 3 – day vacation?
- Just going to the desert. Wherever God wants to meet them, it will take 3 days to get there.
- If they stay there, then trouble is on the way. You just can't stay there and expect good things to come out of this.

Exodus 5:4 – *And the king of Egypt said unto them, Wherefore do ye, Moses and Aaron, let the people from their works? get you unto your burdens.*

- The enemy responds with a question.
- Why are you trying to let the people get out of work?
- Get back to doing what you were doing. Working for him.
- Note how the enemy is concerned that you have constant burdens.

Exodus 5:5 – *And Pharaoh said, Behold, the people of the land now are many, and ye make them rest from their burdens.*

- Enemy points out plainly, you came to give them rest from their burdens. So, the enemy is going in the opposite direction. No rest!

- Enemy doesn't want you to enter into God's rest.

Exodus 5:6-9 – *And Pharaoh commanded the same day the taskmasters of the people, and their officers, saying, ⁷ Ye shall no more give the people straw to make brick, as heretofore: let them go and gather straw for themselves. ⁸ And the tale of the bricks, which they did make heretofore, ye shall lay upon them; ye shall not diminish ought thereof: for they be idle; therefore they cry, saying, Let us go and sacrifice to our God. ⁹ Let there more work be laid upon the men, that they may labour therein; and let them not regard vain words.*

- The same day Pharaoh tells his servants don't provide for them anymore, no more welfare.
- If you are getting help from the enemy don't expect it to last.
- Causes them to have to work harder on their own in their own strength, and the opposite of what God wants to do.
- Accuses them of being idle. The enemy continues to accuse us.
- Note the enemy doesn't want them to serve God.
- Doesn't want you to make any sacrifice to God. Don't play into his hand.
- Why does he put more work on them? So they won't believe in the word of God. Calls the word vain.
- Unbelievers think the word, promises and worship is a waste of time.

Exodus 5:10 – *And the taskmasters of the people went out, and their officers, and they spake to the people, saying, Thus saith Pharaoh, I will not give you straw.*

- The enemy's servants do what we should do, they obeyed.
- Some folk work for the other guy against us.

Exodus 5:11 – *Go ye, get you straw where ye can find it: yet not ought of your work shall be diminished.*

Exodus 5:12 – *So the people were scattered abroad throughout all the land of Egypt to gather stubble instead of straw.*

- Scatters the people. Enemy likes to keep you separated from other believers.

Exodus 5:13-14 – *And the taskmasters hasted them, saying, Fulfil your works, your daily tasks, as when there was straw. ¹⁴ And the officers of the children of Israel, which Pharaoh's taskmasters had set over them, were beaten, and demanded, Wherefore have ye not fulfilled your task in making brick both yesterday and to day, as heretofore?*

- They couldn't keep up so the beat down came.

Exodus 5:15 – *Then the officers of the children of Israel came and cried unto Pharaoh, saying, Wherefore dealest thou thus with thy servants?*

- Notice when the enemy turned on them, when things got hard, they ran to Pharaoh for relief and mercy. They ask the question why?

Exodus 5:16 – *There is no straw given unto thy servants, and they say to us, Make brick: and, behold, thy servants are beaten; but the fault is in thine own people.*

- Explain, it is not their fault.

Exodus 5:17-18 – *But he said, Ye are idle, ye are idle: therefore ye say, Let us go and do sacrifice to the LORD. ¹⁸ Go therefore now, and work; for there shall no straw be given you, yet shall ye deliver the tale of bricks.*

- In response, the enemy says it is their fault. The enemy will blame you.
- No mercy and no relief.
- They can now see just how bad and evil this cat is.

Exodus 5:19 – *And the officers of the children of Israel did see that they were in evil case, after it was said, Ye shall not minish ought from your bricks of your daily task.*

Exodus 5:20-21 – *And they met Moses and Aaron, who stood in the way, as they came forth from Pharaoh: ²¹ And they said unto them, The LORD look upon you, and judge; because ye have made our savour to be abhorred in the eyes of Pharaoh, and in the eyes of his servants, to put a sword in their hand to slay us.*

- They look for Moses and Aaron and blame them.
- As soon as they finished delivering the good news from God....they get blamed for the bad news from the enemy.
- Don't see the impact or fruit of their labor.
- You might not see the benefits of your ministry right away.

Exodus 5:22 – *And Moses returned unto the LORD, and said, LORD, wherefore hast thou so evil entreated this people? why is it that thou hast sent me?*

- Moses asks the same question...why?
- But the difference is he goes back to God first for the answer.
- Why did you send me?
- Why isn't it working out like planned.
- Note: this shouldn't have been a surprise...they should have seen some of this coming.....see [Exodus 4:29-31](#).

Exodus 5:23 – *For since I came to Pharaoh to speak in thy name, he hath done evil to this people; neither hast thou delivered thy people at all.*

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Exodus 6

Exodus 6:1 – *Then the LORD said unto Moses, Now shalt thou see what I will do to Pharaoh: for with a strong hand shall he let them go, and with a strong hand shall he drive them out of his land.*

- “Then” – comes after the hurt, bad news, and pain. Now God can perform the deliverance after this rejection and trouble from the enemy. Turn to God instead of turning to the enemy
- Show you what I will do to the enemy...execute judgment
- Demonstrate His strong hand/power
- Show how He will deliver them...we can't deliver ourselves
- Show the nature and character of the enemy against them

[**Matthew Henry**] – God deals with Moses' complaint with an assurance of success. |

Exodus 6:2 – *And God spake unto Moses, and said unto him, I am the LORD:*

- Introduces a different aspect of Himself
- New relationship
- A deeper revelation
- He is the Lord or Jehovah. Encourages Moses based upon who He is.

Exodus 6:3 – *And I appeared unto Abraham, unto Isaac, and unto Jacob, by the name of God Almighty, but by my name JEHOVAH was I not known to them.*

- Known before by the name El Shaddai – God Almighty or All-Sufficient One.
- The forefathers knew Him like that.
- But they didn't know Him by the name Jehovah – Self Existing or Eternal One. The one who keeps Covenants and Promises.
- They knew Him as provider and protector. They received promises and got a taste of it as sojourners in the land.
- But now, under Moses, the Israelites were about to know the realization of the promises. See Him in a different light.

[**Matthew Henry**] – He would soon be known as the God who performs what He promised. |

[**David Guzik**] – I am the covenant-making and keeping God. They knew Him as the maker of promises but not yet the fulfillment of them. His name is both. |

Exodus 6:4 – *And I have also established my covenant with them, to give them the land of Canaan, the land of their pilgrimage, wherein they were strangers.*

- The deal was to give them the Promised Land. The place that Abraham visited and got to enjoy temporarily.
- There is a great reward at the end of this process/trouble.

Application – We are enjoying some things now, but just visiting until we get to know Him in a better way or full manifestation of the promise.

Exodus 6:5 – *And I have also heard the groaning of the children of Israel, whom the Egyptians keep in bondage; and I have remembered my covenant.*

- Reminds Moses that He knows what is going on; knows the situation. Hears their cry and remembers His promises
- He wants us to know this and remember His promises and who He is.
- The promise maker and keeper. They are about to know Him like that.
- He will move for them because of the covenant.

Exodus 6:6 – *Wherefore say unto the children of Israel, I am the LORD, and I will bring you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians, and I will rid you out of their bondage, and I will redeem you with a stretched out arm, and with great judgments:*

- As a result of this tell the Children of Israel who I am and that I will:
- Bring them out from under the burdens of the enemy
- Get rid of their bondage
- Redeem them through His power and judgments
- Bring judgment against their gods; see [Eze 20:5-9](#) and [Num 33:4](#)

Application – How can we use this today since we are on this same journey? We can trust Him no matter what we are under.

Exodus 6:7 – *And I will take you to me for a people, and I will be to you a God: and ye shall know that I am the LORD your God, which bringeth you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians.*

- He will take them and adopt them as His own. Be their God. He wanted them and now us to know that He is the one that will deliver us out.

Exodus 6:8 – *And I will bring you in unto the land, concerning the which I did swear to give it to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob; and I will give it you for an heritage: I am the LORD.*

- Bring them from this place into a better place. Bring them out first to bring them in.
- Too many want to go in but don't want to come out.
- They want to enjoy the blessing and best that it offers, but want stay in the same place of bondage.
- What He promised Abraham and others, they are about to enjoy and receive. An inheritance because they once again needed a reminder. He is the Lord.
- Three times He reminds Moses that He is the Lord. Why?
- We often need to be reminded of the plan. Even though I heard it before. I need to hear it again. The 7 – I Wills gives us a blessed assurance.
- Do the “7 I Wills” that He will do, line up with the Feasts or the 7 step plan? I believe they do. Here they are:
 - 1) Bring you out from burdens in Egypt – lines up with Passover, humility.
 - 2) Get rid of bondage – lines up with Unleavened Bread, getting rid of the past.
 - 3) Redeem with an outstretched arm – lines up with resurrection and Feast of First Fruits.
 - 4) Adopt us as His people – lines up with Pentecost and being in covenant relationship.
 - 5) We will know Him – lines up with Trumpets, the world will know us through our love for Him and others.
 - 6) Bring us into the land – lines up with Day of Atonement and victory over enemies.
 - 7) Heritage – lines up with receiving God's best, His peace.

Exodus 6:9 – *And Moses spake so unto the children of Israel: but they hearkened not unto Moses for anguish of spirit, and for cruel bondage.*

- So Moses goes back and tells the people the good news. In **4:31** they believed. This time they don't believe him. Why not?
- Because of the new hardships they were going through, **Exodus 5:5-9**.
- The enemy wants to put you through so much, that you stop believing the promises and the hope that comes from God.
- So messed up in their problems and sorrow that they are missing who God is and what He desires and is able to do for them.
- Thinking like slaves rather than the covenant people with a contract with God. They go comfortless rather than confident.
- If He used Moses, then He still uses ordained people to speak a word into your life to help pull you out of your situation and show you that He is Lord.

Exodus 6:10 – *And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,*

- Moves from talking to the people to dealing with the enemy. Tells Moses to speak to the enemy so that he can begin to release the people from this bondage and out of his land/control. Telling him to go back a second time.

Exodus 6:12 – *And Moses spake before the LORD, saying, Behold, the children of Israel have not hearkened unto me; how then shall Pharaoh hear me, who am of uncircumcised lips?*

- Moses responds with How will the non-believing king listen when my own folks don't listen? He asks God a question; look closely Lord, how will the enemy listen when the people won't?

Exodus 6:13 – *And the LORD spake unto Moses and unto Aaron, and gave them a charge unto the children of Israel, and unto Pharaoh king of Egypt, to bring the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt.*

- Gives them and the enemy a charge to bring the Children out.
- Don't give up after the first setback. Too often we hit the eject button.

Application – Will you believe your circumstances over the promises of God?

Exodus 6:14-27 – *These be the heads of their fathers' houses: The sons of Reuben the firstborn of Israel; Hanoch, and Pallu, Hezron, and Carmi: these be the families of Reuben. ¹⁵ And the sons of Simeon; Jemuel, and Jamin, and Ohad, and Jachin, and Zohar, and Shaul the son of a Canaanitish woman: these are the families of Simeon. ¹⁶ And these are the names of the sons of Levi according to their generations; Gershon, and Kohath, and Merari: and the years of the life of Levi were an hundred thirty and seven years. ¹⁷ The sons of Gershon; Libni, and Shimi, according to their families. ¹⁸ And the sons of Kohath; Amram, and Izhar, and Hebron, and Uzziel: and the years of the life of Kohath were an hundred thirty and three years. ¹⁹ And the sons of Merari; Mahali and Mushi: these are the families of Levi according to their generations. ²⁰ And Amram took him Jochebed his father's sister to wife; and she bare him Aaron and Moses: and the years of the life of Amram were an hundred and thirty and seven years. ²¹ And the sons of Izhar; Korah, and Nepheg, and Zichri. ²² And the sons of Uzziel; Mishael, and Elzaphan, and Zithri. ²³ And Aaron took him Elisheba, daughter of Amminadab, sister of Naashon, to wife; and she bare him Nadab, and Abihu, Eleazar, and Ithamar. ²⁴ And the sons of Korah; Assir, and Elkanah, and Abiasaph: these are the families of the Korhites. ²⁵ And Eleazar Aaron's son took him one of the daughters of Putiel to wife; and she bare him Phinehas: these are the heads of the fathers of the Levites according to their families. ²⁶ These are that Aaron and Moses, to whom the LORD said, Bring out the children of Israel from the land of Egypt according to their armies. ²⁷ These are they which spake to Pharaoh king of Egypt, to bring out the children of Israel from Egypt: these are that Moses and Aaron.*

- Shows their qualification through their background.

Exodus 6:28-29 – *And it came to pass on the day when the LORD spake unto Moses in the land of Egypt, ²⁹ That the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, I am the LORD: speak thou unto Pharaoh king of Egypt all that I say unto thee.*

- God tells Moses to go back and try again. Deal with the enemy, tell him what I tell you to say.

Application – We need to tell the enemy what the Lord has told us in His Holy Word. If we don't we can expect our circumstances to remain the same or get worse. Telling the enemy what you think of him rather than what the Word says is like kicking the hornet's nest. It may feel good for a moment, but consequences are coming.

Exodus 6:30 – *And Moses said before the LORD, Behold, I am of uncircumcised lips, and how shall Pharaoh hearken unto me?*

- Moses' complaint is I don't speak well enough to pull this off.
- Remember who you are in Christ. Read these scriptures about being heirs:
 - a) **Romans 4:16-18**
 - b) **Romans 8:16-17**
 - c) **Ephesians 3:6**
 - d) **Galatians 3:6-9, 14, 16-18, 22, 27-29**

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Exodus 7

Exodus 7:1 – *And the LORD said unto Moses, See, I have made thee a god to Pharaoh: and Aaron thy brother shall be thy prophet.*

- You will be like a god to Pharaoh. A divine representative.
- Two witnesses, this story like a prelude to final deliverance in Revelation. Exodus like a picture of God's plan revealed.
- **Revelations 6-19** has many of the same plagues as in Exodus.

Exodus 7:4 – *But Pharaoh shall not hearken unto you, that I may lay my hand upon Egypt, and bring forth mine armies, and my people the children of Israel, out of the land of Egypt by great judgments.*

- He refers to Israel as His army. Unbelievers won't heed the word or warning. This gives God the green light to execute judgment.

Exodus 7:5 – *And the Egyptians shall know that I am the LORD, when I stretch forth mine hand upon Egypt, and bring out the children of Israel from among them.*

- How will the world know that He is the Lord?
- When He brings His people out.
- Rapture? He will come against what the world believes in.

Exodus 7:6 – *And Moses and Aaron did as the LORD commanded them, so did they.*

- Moses and Aaron obey.
- Obedience and application of the Word of God you receive are critical to your success and deliverance.
- Humility without obedience is not going to get you far (step #2). The secret to blessings.

Exodus 7:8-10 – *And the LORD spake unto Moses and unto Aaron, saying, ⁹ When Pharaoh shall speak unto you, saying, Shew a miracle for you: then thou shalt say unto Aaron, Take thy rod, and cast it before Pharaoh, and it shall become a serpent. ¹⁰ And Moses and Aaron went in unto Pharaoh, and they did so as the LORD had commanded: and Aaron cast down his rod before Pharaoh, and before his servants, and it became a serpent.*

- The warfare begins.
- They obey God's instructions and get the expected results.
- The rod turns into a serpent.

Exodus 7:11 – *Then Pharaoh also called the wise men and the sorcerers: now the magicians of Egypt, they also did in like manner with their enchantments.*

- Enemy can also do some miracles. But there is a difference.
- Aaron's miracles reveal God's truth. The enemy miracles are to resist the truth.

- Aaron's is to try and convince people to turn. The enemy wants to keep people blind.
- Enemy miracles only make things worse, more snakes, more blood, more frogs.
- Anti-Christ will also perform miracles. [2 Timothy 3:8-9](#) – Jannes and Jambres.

Exodus 7:12 – *Then Pharaoh also called the wise men and the sorcerers: now the magicians of Egypt, they also did in like manner with their enchantments.*

- What the enemy conjures up, is defeated and swallowed up by Aaron's rod.

Application – The enemy can create some scary situations, but it won't overcome you in the Lord.

Exodus 7:13 – *And he hardened Pharaoh's heart, that he hearkened not unto them; as the LORD had said.*

- Don't be surprised when people you are trying to reach just don't get it the first time around. God is showing His mercy here, giving him fair warning before judgment comes.

Exodus 7:14 – *And he hardened Pharaoh's heart, that he hearkened not unto them; as the LORD had said.*

- Explains the reason why he won't let the people go.
- Because he has a hard heart. An uncircumcised heart.
- A heart that doesn't know, believe, or trust in God.
- Obedience may not always produce immediate favorable results.

Exodus 7:16 – *And thou shalt say unto him, The LORD God of the Hebrews hath sent me unto thee, saying, Let my people go, that they may serve me in the wilderness: and, behold, hitherto thou wouldest not hear.*

- After further instructions, the message to Pharaoh is to let go of what you are holding onto so that they can serve Him. Why doesn't Pharaoh want to let them go? So they can keep serving him.

Application – When you go to serve the Lord, expect resistance from the enemy.

[Romans 7:21](#)

Exodus 7:17 – *Thus saith the LORD, In this thou shalt know that I am the LORD: behold, I will smite with the rod that is in mine hand upon the waters which are in the river, and they shall be turned to blood.*

- The purpose of the judgment was so Pharaoh would recognize and know that He is God. The true God.

Exodus 7:19 – *And the LORD spake unto Moses, Say unto Aaron, Take thy rod, and stretch out thine hand upon the waters of Egypt, upon their streams, upon their rivers, and upon their ponds, and upon all their pools of water, that they may become blood; and that there may be blood throughout all the land of Egypt, both in vessels of wood, and in vessels of stone.*

- Key to not getting cursed – obey the word of the Lord. They are to stretch their hands in the direction they want God to move.

Exodus 7:22 – *And the magicians of Egypt did so with their enchantments: and Pharaoh's heart was hardened, neither did he hearken unto them; as the LORD had said.*

- First plague directed against Nile – an object of deity.
- The plague is against what he is trusting in other than the Lord.
- Pharaoh's magicians could duplicate this miracle.
- All they did was make more bloody water or make things worse.

[**Matthew Henry**] – Satan's purpose is to trick and not do you any real kindness.

Exodus 7:23-25 – And Pharaoh turned and went into his house, neither did he set his heart to this also. ²⁴ And all the Egyptians digged round about the river for water to drink; for they could not drink of the water of the river. ²⁵ And seven days were fulfilled, after that the LORD had smitten the river.

- 7 days pass. People use their own strength in dealing with this plague.

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Exodus 8

Exodus 8:1 – *And the LORD spake unto Moses, Go unto Pharaoh, and say unto him, Thus saith the LORD, Let my people go, that they may serve me.*

- Same word and same request as before.
- **Question**, why doesn't God make a different request or give a different word? Because Pharaoh still had not obeyed the first time he heard this word.

Application – You may not get a different or fresh word until you obey the first instructions from God.

Exodus 8:2 – *And if thou refuse to let them go, behold, I will smite all thy borders with frogs:*

- The second plague predicted is frogs.

[**David Guzik**] – ancient Egyptians considered frogs sacred; Egyptian goddess Heqet is pictured with the head of a frog.

Exodus 8:3 – *And the river shall bring forth frogs abundantly, which shall go up and come into thine house, and into thy bedchamber, and upon thy bed, and into the house of thy servants, and upon thy people, and into thine ovens, and into thy kneadingtroughs:*

- The frogs are coming from the river. The river is what they trusted and relied on. What they are trusting in outside of the true God will backfire.
- Frogs will spread beyond the boundary of the river. This trouble (frogs) will spread into their homes, bedrooms, servants, other people affected, kitchen, and food.
- No one escapes this judgment, everyone is affected.
- God removed the protective boundary and let the frogs overrun them.

Application – Be careful of frog problems or issues in your life that overrun the normal boundaries and start causing problems in your home, life, relationships, etc.

Exodus 8:5-6 – *And the LORD spake unto Moses, Say unto Aaron, Stretch forth thine hand with thy rod over the streams, over the rivers, and over the ponds, and cause frogs to come up upon the land of Egypt. ⁶ And Aaron stretched out his hand over the waters of Egypt; and the frogs came up, and covered the land of Egypt.*

- They again stretch their hands in the direction they want God to move and they obey His instructions. Hearing God's instructions and doing, obeying, and applying these instructions in your life will yield expected results.

Exodus 8:7 – *And the magicians did so with their enchantments, and brought up frogs upon the land of Egypt.*

- The magicians could duplicate the same miracle, but than again they only make things worse by creating more frogs. Their tricks cannot solve the problem.

Exodus 8:8 – *Then Pharaoh called for Moses and Aaron, and said, Intreat the LORD, that he may take away the frogs from me, and from my people; and I will let the people go, that they may do sacrifice unto the LORD.*

- Pharaoh is ready to deal. Are there any clues to indicate he is not sincere?
- He wants Moses and Aaron to pray for him.
- Not willing to let the people go until after the frogs leave. Why is that a problem?
- Because letting the people go was the request he was supposed to obey. So he is saying I won't obey until God does this first.

Application – Obey first and foremost. Avoid placing your own conditions.

Exodus 8:9 – *And Moses said unto Pharaoh, Glory over me: when shall I intreat for thee, and for thy servants, and for thy people, to destroy the frogs from thee and thy houses, that they may remain in the river only?*

- Moses asks him when does he want him to pray to have the frog problem dealt with so that they will go back to where they normally reside...the river.

Application – We may not come out of what we're trying to be free from until we learn to pray for rather than plotting against our enemies. He prays for the one responsible for their misery.

Exodus 8:10 – *And he said, To morrow. And he said, Be it according to thy word: that thou mayest know that there is none like unto the LORD our God.*

- Pharaoh says tomorrow will be fine. God will perform it when he asked so that he may believe.

Question – Why does he want to spend another night with the frogs when he could have had them removed right then?

- Is there a part of us that wants one more night of misery? Perhaps we think if we delay one more day, we won't need to rely on God and things will just work out. Maybe sometimes we just don't want to be free.

Exodus 8:11-13 – *And the frogs shall depart from thee, and from thy houses, and from thy servants, and from thy people; they shall remain in the river only.* ¹² And Moses and Aaron went out from Pharaoh: and Moses cried unto the LORD because of the frogs which he had brought against Pharaoh. ¹³ And the LORD did according to the word of Moses; and the frogs died out of the houses, out of the villages, and out of the fields.

- Moses and Aaron pray for their enemy. God answers the prayer and the frogs die.
- When you obey God He can put things back where they belong.

Exodus 8:14 – *And they gathered them together upon heaps: and the land stank.*

- They had to clean up the dead frogs.
- There are consequences for being disobedient.
- You might have God move on your behalf but you still may need to deal with the mess you caused.

Exodus 8:15 – *But when Pharaoh saw that there was respite, he hardened his heart, and hearkened not unto them; as the LORD had said.*

- He jumps into the prayer line and as soon as he gets relief and a break, he goes back to being hardheaded and stupid and doesn't obey the word.
- When we get out of or avoid the trouble, we can easily go back to our old attitude of being disobedient.
- Sign of not showing gratitude for what God has done.
- Is our intent to get out of trouble or to obey God?
- After salvation, there is always the temptation to go back.

Application – People still have these moments.

Exodus 8:16 – *And the LORD said unto Moses, Say unto Aaron, Stretch out thy rod, and smite the dust of the land, that it may become lice throughout all the land of Egypt.*

- No warning for the next plague. Lice throughout the land. This will have an impact on their worship.
- Continued disobedience leads to greater judgment and worse situation.
- Obedience could have turned these bad things around.
- Not knowing God and not letting go can bring big problems.

[David Guzik] – Egyptian priesthood valued hygiene. Sacrifices also defiled now.

Exodus 8:17-18 – *And they did so; for Aaron stretched out his hand with his rod, and smote the dust of the earth, and it became lice in man, and in beast; all the dust of the land became lice throughout all the land of Egypt.* ¹⁸ And the magicians did so with their enchantments to bring forth lice, but they could not: so there were lice upon man, and upon beast.

- Lice all over the place. The magicians cannot duplicate this plague.
- Every time Moses and Aaron obey, they get the results God said they would.

Application – Just obey and apply the word.

Exodus 8:19 – *Then the magicians said unto Pharaoh, This is the finger of God: and Pharaoh's heart was hardened, and he hearkened not unto them; as the LORD had said.*

- Magicians understand that this was a power greater than them. Just God's finger, just a finger.
- Pharaoh still not turning away from disobeying God. Some folks won't listen no matter how hard you try.
- Shows the limit to their power against the unlimited power of God, just His finger.
- What they couldn't do with all their effort; God can do with little effort.
- Magicians don't recognize this is God until they see they can't duplicate the results.

Exodus 8:20 – *And the LORD said unto Moses, Rise up early in the morning, and stand before Pharaoh; lo, he cometh forth to the water; and say unto him, Thus saith the LORD, Let my people go, that they may serve me.*

- God appeals again and reaches out to Pharaoh.

Application – He still reaches out to get us to repent.

Exodus 8:21 – *Else, if thou wilt not let my people go, behold, I will send swarms of flies upon thee, and upon thy servants, and upon thy people, and into thy houses: and the houses of the Egyptians shall be full of swarms of flies, and also the ground whereon they are.*

- Warning if he doesn't obey, a new plague of flies is coming.

Exodus 8:22 – *And I will sever in that day the land of Goshen, in which my people dwell, that no swarms of flies shall be there; to the end thou mayest know that I am the LORD in the midst of the earth.*

- God announces a separation between Egypt and Goshen.
- Where God's people live, they will be protected. God will protect you from some trouble that may be happening all around you.
- By protecting Israel it demonstrates the difference. May help people to see He is God.
- My testimony, I got saved when I met someone from Goshen who was not impacted like me.
- Goshen, meaning drawing near
- Goshen – In the world (Egypt) but separated.
- Goshen is that place in the spirit realm where things are better and stuff doesn't bother you.
- Meaning if you are in Goshen, some things that are happening around you shouldn't be affecting you.

Application – I know where Egypt is. Can you find Goshen?

Exodus 8:23 – *And I will put a division between my people and thy people: to morrow shall this sign be.*

- God's providence for His people while still in bondage was designed to be a sign. Is there any application for this sign today?
- The word division = ransom, redemption, redeem. The difference between Egyptians and Hebrews was their redemption.

Exodus 8:24 – *And the LORD did so; and there came a grievous swarm of flies into the house of Pharaoh, and into his servants' houses, and into all the land of Egypt: the land was corrupted by reason of the swarm of flies.*

- The flies arrive.
- Land being laid to waste.
- Worse stuff is now starting to hit them.

Exodus 8:25 – *And Pharaoh called for Moses and for Aaron, and said, Go ye, sacrifice to your God in the land.*

- Pharaoh is ready to negotiate a deal. There is strong application here for today!
- I will release or allow you to serve your God...just do it here in Egypt.
- Doesn't have a problem now in letting the people worship God...just don't go anywhere or leave Egypt to do it.
- This presents a huge spiritual problem for us today. We get tricked into doing this today.
- Don't compromise.
- Partial obedience is still disobedience.

Exodus 8:26 – *And Moses said, It is not meet so to do; for we shall sacrifice the abomination of the Egyptians to the LORD our God: lo, shall we sacrifice the abomination of the Egyptians before their eyes, and will they not stone us?*

- Moses' reply is that wouldn't be proper. If we do it here, it would be an abomination to the Egyptians and they would stone them.
- Still happens today. The enemy/world will be offended by your true worship.

Exodus 8:27 – *We will go three days' journey into the wilderness, and sacrifice to the LORD our God, as he shall command us.*

- Moses outlining the first three steps...we will go three days journey. Why? Because that was God's instructions. That was and remains today the same plan....executing the first three steps of the Feasts.

Application – You are not truly worshiping correctly in the will of God until you make that three day/step journey out of the world.

Exodus 8:28 – *And Pharaoh said, I will let you go, that ye may sacrifice to the LORD your God in the wilderness; only ye shall not go very far away: intreat for me.*

- He makes a second compromise. This time he will let them go into the wilderness, but just don't go too far away.

Application – Enemy doesn't have a problem with you worshiping God, just don't go too far out there. The enemy says it doesn't take all that to worship. It really does if you are worshiping in Spirit and in Truth.

Exodus 8:29 – *And Moses said, Behold, I go out from thee, and I will intreat the LORD that the swarms of flies may depart from Pharaoh, from his servants, and from his people, to morrow: but let not Pharaoh deal deceitfully any more in not letting the people go to sacrifice to the LORD.*

- Moses' promise and warning.
- We are going, I will pray that the flies leave, but don't try and play us by changing your mind again.
- God wants complete obedience.

Exodus 8:30 – *And Moses went out from Pharaoh, and intreated the LORD.*

- Moses interceded for Pharaoh again.
- You may have to pray for your enemy more than once.
- Notice Moses leaves before he prays. Doesn't pray right there. Wonder why...thoughts?

Exodus 8:31 – *And the LORD did according to the word of Moses; and he removed the swarms of flies from Pharaoh, from his servants, and from his people; there remained not one.*

- God delivers relief and removes the problem.

Exodus 8:32 – *And Pharaoh hardened his heart at this time also, neither would he let the people go.*

- Pharaoh turns back around and doesn't keep his word or obey. Don't be surprised. Is there an application for today?

Exodus 9

Exodus 9:1 – *Then the LORD said unto Moses, Go in unto Pharaoh, and tell him, Thus saith the LORD God of the Hebrews, Let my people go, that they may serve me.*

- Notice, the Hebrews were His people, He claimed them even when they were still in Egypt.
- If God wants them to be free from Egypt, we must not be able to properly serve Him there today.
- We are not free until we are serving God.

Application – How does this apply to us?

Exodus 9:3 – *Behold, the hand of the LORD is upon thy cattle which is in the field, upon the horses, upon the asses, upon the camels, upon the oxen, and upon the sheep: there shall be a very grievous murrain.*

- Another plague will come if he doesn't obey.
- This plague was against the Egyptian god Hathor who was in the form of a cow. Their religion considered cows sacred; a symbol of fertility.
- Attacks the things that they own.
- Pharaoh receives the same message, the same word, the same instructions again, because he has never obeyed the first word he received.
- Simply give them the word of God.

Exodus 9:4 – *And the LORD shall sever between the cattle of Israel and the cattle of Egypt: and there shall nothing die of all that is the children's of Israel.*

- God can keep some things from hitting you even when it is happening to those around you.
- Turner Note: We never would have done it the first time if we knew it would be so difficult making this the last time.

Exodus 9:5 – *And the LORD appointed a set time, saying, To morrow the LORD shall do this thing in the land.*

- God has a set time for doing exactly what He said so don't be discouraged in the process.

Exodus 9:6 – *And the LORD did that thing on the morrow, and all the cattle of Egypt died: but of the cattle of the children of Israel died not one.*

- All that Egypt faced could have been avoided if he had only obeyed.

Application – How many things could we have avoided had we simply obeyed?

Exodus 9:7 – *And Pharaoh sent, and, behold, there was not one of the cattle of the Israelites dead. And the heart of Pharaoh was hardened, and he did not let the people go.*

- One reason the Hebrew cattle were spared could be because God knew they would need them later for sacrifices.

Application – If you lost it along the way, you probably don't need it for your future.

Exodus 9:8-10 – *And the LORD said unto Moses and unto Aaron, Take to you handfuls of ashes of the furnace, and let Moses sprinkle it toward the heaven in the sight of Pharaoh. ⁹ And it shall become small dust in all the land of Egypt, and shall be a boil breaking forth with blains upon man, and upon beast, throughout all the land of Egypt. ¹⁰ And they took ashes of the furnace, and stood before Pharaoh; and Moses sprinkled it up toward heaven; and it became a boil breaking forth with blains upon man, and upon beast.*

- Took ashes from the furnace. God will use it to bring the next plague of boils.
- When Aaron and Moses obey, it happens like God says it would.
- Probably against god Imhotep, god of medicine.

Exodus 9:11 – *And the magicians could not stand before Moses because of the boils; for the boil was upon the magicians, and upon all the Egyptians.*

- Magicians were able to stand against them before. Now they have to sit before them now.
- What was standing against them before is about to take a seat.

Exodus 9:12 – *And the LORD hardened the heart of Pharaoh, and he hearkened not unto them; as the LORD had spoken unto Moses.*

- Still hard-headed.

Exodus 9:13 – *And the LORD said unto Moses, Rise up early in the morning, and stand before Pharaoh, and say unto him, Thus saith the LORD God of the Hebrews, Let my people go, that they may serve me.*

- Moses instructed to go to him again with another message. Reaches out several times to get Pharaoh to obey.

Exodus 9:16 – *And in very deed for this cause have I raised thee up, for to shew in thee my power; and that my name may be declared throughout all the earth.*

- God has allowed someone like Pharaoh to rule for the express purpose of carrying out His will.
- God's will is to show His power so that people would know and declare His name throughout the earth.

- Most people know or heard about the exodus and the Red Sea crossing.

Exodus 9:17 – *As yet exaltest thou thyself against my people, that thou wilt not let them go?*

- Exalted instead of humble. He is still missing the first step to truly knowing God by identifying his need for Him and humbling himself.

Exodus 9:18 – *Behold, to morrow about this time I will cause it to rain a very grievous hail, such as hath not been in Egypt since the foundation thereof even until now.*

- Hail coming. God using natural causes...things they have seen before but never like this.

Exodus 9:19 – *Send therefore now, and gather thy cattle, and all that thou hast in the field; for upon every man and beast which shall be found in the field, and shall not be brought home, the hail shall come down upon them, and they shall die.*

- Warning that any cattle left out in the field would be killed.

Exodus 9:20 – *He that feared the word of the LORD among the servants of Pharaoh made his servants and his cattle flee into the houses:*

- People that feared God and heard His word and applied it to their cattle were spared. To avoid death and loss, they had to hear the word, receive it, believe it, and act upon it.

Exodus 9:21 – *And he that regarded not the word of the LORD left his servants and his cattle in the field.*

- There were still those who didn't heed the warning or obey.

Exodus 9:22-25 – *And the LORD said unto Moses, Stretch forth thine hand toward heaven, that there may be hail in all the land of Egypt, upon man, and upon beast, and upon every herb of the field, throughout the land of Egypt. ²³ And Moses stretched forth his rod toward heaven: and the LORD sent thunder and hail, and the fire ran along upon the ground; and the LORD rained hail upon the land of Egypt. ²⁴ So there was hail, and fire mingled with the hail, very grievous, such as there was none like it in all the land of Egypt since it became a nation. ²⁵ And the hail smote throughout all the land of Egypt all that was in the field, both man and beast; and the hail smote every herb of the field, and brake every tree of the field.*

- Fire, hail, and thunder bring devastating impacts on the land. They had never seen it happen like this before. Was never this bad.

Application – During end times similar events will happen before the final judgment.

Exodus 9:26 – *Only in the land of Goshen, where the children of Israel were, was there no hail.*

- No hail or damage in Goshen. Israel was protected from these troubles.

Application – The rapture? Some stuff shouldn't be bothering you if you are in Goshen.

Exodus 9:27 – *And Pharaoh sent, and called for Moses and Aaron, and said unto them, I have sinned this time: the LORD is righteous, and I and my people are wicked.*

- Process observed: Pharaoh calls for help. He is in need.
- Confesses that he sinned “this time”.
 - a) Clue – what about all the other times?
 - b) That's a clue he may still not be sincere about obeying God.
 - c) Saying he is wrong this time could imply he wasn't that wrong all the other times he disobeyed.
- Declares that God is right and his people and he are not right or are wicked. All this sounds good and different from how he has responded in the past.

Exodus 9:28 – *Intreat the LORD (for it is enough) that there be no more mighty thunderings and hail; and I will let you go, and ye shall stay no longer.*

- Asks for prayer.
- Thinks that Moses' prayer would be good enough.
- This is true, but you should want to learn to pray like this for yourself.
- Asks for relief from this current problem.
- Pharaoh had bigger issues than this. Could have been asking how he could be saved and set free as well.
- Same problem as before. When God moves then I will do what I should have been doing anyway. Why wait to let them go?
- We often want relief before we obey. Why? Either there is a lack of faith so we feel the need to bargain, or we don't want to do what He wants us to do.
- Faith says I'll obey even if I haven't gotten my healing yet.

Application – People seek prayer often for the current problem.

Exodus 9:29-30 – *And Moses said unto him, As soon as I am gone out of the city, I will spread abroad my hands unto the LORD; and the thunder shall cease, neither shall there be any more hail; that thou mayest know how that the earth is the LORD's. ³⁰ But as for thee and thy servants, I know that ye will not yet fear the LORD God.*

- Moses knew that even though he would pray and give him relief, that Pharaoh would not keep his promise.
- How did he know this? God told him in advance how this would play out.

Exodus 9:31-32 – *And the flax and the barley was smitten: for the barley was in the ear, and the flax was bolted. ³² But the wheat and the rye were not smitten: for they were not grown up.*

- Lost some crops but still had some wheat and rye left.

Exodus 9:34-35 – *And when Pharaoh saw that the rain and the hail and the thunders were ceased, he sinned yet more, and hardened his heart, he and his servants. ³⁵ And the heart of Pharaoh was hardened, neither would he let the children of Israel go; as the LORD had spoken by Moses.*

- After the miracle the enemy went back to sinning even more.
- This has always been a puzzling event. You help someone get out of trouble and instead of repenting, they get worse.
- After you receive your breakthrough....what you do next is an indication of your motives and heart condition.
- Didn't even say thank you.

Application – Don't be surprised if you do something good to help someone and they don't appreciate it or change. If God told you to do it and you obey the Spirit, then rejoice in the fact that you did His will. God will deal with them in their condition soon enough.

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Exodus 10

Exodus 10:1 – *And the LORD said unto Moses, Go in unto Pharaoh: for I have hardened his heart, and the heart of his servants, that I might shew these my signs before him:*

- The purpose of the heart hardening according to God was to show Pharaoh His signs.
- These plagues and troubles were a sign.
- Remember, He is the same God.

Exodus 10:2 – *And that thou mayest tell in the ears of thy son, and of thy son's son, what things I have wrought in Egypt, and my signs which I have done among them; that ye may know how that I am the LORD.*

- Another purpose was a testimony to future generations. It demonstrates how God delivers us from our own time in Egypt and bondage.
- How He set you free. Encourages others about God.
- To show His signs. This is how He works.
- To get us to understand that He is the Lord.

Question – How do the signs and wonders from God's approach show us how He is the Lord back then and even today?

Application – what should we be telling our kids?

Exodus 10:3 – *And Moses and Aaron came in unto Pharaoh, and said unto him, Thus saith the LORD God of the Hebrews, How long wilt thou refuse to humble thyself before me? let my people go, that they may serve me.*

- Question to Pharaoh...How long are you going to remain prideful, stubborn, and not humble yourself?
- Keys here....he was called to obey the word of God. He refuses to do that. God points out it must be his pride in the way. The enemy doesn't want you to serve God.
- God still asks questions today. God asks him a question through Moses and Aaron. Why does God ask a question He already knows the answer to?
- This is done for Pharaoh's benefit and self-revelation. God's mercy is demonstrated based on asking this type of question...to help Pharaoh repent by looking within himself.
- What first step is God waiting on from him....humility! Always the first step.
- He can come out of this if he just obeys...has to be humble first before he can obey.

Exodus 10:4 – *Else, if thou refuse to let my people go, behold, to morrow will I bring the locusts into thy coast:*

- Locusts will be coming, if he refuses to obey by letting the people go.
- Is there is a little Pharaoh in us? We know what we need to do but refuse to do it.
- Trouble often follows disobedience.

Exodus 10:5 – *And they shall cover the face of the earth, that one cannot be able to see the earth: and they shall eat the residue of that which is escaped, which remaineth unto you from the hail, and shall eat every tree which groweth for you out of the field:*

- So thick you can't see the ground. What God allowed you to retain from the last plague, will be taken out by this one.
- Ever escape with some stuff but you later lost even that?
- God knew that Pharaoh had something leftover...He allowed it. To make a point even today.

Exodus 10:6 – *And they shall fill thy houses, and the houses of all thy servants, and the houses of all the Egyptians; which neither thy fathers, nor thy fathers' fathers have seen, since the day that they were upon the earth unto this day. And he turned himself, and went out from Pharaoh.*

- They come in a manner that you've never seen before.
- Judgment against Egyptian god Set, protector of crops.
- This problem is coming in a manner never before seen in nature.
- Moses turns around and leaves. You don't want to be connected to them when it happens.

Exodus 10:7 – *And Pharaoh's servants said unto him, How long shall this man be a snare unto us? let the men go, that they may serve the LORD their God: knowest thou not yet that Egypt is destroyed?*

- His people ask, how long will this guy continue doing this to us. They suggest a compromise.
- Let the men only serve.
- Good advice and logical advice is not always godly advice.

Exodus 10:8 – *And Moses and Aaron were brought again unto Pharaoh: and he said unto them, Go, serve the LORD your God: but who are they that shall go?*

- Compromise. Asks a question. Who is going?
- The enemy can ask questions too but not for revelation; for deception.
- Will allow them to go worship with a condition.

Exodus 10:9 – *And Moses said, We will go with our young and with our old, with our sons and with our daughters, with our flocks and with our herds will we go; for we must hold a feast unto the LORD.*

- Moses' reply is everyone is going because they all have a feast or appointment with God.

Application – we all still have the same appointment with God. First fruit.

Exodus 10:10 – *And he said unto them, Let the LORD be so with you, as I will let you go, and your little ones: look to it; for evil is before you.*

- The question was a setup or pretext. Let the Lord be with you and blesses them. He puts God in the mix, and declares that he will let the people go but that they should look after the children because evil is out there.
- Come on, these people who used to kill their children in the Nile are now concerned about them?
- Don't think so. The enemy is not your friend or concerned about your well-being.
- This is a logical argument, but not spiritual. Why is it not a spiritual position?
- Often the enemy tricks us by telling us something that sounds good but in the end, is designed to trap us.

Exodus 10:11 – *Not so: go now ye that are men, and serve the LORD; for that ye did desire. And they were driven out from Pharaoh's presence.*

- Lies to them and says they only asked for the men to go worship. Only a partial truth.

[David Guzik] – what Pharaoh wants is what many of us want in the flesh: a way to give in to God without fully submitting to Him.

- God wants all of us while the enemy is happy with just some of us.
- God desires the whole house to be saved. Next generation to be saved; children to be saved.
- Notice who Pharaoh focuses on staying....the children. Remember Egypt represents the world. The enemy wants your children to remain in the world.
- This is a problem for parents even today. How? Think about it.

Exodus 10:12 – *And the LORD said unto Moses, Stretch out thine hand over the land of Egypt for the locusts, that they may come up upon the land of Egypt, and eat every herb of the land, even all that the hail hath left.*

- Stretch out hands in the direction he wants to see results.
- When he obeys....the locusts come up.
- This plague will finish up what you had left from the last trouble.
- Pharaoh's partial obedience still brings trouble.

Exodus 10:13 – *And Moses stretched forth his rod over the land of Egypt, and the LORD brought an east wind upon the land all that day, and all that night; and when it was morning, the east wind brought the locusts.*

- The plague was brought by the east wind.
- The trouble is coming from the east against the enemy. Later, Israel's help will be coming from the east.
- Likewise, trouble for some, but victory and comfort for others will be coming from that direction.

Exodus 10:14 – *And the locust went up over all the land of Egypt, and rested in all the coasts of Egypt: very grievous were they; before them there were no such locusts as they, neither after them shall be such.*

- Trouble is resting there now.
- Never faced trouble like this. Trouble all around them, resting there...no relief in sight.
- All they could do is see and think about it. This trouble all around them, on their job, in their houses nothing but trouble.

Exodus 10:15 – *And the locust went up over all the land of Egypt, and rested in all the coasts of Egypt: very grievous were they; before them there were no such locusts as they, neither after them shall be such.*

- This trouble eats up everything.
- No growth. They were used to losing some stuff before but because they refused to humble themselves, they are losing everything they had before.

Application – We can still lose everything today by not humbling ourselves.

Exodus 10:16 – *Then Pharaoh called for Moses and Aaron in haste; and he said, I have sinned against the LORD your God, and against you.*

- Pharaoh calls on Aaron and Moses in a hurry.
- Notice, he knows who to call.
- Confesses he has sinned against God and them, true enough. Shallow repentance as he only has a desire to avert consequences.

Discussion point – Why does he call on them now?

Exodus 10:17 – *Now therefore forgive, I pray thee, my sin only this once, and intreat the LORD your God, that he may take away from me this death only.*

- Hook me up this time only and ask God to take away this instance of death.
- Getting this plague to stop was not his real problem.
- His real problem was he still refused to be humble and obey.

- Speaking well, but never said he was going to obey.
- Not understanding that the root cause for all his trouble was a lack of humility leading to disobedience.
- God's desire is that you be made whole.

Exodus 10:18 – *Now therefore forgive, I pray thee, my sin only this once, and intreat the LORD your God, that he may take away from me this death only.*

- Moses still praying for a bad leader and an evil enemy.

Exodus 10:19 – *And the LORD turned a mighty strong west wind, which took away the locusts, and cast them into the Red sea; there remained not one locust in all the coasts of Egypt.*

- God reverses the curse.
- How did that happen or what caused God to respond that way?
- Prayer. The right prayer by the right person according to God's will can remove the trouble you are facing.

Exodus 10:21 – *And the LORD said unto Moses, Stretch out thine hand toward heaven, that there may be darkness over the land of Egypt, even darkness which may be felt.*

- Darkness coming.
- Moses still stretching out his hands and getting results in that direction. So dark they could feel it.

Exodus 10:22 – *And Moses stretched forth his hand toward heaven; and there was a thick darkness in all the land of Egypt three days:*

- Three days in the dark.
- Against Egyptian sun god Ra.
- They are trusting in their sun god for light
- We are trusting in the Son of God for an everlasting light.

Exodus 10:23 – *They saw not one another, neither rose any from his place for three days: but all the children of Israel had light in their dwellings.*

- Amazing, they are sitting in the dark while God's people enjoy the light.
- The enemy can't move and are stuck in the dark
- At the same time God's people enjoy the light and can move around.
- Notice the comparison between light and darkness. You can't see your way around in the dark. No movement, just stuck there in the dark. Little hope.
- Anyone ever live in darkness for a while?
- There is a power outage in Egypt....but power is still in Goshen.
- Even if you are in the world you can be a light and find the light in Goshen. In the world but separated from it.

- Something else to relay and tell our children about how God works. They need to know that there needs to be a separation between being cool and being saved.
- They need to know how to reach Goshen too. Critically important!

Exodus 10:24 – *And Pharaoh called unto Moses, and said, Go ye, serve the LORD; only let your flocks and your herds be stayed: let your little ones also go with you.*

- Pharaoh calls on them for help. Has another compromise, you can go but let the flocks stay behind. Kids can go now too.
- By now, we should know the reason behind these compromising offers. What is Pharaoh really trying to achieve here?
- Partial obedience is still a trick to keep you in bondage.
- Wants a way to let them go but still have some control and influence the people to come back.
- Why does Pharaoh want them to come back? Why not let them go? Because the enemy really wants you to serve him.
- How do we know this concept is true? See it other places in the Bible. Genesis, Balaam, Christ's temptation in the wilderness. Same tricks are still effectively used against us today.
- Real compromise by Christians when we go to church, worship, but don't trust God with our stuff, possessions, etc. This is a problem when you trust God in some areas but not with your possessions. Spiritually, the money, the stuff, and the goods can draw you back into the world.

Exodus 10:25 – *And Moses said, Thou must give us also sacrifices and burnt offerings, that we may sacrifice unto the LORD our God.*

- Moses explains that he can't go out of there without a sacrifice for the Lord.
- Don't go empty handed.
- He will let you go to church and worship but doesn't want you to sacrifice as part of worship to God.

Exodus 10:26 – *Our cattle also shall go with us; there shall not an hoof be left behind; for thereof must we take to serve the LORD our God; and we know not with what we must serve the LORD, until we come thither.*

- Cattle needs to go. We are not leaving anything behind. Part of service to God is bringing everything with you. Being sold out!
- He tells him they won't know how to serve Him until they get there.
- Important thing is to just get there.
- Further instructions await when you get there.
- A fresh word when you get there.

Exodus 10:27 – *But the LORD hardened Pharaoh's heart, and he would not let them go.*

- Still stubborn.

Exodus 10:28 – *And Pharaoh said unto him, Get thee from me, take heed to thyself, see my face no more; for in that day thou seest my face thou shalt die.*

- Threatens death when he can't have his way.

Exodus 10:29 – *And Moses said, Thou hast spoken well, I will see thy face again no more.*

- Moses reply? May be continued in **Chapter 11**.

Thoughts from Pastor James Turner:

- In order to really worship, three foundational things are needed – separation from the world; giving must be mandatory; sacrifices must be made.
- What makes folks bitter is refusing to do God's will.
- Pharaoh's aim is to take the giving out of worship.
- The devil wants you to leave behind what God may require of you later.
- The Bible tells us there were several reasons why God sent these plagues upon Pharaoh and Egypt.
- To answer Pharaoh's question, *Who is the LORD?* (**Exodus 5:2**). In the plagues, God showed Himself greater than any of the false gods of Egypt
- To show the power of God through Moses (**Exodus 9:16**)
- To give a testimony to the children of Israel for future generations (**Exodus 10:2**)
- To judge the false gods, demons, etc., of Egypt (**Exodus 12:12, Numbers 33:4**)
- To warn the nations – more than 400 years later, the Philistines remembered the LORD God of Israel as the one who plagued the Egyptians (**1 Samuel 4:8**)
- As a testimony of the greatness of God to Israel (**Exodus 15:11, Deuteronomy 4:34**)

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Exodus 11

Exodus 11:1 – *And the LORD said unto Moses, Yet will I bring one plague more upon Pharaoh, and upon Egypt; afterwards he will let you go hence: when he shall let you go, he shall surely thrust you out hence altogether.*

- 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.
- When the bondage is over, you will be delivered quickly. The enemy will thrust them out.

Exodus 11:2 – *Speak now in the ears of the people, and let every man borrow of his neighbour, and every woman of her neighbour, jewels of silver and jewels of gold.*

- 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 in 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.
- It 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.

Exodus 11:3 – *And the LORD gave the people favour in the sight of the Egyptians. Moreover the man Moses was very great in the land of Egypt, in the sight of Pharaoh's servants, and in the sight of the people.*

- 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. 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 greatness should never be our primary focus. Let the Lord promote you.

Exodus 11:4 – *And Moses said, Thus saith the LORD, About midnight will I go out into the midst of Egypt:*

- Last warning. God will often give us a warning before judgment comes.

Exodus 11:5 – *And all the firstborn in the land of Egypt shall die, from the first born of Pharaoh that sitteth upon his throne, even unto the firstborn of the maidservant that is behind the mill; and all the firstborn of beasts.*

- 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 firstborn. First to go through this process and His plan.
- If Israel is the firstborn, 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 firstborn. 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.

Exodus 11:6-7 – *And there shall be a great cry throughout all the land of Egypt, such as there was none like it, nor shall be like it any more. ⁷ But against any of the children of Israel shall not a dog move his tongue, against man or beast: that ye may know how that the LORD doth put a difference between the Egyptians and Israel.*

- 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.
 - a) There is a difference between a cheerful giver and a non-giver.
 - b) Difference between accepted sacrifice and rejected one.
 - c) 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.

Application – Too often we try to fit in. God wants the world to see there is a difference.

Exodus 11:8 – *And all these thy servants shall come down unto me, and bow down themselves unto me, saying, Get thee out, and all the people that follow thee: and after that I will go out. And he went out from Pharaoh in a great anger.*

- There is a prediction and prophesy that every knee shall bow.
- It will happen again one day soon.
- Moses left mad. Why? Perhaps he was concerned that this person he had been praying for continued to disobey. 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.
 - a) **Romans 14:11**
 - b) **Phillipians 2:10**

Exodus 11:9-10 – *And the LORD said unto Moses, Pharaoh shall not hearken unto you; that my wonders may be multiplied in the land of Egypt. ¹⁰ And Moses and Aaron did all these wonders before Pharaoh: and the LORD hardened Pharaoh's heart, so that he would not let the children of Israel go out of his land.*

- If it doesn't happen when you expect it to, don't worry. It 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 quick relief; fruit that stays on the tree longer is better.
- Why does God allow Pharaoh to be hard-headed?
 - a) Shows how God reveals His plans through this event and end-time prophecy.
 - b) Reveals to us the nature of the enemy....he doesn't like us and doesn't want us to serve God in spirit and truth.
 - c) So the world would see that He is God alone, believe in Him, and be saved.

Application – 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.

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Exodus 12

Exodus 12:1 – *And the Lord spake unto Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt saying,*

- Speaks to them while they are in Egypt.
- In bondage, in a mess, in their right now situation
- God speaks which means God has a word for your messy, right now situation
- God will meet us where we are. Comes back to us (example, running in the neighborhood with David)
- There is always a word from God to deal with your right now situation because Egypt was where they were at the moment

Exodus 12:2 – *This month shall be unto you the beginning of months: it shall be the first month of the year to you.*

- What you used to call first
- He now wants you to make a different first move
- What used to be the seventh month of the calendar year is now the first month
- What used to be the first month is now the seventh month
 - a) This used to be my first move; but now my first move is different
 - b) Born again; have a natural birthday and a spiritual birthday
 - c) God changes the calendar in the natural to explain a spiritual principle of being born again in Him.
 - d) Remember, God is getting ready to set them free so He is outlining the first several steps in the process of being set free from sin, bondage and the world. That first step is called Passover. It represents the humble submission and application of the blood of the Lamb making atonement and paying the price to set us free.

Exodus 12:3 – *Speak ye unto all the congregation of Israel, saying, In the tenth day of this month they shall take to them every man a lamb, according to the house of their fathers, a lamb for an house:*

- They get specific instructions on how to operate this first step. How to celebrate Passover
- It applies to the entire congregation
 - a) These instructions and steps apply to everyone
 - b) Even today in the spiritual application
- The lamb they are to take in represents Jesus as the Lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world
 - a) Bringing the lamb into the house on the 10th day is significant
 - b) Jesus enters into Jerusalem on the 10th day and enters into His Father's house (the temple) on that same day
- Uses the term congregation, so he is speaking to the church

Exodus 12:4 – *And if the household be too little for the lamb, let him and his neighbour next unto his house take it according to the number of the souls; every man according to his eating shall make your count for the lamb.*

- Bring a Lamb into the house on the 10th day. The Lamb that was outside, you need to bring it on the inside.
 - a) Problem is too many people know about the Lamb but they really aren't that much into Jesus.
 - b) Every soul is represented in the lamb.

Exodus 12:5 – *Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male of the first year: ye shall take it out from the sheep, or from the goats:*

- Lamb without blemish, can't be anything wrong with this sacrifice.
- So they must examine it. See comparison in **1 Peter 1:19** of Christ as our Passover without a blemish.

Exodus 12:6 – *And ye shall keep it up until the fourteenth day of the same month: and the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill it in the evening.*

- Keep it until the 14th day of the first month. Stays in the house for 4 days and then you kill it
 - a) Develop a relationship with the Lamb, spend some time with the Lamb before you kill it
- In the evening; a Hebrew idiom which means between the two evenings.
 - a) Jewish day starts at 6am and lasts until 6pm; evening starts at Noon, goes until 6pm
 - b) Between the evenings is between 12:00 and 6:00, or 3:00 pm. The lamb is killed at 3 pm
- The picture here is that Jesus enters the city on the 10th day of the month. Four days before Passover, he is examined and they can find nothing wrong or no blemish in Christ. See **1 Corinthians 5:7** and **John 1:29** as the comparison of Christ to this Passover lamb in Exodus
 - a) Looking at **Matthew 27:45-50** we can see that Jesus dies around the 9th hour. Counting down the hours in the Jewish day...the 9th hour would be 3:00 pm
 - b) See the connection between the lamb being sacrificed here in the Exodus story and the ultimate fulfillment in Jesus' death. This again supports the concept of the feasts in **Leviticus 23**
 - c) Each feast is a special appointment or set time that we are to rehearse or practice. There are seven of these feasts and each one are in a specific order that outlines the exact steps and events in the fulfillment of God's plan for us. Jesus is the fulfillment of each of these seven milestones
 - d) The first feast is Passover. That is always the first step in the ministry of Jesus and the execution of God's plan. In turn, we should be rehearsing or practicing these steps in the same order...starting with Passover where Christ instructs us to "pick up our cross daily." See **Luke 9:23**; there are so many scriptures where Jesus instructs us to pick up our own cross. This means to humble ourselves, crucify flesh and submit to Him rather than rely on ourselves or own strength
 - e) The whole assembly or everyone participates in the killing of the lamb. Likewise, we all are responsible for the need to have the lamb sacrificed for us as a result of our own sins

Exodus 12:7 – *And they shall take of the blood, and strike it on the two side posts and on the upper door post of the houses, wherein they shall eat it.*

- Apply the blood on the outside of the door of the house. Lamb was inside but you put the blood on the outside of the house.
- If you had the Lamb on the inside, you should be able to see the blood on the outside.
- With "undercover" Christians, you can't tell on the outside that the blood has been applied to them.

- I ain't fooled, you can look cute, say all the right things, do all the right things, but if you applied the blood I should really be able to see it.
- God wants others to see what you've done. This is not supposed to be a secret.
- The blood was applied to the outside of the door before the Passover meal was eaten. Notice the sequence of events. The same holds true today. Must apply the blood before you eat the meal. This is also the way it is accomplished in the Gospels.
- Must humble self before you start reading the word of else you will miss the first step and be reading it for the wrong reasons or the wrong way.
- I once read the Bible all the way through, but it didn't profit me much at the time because my purpose was to show I could do it and brag about my own works. I had failed to humble myself first.
- You can have knowledge of the word (knowledge can puff you up) and still not have the blood applied to escape judgment.
- You cannot not skip the first step of humble submission (Passover) and expect to make progress in God's plan.
- You will always miss the mark if the blood has not been applied daily.

Exodus 12:8 – *And they shall eat the flesh in that night, roast with fire, and unleavened bread; and with bitter herbs they shall eat it.*

- The night you eat the flesh of the Lamb, with bitter herbs.
- Bitter herbs represent the bitterness of the place and situation you are to leave behind.
- Represents your past not your future.
 - a) God telling us that this is to be performed. We don't always treat our sinful past with bitter herbs, sometimes we are found celebrating our past.
 - b) The good old days. When I was in sin and bondage should not be considered my better days or the good old days.
- The lamb and the blood was not just for show and tell.

[Spurgeon] – "...our Lord Jesus Christ has not been slain merely that we may hear about him and talk about him, and think about him, but that we may feed upon him."

- Notice the Passover meal is eaten roasted and not raw but, with fire and unleavened bread.
- Leaven in the Bible is a symbol of sin and pride.

Application – When we take on the body of Christ, when we receive and take in the Word of God, it should be consumed without sin or pride involved.

- Some Christians today still don't read or consume the Word correctly.
- See reference to **1 Corinthians 5:7-8**.

Exodus 12:9 – *Eat not of it raw, nor sodden at all with water, but roast with fire; his head with his legs, and with the **purtenance** thereof.*

- You don't eat the lamb raw or watered down, but all parts, inside and outside are roasted with fire so you can consume it.
- The Word of God needs to be consumed the same way.
- These instructions are still in effect and good advice.
- Can't just take in the parts of the Bible that you like and leave the rest behind.

Exodus 12:10 – *And ye shall let nothing of it remain until the morning; and that which remaineth of it until the morning ye shall burn with fire.*

- Take it all in and if there is any left, don't leave it behind.
- This is the first step meal. God will provide other means when you get beyond this step.

Exodus 12:11 – *And thus shall ye eat it; with your loins girded, your shoes on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and ye shall eat it in haste: it is the Lord's passover.*

- What if I stay in my mess?
- What if I leave before God says to?
- I've just witnessed what God Almighty just did to the Egyptians.
- Those wanting to possess the promise and to leave their mess behind must do these things in this order
 - a) Get yourself, your family, and your stuff ready to go.
 - 1) Can you feel the excitement?
 - 2) Can you taste the coming freedom? You don't have it yet so, how can you know for sure? This is faith, the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen; **Hebrews 11:1**.
 - b) Consume the Lamb of God; you are not able to make the journey in your own strength.
 - c) Celebrating Passover while still in your mess takes faith!
- Are you telling me that bad stuff is about to happen if I stay in that place?
- In the natural; no way I'm staying there. I'm gonna leave and find my own way out right now.
 - a) That's not what He told them to do. Cannot run away on your own and escape judgment.
 - b) Trusting in Him alone is the only way to be saved!
- Instead of coming up with your own plan to get out of your situation; before you take that first step:
 - a) Fill up on Jesus, the Lamb of God
 - b) You better make sure the Lamb is involved. Get Jesus in the decision before you leave.
- **IMPORTANT:** from a spiritual perspective, since the intent was as soon after Passover was completed, God's people needed to be ready to move to the next appointment; we too must be ready as soon as we submit to Christ to very quickly leave the world, sin, old mind-set. This is why the Feast of Unleavened Bread occurs immediately following Passover. This is part of God's plan and our step actions.

Exodus 12:12 – *For I will pass through the land of Egypt this night, and will smite all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and against all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgment: I am the Lord.*

- The place you are in right now in Egypt is about to face God's judgment.
- God is about to deal with that place.
- You don't want to get caught up in this mess unprepared.
- Let me say this again....judgment is coming, will the blood be seen on the doorposts of your heart and will you be ready to leave the world behind?
- World and your wits and strength cannot save you, even today only the proper application of the blood and the Passover steps can do that.
- Not saying you have to go out and find a lamb and bitter herbs, just find Jesus.
- Notice here we see the purpose of this process for how God is dealing with Egypt and Pharaoh. God will cut off their future and defeat all the false gods they were trusting in the world.

Exodus 12:13 – *And the blood shall be to you for a token upon the houses where ye are: and when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and the plague shall not be upon you to destroy you, when I smite the land of Egypt.*

- The blood is a token or sign that you're about to escape.
- Didn't say they wouldn't see some trouble all around them, just said it wouldn't touch them.
- Because of the blood:
 - a) We get passed over for judgment.
 - b) What should have happened to me won't. The blood of The Lamb is still the token today for every Christian to apply in order for the coming judgment to pass over them.
 - c) Instead of being sick, I'm healed.
 - d) Instead of death, I get life.
 - e) Instead of being rejected, I'm accepted.
- You must apply the Blood
 - a) Knowledge about the Lamb and the blood isn't enough. You need to obey by applying it so He can see it. When He sees that it was applied, we get passed over in judgment and the death plague doesn't impact us.
 - b) Don't deceive yourself into thinking or believing you did it.
 - c) It's not about what you know but what you do with what you know.
 - d) God is still searching, looking to see if He can see the blood in our lives.

Exodus 12:14 – *And this day shall be unto you for a memorial; and ye shall keep it a feast to the Lord throughout your generations; ye shall keep it a feast by an ordinance for ever.*

- The day is a memorial and a special feast or a set time to recognize God and His plan. Ye shall keep it means it should be celebrated as a special time/day each year.
- Every generation needs to know about this day. They still do.

Exodus 12:15 – *Seven days shall ye eat unleavened bread; even the first day ye shall put away leaven out of your houses: for whosoever eateth leavened bread from the first day until the seventh day, that soul shall be cut off from Israel.*

- 7 days they were to eat unleavened bread.
- All leaven was to be taken out of the house.
- Jewish ceremony today commemorates the purging of the leaven from the home (**Bedikat Chametz**). Leaven represents sin so the idea is to avoid sin during this period in your house/life.

Exodus 12:16 – *And in the first day there shall be an holy convocation, and in the seventh day there shall be an holy convocation to you; no manner of work shall be done in them, save that which every man must eat, that only may be done of you.*

- First day was a special holiday and the 7th day of Unleavened Bread was also a special holiday.

Exodus 12:17 – *And ye shall observe the feast of unleavened bread; for in this selfsame day have I brought your armies out of the land of Egypt: therefore shall ye observe this day in your generations by an ordinance for ever.*

- The reason why the Feast of Unleavened Bread was important was that this was the day God brings His people/army out of Egypt. They will leave Egypt during this date. That is important since each feast is a set or appointed time. So God appoints this special day to accomplish bringing them out of Egypt (world, bondage, sin).
- If this second feast represented leaving Egypt, then when we celebrate this feast today (in spirit and intent) we should also be leaving our sinful past, old mind and actions, and the love of the world behind us.
 - (a) An important second step for all believers after Passover.
 - (b) Order is important here...because we are in error if we do step two before we do step one (Passover).

Exodus 12:18 – *In the first month, on the fourteenth day of the month at even, ye shall eat unleavened bread, until the one and twentieth day of the month at even.*

- No sin/leaven is eaten during Passover and continues for 7 days through the second feast. Should be taken with sincerity and truth and not malice or wickedness (**1 Corinthians 5:7-8**).

Exodus 12:19-20 – *Seven days shall there be no leaven found in your houses: for whosoever eateth that which is leavened, even that soul shall be cut off from the congregation of Israel, whether he be a stranger, or born in the land. 20Ye shall eat nothing leavened; in all your habitations shall ye eat unleavened bread.*

- Again stating no leaven to be eaten during this time. This applied to both Jews and strangers who aligned themselves with God.

Exodus 12:21 – *Then Moses called for all the elders of Israel, and said unto them, Draw out and take you a lamb according to your families, and kill the passover.*

- After receiving these instructions from God, Moses relays them to the people. Sounds like a Bible study. What you receive from God, should be shared with the people for their application.

Exodus 12:22 – *And ye shall take a bunch of hyssop, and dip it in the blood that is in the bason, and strike the lintel and the two side posts with the blood that is in the bason; and none of you shall go out at the door of his house until the morning.*

- They are instructed to apply the blood with a bushy plant called hyssop. Top and sides only, not on the ground.
- Don't go outside these doors until morning, after the judgment is over.
- Varying opinions on what this plant actually was. It is referred to in several places in the Bible. See [Psalm 51:7](#).
- From what I see looking at this verse, hyssop was the tool or paint brush used to transfer the blood to the doorposts.
- Hyssop is also mentioned during the crucifixion so now we have an application tool from the Old Testament that connects to a key event in the New Testament.
- It provides further proof to me that Passover and the exodus story is fulfilled in the cross by Jesus.
- There still remains the need to apply the blood and not just know about the blood and Jesus redeeming work on the cross.
- I would imagine it being a humble looking plant since the blood should be applied with that attitude.
- Don't go out of the house until morning and certainly don't go out before the blood is applied. Sort of like the American Express Card commercials, don't leave home without it.
- Passover is the key first step in our right relationship with God.
- The key first step in making decisions that honor the Father.
- Don't leave home without humbling yourself and applying the blood.
- We have to understand what applying the blood means today so we do it properly.

Exodus 12:23 – *For the Lord will pass through to smite the Egyptians; and when he seeth the blood upon the lintel, and on the two side posts, the Lord will pass over the door, and will not suffer the destroyer to come in unto your houses to smite you.*

- Notice, the verse states God will pass through to smite the Egyptians.
 - a) The judgment is designed and intended for them.
 - b) But notice just being a Hebrew didn't exempt them from receiving a smack down that was intended for the enemy or the world.
 - c) They had to apply the blood.
- I believe this could happen two ways; if there were Egyptians who applied the blood, I would imagine they were spared. Certainly, if there were Hebrews who applied the blood, God promises He would not suffer or allow the destroyer or judgment to hit them. But by giving these instructions it is clear, there is a clear danger if you don't have the blood applied, judgment is coming your way.
- **Critical point here:** God only passes over us in judgment when He sees that the blood has been applied... meaning we have humbly received and accepted Jesus, the Lamb of God. He is looking for that application! Knowing about it, hearing about it, singing about it, saying amen about it, but not applying what you know, not being humble and submitting to God... that will guarantee you a smack down!
- Obey the word of God!

Exodus 12:24 – *And ye shall observe this thing for an ordinance to thee and to thy sons for ever.*

- This application should be observed, practiced to not just the people, but to their children and future generations. This word of instruction and first step must be told and practiced by everyone and handed down to our children.

Exodus 12:25 – *And it shall come to pass, when ye be come to the land which the Lord will give you, according as he hath promised, that ye shall keep this service.*

- This is a feast or appointment that you must continue to remember and observe even after you settle in the Promised Land.
- Why? Because even there we need to rehearse the steps that we don't forget the Lord and what He did to bring us success.
- Pride can easily develop and we forget to serve Him.

Exodus 12:26 – *And it shall come to pass, when your children shall say unto you, What mean ye by this service?*

- Sooner or later, the kids are going to ask what does this whole Passover service mean? Why do we do it?
- If we do this correctly, we should experience our kids asking us why we do certain things in our relationship with the Lord.
- Why we humble ourselves, why we go to church, why we pray, why we praise, etc.

Exodus 12:27 – *That ye shall say, It is the sacrifice of the Lord's passover, who passed over the houses of the children of Israel in Egypt, when he smote the Egyptians, and delivered our houses. And the people bowed the head and worshiped.*

- Your response should be it is the sacrifice of the Lamb.
- It is the Lord's Passover so it is what He ordained to happen; it is His step.
- It recalls the time we were in bondage and He set us free from bondage and passed over us in judgment.
- It recalls their deliverance. After hearing these instructions they worshiped in humility.

Application – If this was a requirement for Israel, what does God expect for us as parents?

- God gives Israel the proper response for these future questions.
- Our reply is important so, God tells them what to say.

Application – Don't screw this up when you have that discussion.

- Perhaps tell our kids about our own Passover experience.
- Explain how God delivered us from bondage and passed over us in judgment and set us free from sin and self.

- How do you celebrate your deliverance today? How do you practice this ordinance because last time I checked, not too many Christians are bringing lambs to church to be sacrificed?
 - a) Humble submission and dependence on God.
 - b) If you don't practice it, they may not ask.

Exodus 12:28 – *And the children of Israel went away, and did as the Lord had commanded Moses and Aaron, so did they.*

- They obeyed. Important to obey or else you miss out on what God wants to do for and through you.
 - a) For you – It sets you free and brings you out and into His best place.
 - b) For others – Provide your experience so they can be encouraged to trust in God and be delivered also.

Exodus 12:29 – *And it came to pass, that at midnight the Lord smote all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, from the firstborn of Pharaoh that sat on his throne unto the firstborn of the captive that was in the dungeon; and all the firstborn of cattle.*

- At midnight, Death Angel kills first born just as God said it would happen. He keeps His word. Everyone not covered under the blood are affected.

Exodus 12:30 – *And Pharaoh rose up in the night, he, and all his servants, and all the Egyptians; and there was a great cry in Egypt; for there was not a house where there was not one dead.*

- Everyone suffers loss in Egypt if the house was not covered by the blood.
- Only the application of the blood could prevent this judgment from hitting a house in Egypt.
- If Egypt represents the world, then the same judgment still applies. It is coming again.

Exodus 12:31 – *And he called for Moses and Aaron by night, and said, Rise up, and get you forth from among my people, both ye and the children of Israel; and go, serve the Lord, as ye have said.*

- Pharaoh calls them quickly that night. Doesn't wait. After all this time of waiting, when God really moves, it usually happens fast.
- Releases them to go serve the Lord. Took all of this to finally get him to come around. Even the kids can go now as well. No more conditions.

Exodus 12:32 – *Also take your flocks and your herds, as ye have said, and be gone; and bless me also.*

- Releases the stuff they had as well.
- No longer trying to make any deals.
- Asks for them to bless him on the way out. He knows they are being blessed by God. He wants the blessings as well, but is going about it the wrong way.

Exodus 12:33 – *And the Egyptians were urgent upon the people, that they might send them out of the land in haste; for they said, We be all dead men.*

- The world really doesn't want believers around. Uncomfortable around them.

Exodus 12:34 – *And the people took their dough before it was leavened, their kneadingtroughs being bound up in their clothes upon their shoulders.*

- They are leaving in a hurry.
- No time to put leaven in their bread.
- They are leaving without leaven. Remember that leaven represents sin, so Israel is leaving without the old sin.
- If that is how they left to get closer to God and the plan, then that is the same plan, steps, and goal for us today in rehearsing these feasts.
- Notice when they leave.
 - a) So the timing of the exodus is the day after Passover or the Feast of Unleavened Bread.
 - b) So the fulfillment of this second feast is leaving sin and the world behind. If this was required of the Hebrews, then it also applies to us.

Exodus 12:35 – *And the children of Israel did according to the word of Moses; and they borrowed of the Egyptians jewels of silver, and jewels of gold, and raiment:*

- They obey the word from God through Moses and in return, get paid.
- There is a great reward in following His directions.

Exodus 12:36 – *And the Lord gave the people favour in the sight of the Egyptians, so that they lent unto them such things as they required. And they spoiled the Egyptians.*

- In obedience, they receive favor from the same world and the same people that had rejected and abused them.
- Note, they worked all those years obeying Pharaoh, the world, sin, and false gods but
 - a) Never got paid like this
 - b) Never gained favor like this
 - c) Never got promoted like this
- Only after they obey God do they get favor and paid.
- All of us are obedient to someone or something, whether it be a power or principality in high places or as small as a single entertained thought.
- Only obedience to God brings salvation and freedom. He can and will give you favor while you are in the world.
- God didn't just save them and then leave to figure out what to do next:
 - a) He destroyed what the world had.
 - b) They got what the world had.
 - c) Some of what they received from God via the world will be used for the Kingdom journey.
 - d) Through this God even provides them with the means to give to Him in worship.
- Terms used to describe this includes an army and spoils; sounds like a conquering army receiving the spoils of war. Indeed, this was a fight or battle in which God wins in the end.
- God knows how to get you what you need.

Application – We are still at war during this stage but we will have the victory and the spoils in the end. We are in battle against things trying to keep us captive so we need to break out. The war and the battle field is in the mind first.

Exodus 12:37 – *And the children of Israel journeyed from Rameses to Succoth, about six hundred thousand on foot that were men, beside children.*

- They go from Rameses to Succoth. **Numbers 33** further details their departure.
- **Numbers 33:1-4** – Their journey is recorded as directed by God for a history and revelation. They didn't sneak out of Egypt, they marched out proudly like a victorious army.

Application – We ought to leave our place of bondage and our last season with a high hand.

- a) Called an army here but, not before leaving Egypt.

Application – We are in God's army as believers.

- 1) Certainly a spiritual battle is going on (as described in Ephesians)
 - 2) Armies fight and engage in conflict. I think God describes them as an army because there is a spiritual battle that takes place between leaving Egypt (sin and the world) and staying in bondage.
 - 3) The battle is between letting the old go and bury it behind us versus holding on to these things which keep us in bondage (Fleshly Egypt).
 - 4) Old = Pains, Disappointments, Unforgiveness, and Attitudes
 - 5) The battle really starts when you start to leave!
- b) Notice in verse 3 it notes the specific date that they left.
- 1) This is important. God wanted Moses to be sure that he recorded the exact day that they left.
 - 2) I believe one reason is that this date ties directly to the Feast of Unleavened Bread.
 - 3) Very clear that the appointment and application of this feast is to leave behind the world, sin, bondage, idols, etc.
 - 4) They leave Egypt without leaven and we today leave behind this world, sin, and bondage when we are in Jesus Christ.
- c) Israel departs in victory to start a new life and future with God.
- d) Egyptians remain behind in Egypt burying their future.
- **Numbers 33:5-8** Shows the journey through the Red Sea.
 - From Rameses to Succoth – they camp the first night.
 - From Succoth to Etham – they camp the second night.
 - From Etham through Pi-hahiroth near Baal-zephon and arrive at Migdol – they camp the third night.

- Leave that area and pass through the Red Sea. So they cross the Red Sea after the third day. This puts the crossing at around three days after they depart or on or about the Feast of First Fruits.
- See also [Exodus 14:2](#).

Exodus 12:38 – *And a mixed multitude went up also with them; and flocks, and herds, even very much cattle.*

- They are a mixed multitude so this deliverance was not just for the Hebrews. Others were allowed to leave as well.
- Same holds true today. You don't have to be Jewish to be blessed and set free if you follow the same steps as they did here.
- Welcome to the club!

Exodus 12:39 – *And they baked unleavened cakes of the dough which they brought forth out of Egypt, for it was not leavened; because they were thrust out of Egypt, and could not tarry, neither had they prepared for themselves any victual.*

- They had to get a to-go box because they were thrust out now.
- The idea is that the Egyptians were urgent for them to leave.
- God also intended for them to quickly leave Egypt after the Passover.
- Don't let the spoils you received from and in the world fool you into staying there to enjoy it. Purpose of the payment is to assist you in getting to your next destination.

Application – Same today, don't hang around in sin and the world. Quickly get out and leave those things and that place behind. Can't get to God's best by staying there.

Exodus 12:40 – *Now the sojourning of the children of Israel, who dwelt in Egypt, was four hundred and thirty years.*

- Stayed there 430 years.
- The Hebrews should have known this deliverance was about due because it was foretold to Abraham ([Genesis 15:13-16](#)). Powerful verses being fulfilled now in the Exodus; look at how God keeps His promises!!!
- Now, interesting theories about the 30 year difference between Gen 15 (400 years) and Exodus (430 years).
- Theories on the 430 years:
 - a) I favor the following explanation: The end point is clear, the actual Exodus on the 15th of the month, but the starting point may differ.
 - b) One theory is that if you start from the birth of Jacob, it would be 400 years. Isaac was 60 when Jacob was born and Abraham was 100 when Isaac was born.
 - c) Another theory is that the 430 years starts at the time of the sacrifice of Isaac. This assumes Isaac may have been about 30 years old at the time and possibly around Passover.

- d) No one can know for sure but it is clear God kept His promise on the date intended.

Exodus 12:41 – *And it came to pass at the end of the four hundred and thirty years, even the selfsame day it came to pass, that all the hosts of the Lord went out from the land of Egypt.*

- The term “self-same day” could point back to the prophesy in **Genesis 15**; which could mean the events of Genesis 15 may have occurred during Passover.
- It is always the plan of God to bring His people out of Egypt, the world, and bondage.
- So if we stay there, we are working against the plan of God!

Exodus 12:42 – *It is a night to be much observed unto the Lord for bringing them out from the land of Egypt: this is that night of the Lord to be observed of all the children of Israel in their generations.*

- Both the Passover and the following feast day were to be observed and a memorial for the great things God had done for the people.
- Same today, our Passover and the means God used to set us free through the sacrifice of Christ should be a special observance for us. But not just once a year, daily.
- See **Hebrews 11:28** – by faith Moses is noted for observing the Passover.
 - a) His observance of this feast is noted as a Faith Hall of Fame moment.
 - b) Compare with the definition of faith in **Hebrews 11:1**.
 - c) It takes faith to stay there in that place and trust that God will deliver you from judgment by following the Passover instructions.
 - d) Faith is hoping for something that has not been manifested yet but there is evidence of it. You just can't physically see the evidence yet.
 - e) So if evidence exists that you cannot see, it must be spiritual evidence.
 - f) The spiritual realm is where the evidence must exist.
 - g) Evidence through the word and the Holy Spirit that gives you evidence that this is not blind faith.
 - h) Sometimes God may not be telling us to do what we may deem to be great. Celebrating Passover the way outlined is a HoF credential.

Exodus 12:43 – *And the Lord said unto Moses and Aaron, This is the ordinance of the passover: There shall no stranger eat thereof:*

- Here we have further instructions. No stranger could eat it. They had to be either Hebrew or have been a non-Hebrew, who had submitted to God.
- Without the blood, God doesn't recognize you.
- Remember the blood was applied first BEFORE the Seder or Passover meal was eaten.

Exodus 12:44 – *But every man's servant that is bought for money, when thou hast circumcised him, then shall he eat thereof.*

- Servants who had been circumcised physically could partake.
- Today, those who are spiritually circumcised can participate and be skipped from the coming judgment. A price paid for them, just like us.

Exodus 12:45 – *A foreigner and an hired servant shall not eat thereof.*

- Those hired or foreigners that are not participants in the process could not receive this particular meal.

Exodus 12:46 – *In one house shall it be eaten; thou shalt not carry forth ought of the flesh abroad out of the house; neither shall ye break a bone thereof.*

- A lamb for a house, not to be taken out of the house nor break any bone of the lamb.
- The significance of this is seen in [John 19](#) where Christ who is the Lamb of God doesn't have his legs broken.
- This is in fulfillment to these requirements.
- So all of this points to the great plan of God for us today and the reconciling ministry of Jesus Christ (Yeshua).

Exodus 12:47 – *All the congregation of Israel shall keep it.*

- For everyone to share in the mercy and grace of the Passover, everyone needed to properly observe it. Had to be applied correctly.
- Here we have further instructions. Everyone was required to observe this feast or special appointment.

Application – We are to have corporate or congregational times of praise to the Lord. Christians are not to be loners or worshipping in their own way.

Exodus 12:48 – *And when a stranger shall sojourn with thee, and will keep the passover to the Lord, let all his males be circumcised, and then let him come near and keep it; and he shall be as one that is born in the land: for no uncircumcised person shall eat thereof.*

- There was a provision for strangers to take the Passover. This is important, because Gentiles can be full participants in the Passover and in turn be skipped over in judgment.
- They had to be circumcised (physically, today spiritually).
- The male seed or future needed to have this done.
- After circumcision, they could come near. God wants his people, Jew and Gentile to come near and have a closer relationship with Him. But they must follow His instructions to do so
- People have a desire for His best, but don't always want to do or obey what is required.
- When they followed this process, they had full rights just as any Hebrew would have had.
- Full citizenship in the Kingdom of God.

[Matthew Henry] – “...nor may any now approach to the improving ordinance of the Lord's supper who have not first submitted to the initiating ordinance of baptism. Nor shall any partake of the benefit of Christ's sacrifice, or feast upon it, who are not first circumcised in the heart, [Colossians 2:11](#).”

Exodus 12:49 – *One law shall be to him that is homeborn, and unto the stranger that sojourneth among you.*

- Full rights and privileges for the stranger. No discrimination between believers.

Exodus 12:50 – *Thus did all the children of Israel; as the Lord commanded Moses and Aaron, so did they.*

- The people obeyed.

Exodus 12:51 – *And it came to pass the selfsame day, that the Lord did bring the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt by their armies.*

- They came out. Not on their own. They could get out of this mess or escape judgment or be set free based upon their own works. God had to do it, wanted to do it, and was able to do it.

Key Observations from Pastor James Turner:

- This month is only the beginning of what God is about to do.
- Every sacrifice ought to be tested for blemishes.
- How often have we given God blemished sacrifices, blemished praise, blemished worship, etc.
- Saying no to the flesh has eternal rewards. If the world or stuff has you then the Lord doesn't have you in that area.
- Some of us are driven by stuff God isn't in.
- Passover, the new beginning or new season starting in an old place. Can't be a new season in an old place unless the old place is about to become the past place.
- God will still speak to you when you are still in Egypt.
- God has always expected our best from the beginning.
- The blood is our eternal security.
- Too many of us want to forget what God wants us to remember.
- The things they built for the enemy they left behind, but they took what they needed for worship.
- Coming out may mean leaving behind something you built or invested effort in.
- The longer we disobey, the worse the final consequences will be.
- Midnight is not a good time to not have the Lord on your side.
- When God is really moving, the world won't want you around. The devil is uncomfortable around the anointing.
- It's hard to worship while still in the world.
- "Bless me also." Pharaoh could have gotten more blessings by obeying rather than asking. Many asking but not getting because they are not obeying.
- They received it. Learn how to receive it when they want to bless you.
- Leaving may involve that what you started in one place, you might have to finish someplace else.

Chuck's Observations:

- What do armies do? They go to war.

Application – Armies fight battles. Where is the battlefield for us today? The battlefield is in our heart/mind.

- See [Ephesians 6:12-17](#) where we don't fight against flesh and blood.
- See [Galatians 5:17](#) where the flesh battles against the Spirit. The battlefield is the soul where the seat of your emotions, feelings and mind dwells.
- One significant piece of armor mentioned in Ephesians which is designed to protect your head/mind is called the Helmet of Salvation.
 - a) That seems to indicate to me that if our mind is stayed on Him ([Isaiah 26:3](#)) then we will have peace.
 - b) But what specifically about Jesus can we dwell on?
 - 1) I think it is remembering our salvation and His great act of redemption.
 - 2) When we recall and celebrate our salvation and the cost, it protects our mind from the enemy attacks and helps to keep us pushing toward the mark and high calling in Jesus Christ!
- The purpose of leaving was to get someplace better. Can't receive His best in Egypt.

Application to Jesus.

- Behold the Lamb of God who taketh away the sin of the world, penalty of sin and death.
- Jesus arrives in Jerusalem on the 10th day ([John 12](#); 6 days before Passover = 8th day of the month. [John 12:2](#) – Had supper = day 9; [John 12:12](#) = Day 10).
- Visits the city, House of God for 4 days and is examined by:
 - a) The chief priests and elders
 - b) Pilate
 - c) Herod
 - d) Annas the High Priest
 - e) Caiaphas the High Priest – [John 18:24](#)
 - f) Judas
 - g) Centurion
 - h) Thief
 - i) The death of Jesus, [Matthew 27:45-50](#).
 - j) While they are having church, Jesus is doing it for real.
 - k) Stop playing, you're not playing (or fooling) God. This thing is for real. Judgment day is still coming, for real!

Exodus 15

Exodus 15:1 – *Then sang Moses and the children of Israel this song unto the LORD, and spake, saying, I will sing unto the LORD, for he hath triumphed gloriously: the horse and his rider hath he thrown into the sea.*

- After the deliverance, they sang a song. Why did they sing? Because God triumphed gloriously over their enemy. The sea took care of them.
 - a) They did not sing while in Egypt. Egypt represents sin, bondage, and the world.
 - b) When I was in Egypt (spiritual Egypt or in other words, trapped in the bondage of sin), I sang a different song as well.
 - c) They did not sing like this until after they were saved; after they were baptized, after they left their past behind.
 - d) With our salvation and freedom from the past, we can also sing unto the Lord a new song ([Psalm 96](#)).

Exodus 15:2 – *The LORD is my strength and song, and he is become my salvation: he is my God, and I will prepare him a habitation; my father's God, and I will exalt him.*

- He is my strength and song. The focus of the song is the Lord.
- The song is about his relationship with God. When I think about the goodness of the Lord and all that He has done for me. I can sing a new song and the relationship I have with Him.
- I will prepare Him a place to dwell.

Application – After such a great salvation he has provided us through Christ, we too must prepare a dwelling place for His Spirit within us. Remember the song...”Lord Prepare me to be a sanctuary...”

Exodus 15:3 – *The LORD is a man of war: the LORD is his name.*

- We can sing about His characteristics. He can battle. We can sing unto God based upon what He has already done for us.

Exodus 15:4-7 – *Pharaoh's chariots and his host hath he cast into the sea: his chosen captains also are drowned in the Red sea. The depths have covered them: they sank into the bottom as a stone. Thy right hand, O LORD, is become glorious in power: thy right hand, O LORD, hath dashed in pieces the enemy. And in the greatness of thine excellency thou hast overthrown them that rose up against thee: thou sent forth thy wrath, which consumed them as stubble.*

- Sing about how God dealt with and defeated the enemy. We too can sing about how He defeated our problem.
- When I look back over what He has done for me and the new hope I have, I can sing about that too.
- When you have a testimony, a new song should be easy to sing His praises and brag about how good God has been to you.

Exodus 15:8-12 – *And with the blast of thy nostrils the waters were gathered together, the floods stood upright as a heap, and the depths were congealed in the heart of the sea. The enemy said, I will pursue, I will overtake, I will divide the spoil; my lust shall be satisfied upon them; I will draw my sword, my hand shall destroy them. Thou didst blow with thy wind, the sea covered them: they sank as lead in the mighty waters. Who is like unto thee, O LORD, among the gods? Who is like thee, glorious in holiness, fearful is praises, doing wonders? Thou stretched out thy right hand, the earth swallowed them.*

- They sing about how the Lord delivered them. They replay what happened, how the enemy wanted to destroy, but God stepped in to overthrow them instead.
- If you don't know what to sing about, just sing about what you know He has done for you. That is something to praise about if He has delivered you.

Exodus 15:13-15 – *Thou in thy mercy hast led forth the people which thou hast redeemed: thou hast guided them in thy strength unto thy holy habitation. The people shall hear, and be afraid: sorrow shall take hold on the inhabitants of Palestine. Then the dukes of Edom shall be amazed; the mighty men of Moab, trembling shall take hold upon them; all the inhabitants of Canaan shall melt away.*

- They sing about His great mercy, how he redeemed them and claimed them and was leading them by His strength to His holy dwelling place. The objective was to bring them nearer to Him.
- They sing about the testimony others will hear about these events and how they were delivered and feared God. They won't be able to move against God's people when they hear about this.
- They sing of God's purpose and plan for them, to have them pass over.
- He has purchased them and paid for them. He claimed them.
- This is very important to know that despite circumstances, they overcame their challenges and circumstances. God paid for them. Wonder how much He paid for them? They must be precious so he will not just leave them out there. He wants to bring them in.
- Don't be fearful that He will just leave you hanging out there. Jesus Christ paid a high price to redeem us so we are valuable in His sight. Truly, you must know that God cares for us.

Exodus 15:17 – *Thou shalt bring them in, and plant them in the mountain of thine inheritance, in the place, O LORD, which thou hast made for thee to dwell in, in the Sanctuary, O Lord, which thy hands have established.*

- God has the same idea and plans for us as He did for the Israelites, to bring them all the way into His best. God desires to have them come closer and stay where He dwells.
- The same plan for them is the same plan for us.
- They sing about that; we should sing about what God wants and intends to do for us.
- I can sing because I know the plans He has for me.

Exodus 15:18-21 – *The LORD shall reign for ever and ever. For the horse of Pharaoh went in with his chariots and with his horsemen into the sea, and the LORD brought again the waters of the sea upon them; but the children of Israel went on dry land in the midst of the sea. And Miriam the prophetess, the sister of Aaron, took a timbrel in her hand; and all the women went out after her with timbrels and with dances. And Miriam answered them, Sing ye to the LORD, for he hath triumphed gloriously; the horse and his rider hath he thrown into the sea.*

- The Lord shall reign forever and ever. How do we know? We know because of the example he provided by his defeat of Pharaoh described again in verse 19.
- God will reign as evidenced by how He defeated the enemy with ease while delivering His people. He made a way that was easier for them than the enemy. What took the enemy out was a way of escape for God's people.
- Did you catch that? What the enemy thought would take the Israelites out, became the way of escape and the enemy's defeat.
- Look at the Book of [Esther](#) and you will see the same story played out. Often our problems and tests in life are designed to bring God glory when He demonstrates His power on our behalf.
- Miriam and the women danced. She started the dance and the others followed. They repeat the first verse again...."sing ye to the Lord".
- Moses sang first then Miriam. Praise and worship is contagious.
- I want to catch the spirit of praise and worship that they had after this great testimony and victory. Think about what God has done for you and you will be able to praise and worship too.

Other Observations:

- God is the focus of the Israelites and who they sing about.
- Can you sing a new song?
- Has He brought you out? Has he done anything for you, i.e., redeemed, saved, or purchased you?
- Redeem = kinsman redeemer, avenge, redeem by payment. To purchase or buyback. To gain or regain possession in exchange for payment. Retrieve, recover, get back, and buyback. To exchange.
- You can sing if you know who He is and how He has saved us from sin and death. We had a death sentence, now He gives us new life when we accept His sacrifice.
- The focus of the enemy in the song is "I will or my". The focus is on self.
 - a) The enemy's focus is on his wants, his strength, and the destruction of what God wants to deliver.
 - b) Here is a life application – when your focus is on just you, there is a good chance you will miss the move of God for your life.
 - c) The enemy believes his fight is against us; when his fight is actually against God and His plan. Don't mess up and find yourself on the wrong side of the song.
- The first verse starts with songs to the Lord and ends the same way. Who are we singing for?
- Faith is tied to the song ([Psalm 106:11-12](#)).
- [Revelation 15](#) states people will sing again just as they sing today. Praise and worship is part of the final plan so I'm practicing it now.
- Note the power of the song. What will a good song make you do?
- A wilderness is between them and the promise... take a good praise song with you along the way. Singing songs have a variety of health benefits:
 - a) Memory – you form and recall memories due to the release of dopamine.
 - b) Mood is boosted due to feel good neurochemicals.
 - c) Work performance is improved.
 - d) Blood pressure rises or falls depending on speed and type of music.

- e) Exercise ability – able to push harder and longer in your workout.
- f) Music can cheer you up, but you have to want to be happy for it to work.
- g) Music can reduce chronic pain.
- h) Music can enhance some brain functions.
- You might want to sing.
 - a) You know what music did for you when you were in the world.
 - b) Wonder what it could make you do for God and the Kingdom?
 - c) I can take a verse from Earth, Wind & Fire....”when you feel down and out, sing a song”.

Pastor James Turner Observations:

- Praise and worship is a vital part of the Hebrew story and sojourn.
- So too, praise and worship has to be a vital part of our journey as well.
- If you have been set free, why wait? You have ample reason to praise and worship.
- Israel discovered they had something to praise God about.
- They did not wait until they reached their final destination in order to praise.
- Why wait when we already have reason to praise? We may have not reached the promised land, but we are out of Egypt and in a promised place
- Look back. You will find ample reason to praise. Before, all they wanted to do was just survive. Now, they have a dream and destiny.
- **Chapter 15** begins with praise and ends with a miracle. If you want your challenges to end in a miracle, praise Him now. Standing in between your breakthrough and the Promise Land is a good hallelujah.
- Israel started praising after Moses started them off. Whatever it is you want others to do, you do it first.
- The reason why some people can't praise is that they may still be in Egypt; still in bondage.
- There is a level of praise and worship that we will never experience until we get some things behind us.
- What do you need to put behind you so you can praise? Divorce, death, breakup, illness, hurt, job loss, church folk, etc.?
- Praise and worship sees God clearly in all three tenses.
- Past – don't miss what He did for you before your recent breakthrough.
- Present – don't miss what He is about to do.
- Future – know what He is going to do in the end.
- God is always at work!

Exodus 16

Exodus 16:1 – *And they took their journey from Elim, and all the congregation of the children of Israel came unto the wilderness of Sin, which is between Elim and Sinai, on the fifteenth day of the second month after their departing out of the land of Egypt.*

- Sin = thorn or clay. Everyone came this way, between Elim and Sinai, before they get to the next major stop. It has been 30 days since they left Egypt, so it wasn't many days.
- The food supplies that they had brought with them from Egypt had just run out.
- There is a reason why God allowed their food to run out.
- **Deuteronomy 8** – teaches dependence on God

Exodus 16:2 – *And the whole congregation of the children of Israel murmured against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness:*

- The vast majority, if not all, of the congregation (church) complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness.

Application – You can expect the same in your spiritual walk with the Lord.

[Matthew Henry] – God could have easily killed them in the Red Sea, so great distrust of God to only complain about the present problem.

- They greatly undervalue their deliverance in wishing they had died in Egypt. Now understand the spiritual application of this kind of thinking.
- Ingratitude and impatience.
- **Psalms 106:7-13.**

Exodus 16:3 – *And the children of Israel said unto them, Would to God we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the flesh pots, and when we did eat bread to the full; for ye have brought us forth into this wilderness, to kill this whole assembly with hunger.*

- What a statement they made against Moses and God.
- They say they would have preferred that God had killed them with judgments in Egypt then to die of hunger in the wilderness.
- Reflects back what they had in Egypt with fondness rather than the bitter bondage they were in. Forgot all about what they celebrated with bitter herbs at Passover.
- Selective memory; lost sight of God's future for them.
- Instead of a bright future that was promised, they see themselves dying of hunger in the wilderness. They think God has brought them this far to kill them there. That is not God's plan.
- What caused them to fear and doubt and complain? Circumstances.

- Crazy thinking. When you start complaining you forget what God has done for you. What you have in God is much more than what maybe missing.
- You are focused on the problem rather than God as the solution.
- Instead of appreciation, they long for the very season of bondage that was delivering a death sentence.
- It is better to die with Him broke in the wilderness than die in the world rich. Can't come back from that.

Exodus 16:4 – *Then said the Lord unto Moses, Behold, I will rain bread from heaven for you; and the people shall go out and gather a certain rate every day, that I may prove them, whether they will walk in my law, or no.*

- The Lord has an answer to their complaining. Bread will rain down from heaven.
- He would provide for them in a manner they would not understand.
- When He did His part, then they needed to do their part. Namely, they needed to go out and gather the bread He provided.
- Part of the provision included a test. The purpose of this test was to see whether they would obey or not.

[Jon Courson] – Amazing grace to show His nature and intent....they deserved a beat down for complaining and instead they get a promise in the midst of their complaining.

- Jesus would refer to this, **John 6:31-35**. So this is an example of God revealing His plan.

Exodus 16:5 – *And it shall come to pass, that on the sixth day they shall prepare that which they bring in; and it shall be twice as much as they gather daily.*

- Further instructions for the test; they get a portion daily and double on the 6th day. Get twice as much.

Exodus 16:6 – *And Moses and Aaron said unto all the children of Israel, At even, then ye shall know that the Lord hath brought you out from the land of Egypt:*

- Notice what Moses says...in the evening they will know that it was the Lord that delivered them out of Egypt.
- So the purpose of this was also to prove to them again that God is the one that delivers and provides for their needs.
- How did they go from praising Him for the miracle to just 30 days later doubting if it was really God?

Application – Do we doubt God working miracles in our lives just because He doesn't respond when we want Him to?

Exodus 16:7 – *And in the morning, then ye shall see the glory of the Lord; for that he heareth your murmurings against the Lord: and what are we, that ye murmur against us?*

- They will see something revealed in the morning. His glory.
- Their murmuring was not just against them, but against God and He hears heard them.

Exodus 16:8 – *And Moses said, This shall be, when the Lord shall give you in the evening flesh to eat, and in the morning bread to the full; for that the Lord heareth your murmurings which ye murmur against him: and what are we? your murmurings are not against us, but against the Lord.*

- Flesh in the evening and bread in the morning. They would be full, in the wilderness. Still occurs today.

Exodus 16:9 – *And Moses spake unto Aaron, Say unto all the congregation of the children of Israel, Come near before the Lord: for he hath heard your murmurings.*

- Told to come nearer to God because He has heard them complaining. God knows what you do in secret.
- When you realize that you messed up don't run away or hide from Him, instead run to Him.
- Do the opposite of your human or Adam nature (flesh).

Exodus 16:10 – *And it came to pass, as Aaron spake unto the whole congregation of the children of Israel, that they looked toward the wilderness, and, behold, the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud.*

- They looked toward the wilderness and the glory of God showed up in a cloud. He still shows up there.
- The cloud was already there but they must have needed a greater evidence.

Exodus 16:11 – *And the Lord spake unto Moses, saying,*

- God speaks to the messenger Moses...

Exodus 16:12 – *I have heard the murmurings of the children of Israel: speak unto them, saying, At even ye shall eat flesh, and in the morning ye shall be filled with bread; and ye shall know that I am the Lord your God.*

- He will provide for them...confirmation again so that they can be sure that He is God, their God. How can I know He is my God? Cause He has, is, and will provide.
- This bread comes from heaven, not from the earth.
- A test to see if they would trust Him.

Exodus 16:13 – *And it came to pass, that at even the quails came up, and covered the camp: and in the morning the dew lay round about the host.*

- Quail came up in the evening for their meat. Dew fell in the morning.

Exodus 16:14 – *And when the dew that lay was gone up, behold, upon the face of the wilderness there lay a small round thing, as small as the hoar frost on the ground.*

- After the dew left, on the ground in the wilderness was a small round thing.

Exodus 16:15 – *And when the children of Israel saw it, they said one to another, It is manna: for they wist not what it was. And Moses said unto them, This is the bread which the Lord hath given you to eat.*

- When they saw it, they called it manna because they didn't know what it was.
- God provided but they didn't realize at first what it was.
- Moses had to explain to them what it was that came from God. Didn't look like what they were expecting.

- But what came down from God, they were supposed to use and take in and eat.

Exodus 16:16 – *This is the thing which the Lord hath commanded, Gather of it every man according to his eating, an omer for every man, according to the number of your persons; take ye every man for them which are in his tents.*

- Reminded that these were the instructions from God Himself.

Exodus 16:17 – *And the children of Israel did so, and gathered, some more, some less.*

- They obeyed.

Exodus 16:18 – *And when they did mete it with an omer, he that gathered much had nothing over, and he that gathered little had no lack; they gathered every man according to his eating.*

- Once they obeyed, it turned out the way God said it would.

Exodus 16:19 – *And Moses said, Let no man leave of it till the morning.*

- Eat it now.
- Don't be trying to save it until tomorrow.
- Why would they try and save it? Just in case fresh manna doesn't come tomorrow. Don't want to delay getting that spiritual food immediately.
- They are to learn to trust Him daily. Give us this day our daily bread.
- You will gather more or save up when you don't trust God.

Exodus 16:20 – *Notwithstanding they hearkened not unto Moses; but some of them left of it until the morning, and it bred worms, and stank: and Moses was wroth with them.*

- They didn't listen regardless of what Moses said and what God wanted.
- They tried to have leftovers and it turned bad which ticked Moses off.
- Folks today still will not listen or obey.

Exodus 16:21-22 – *And they gathered it every morning, every man according to his eating: and when the sun waxed hot, it melted. 22 And it came to pass, that on the sixth day they gathered twice as much bread, two omers for one man: and all the rulers of the congregation came and told Moses.*

- Following the plan, double on Friday.

Exodus 16:23 – *And he said unto them, This is that which the Lord hath said, To morrow is the rest of the holy sabbath unto the Lord: bake that which ye will bake to day, and seethe that ye will seethe; and that which remaineth over lay up for you to be kept until the morning.*

- There is one day that you can prepare and leave some for the next day, that is the Sabbath.
- Do what you are going to do with it on day 6.

Exodus 16:24 – *And they laid it up till the morning, as Moses bade: and it did not stink, neither was there any worm therein.*

- When they tried to lay it up and save it their own way it spoiled and they couldn't use it.
- When they follow God's instructions it didn't stink and it was preserved for the Sabbath.

Exodus 16:25 – *And Moses said, Eat that to day; for to day is a sabbath unto the Lord: to day ye shall not find it in the field.*

- What you worked for and saved according to God's word, enjoy that and rest. You don't work on this day so you won't find it out there on this day.

Exodus 16:26-27 – *Six days ye shall gather it; but on the seventh day, which is the sabbath, in it there shall be none. 27 And it came to pass, that there went out some of the people on the seventh day for to gather, and they found none.*

- Some folks still didn't get it or obey. Still trying to work on their own on the wrong day after it was too late to do so. God wants a day of rest for His people.
- People still do this where they are in the world trying to get ahead instead of having the blessing of resting in God.

Exodus 16:28 – *And the Lord said unto Moses, How long refuse ye to keep my commandments and my laws?*

- God asks Moses, how long are they going to refuse to obey His instructions? Good question. What is the answer?

Exodus 16:29 – *See, for that the Lord hath given you the sabbath, therefore he giveth you on the sixth day the bread of two days; abide ye every man in his place, let no man go out of his place on the seventh day.*

- Must be important to God that they enter and enjoy the rest He provides.
- Why is this so important to God? It is part of His plan, level 7.

Question – Why would they go out on the 7th day looking for manna when they already had enough from the previous day? Why do we do it? Shows a lack of faith in His promises.

Exodus 16:30 – *So the people rested on the seventh day.*

- They rested on Sabbath. They rest from their labors and reflect on His goodness.

Exodus 16:31 – *And the house of Israel called the name thereof Manna: and it was like coriander seed, white; and the taste of it was like wafers made with honey.*

- Manna tasted like honey.

Exodus 16:32-33 – *And Moses said, This is the thing which the Lord commandeth, Fill an omer of it to be kept for your generations; that they may see the bread wherewith I have fed you in the wilderness, when I brought you forth from the land of Egypt. 33 And Moses said unto Aaron, Take a pot, and put an omer full of manna therein, and lay it up before the Lord, to be kept for your generations.*

- Given instructions to take a pot of manna and store it before God to be kept for the benefit of future generations.
- The purpose of this is so they can see what was used to sustain them in the wilderness.
- God wanted future generations to be fully aware of what and how He provided for them in that place. I need some of this manna.
- Proof of how He provided for them...a miracle every day.

Exodus 16:34 – *As the Lord commanded Moses, so Aaron laid it up before the Testimony, to be kept.*

- Moses obeyed. It was serious because it was a commandment.

Exodus 16:35 – *And the children of Israel did eat manna forty years, until they came to a land inhabited; they did eat manna, until they came unto the borders of the land of Canaan.*

- They ate manna for 40 years. Available until they were about to enter the new season.

Exodus 16:36 – *Now an omer is the tenth part of an ephah.*

- An omer is about 6 pints.
- Jesus reaches back to this story, **John 6:31-35**. He just fed them with a miracle and they refer to the manna. Jesus says it is a picture of him. Manna speaks to Jesus and the bread of the word of God. The way you feed on Him is the word like that from the beginning, because Jesus is the word. The word that gives life.
- Need to feed on the word daily. When they followed instructions no person suffered lack.
- Once the day began, word/manna disappeared. Early morning is the key. Once the day starts going, the manna melts away.
- **Numbers 11** – They would get tired of the manna and complain about that too.
- **Isaiah 50** – Morning by morning.
- **Deuteronomy 8:1-16** – Man does not live by bread alone.
- What else is God teaching them here about the importance of the Sabbath?
- **1 Corinthians 10:3** – it was spiritual meat.
- We are no different. We walk the same spiritual wilderness in this world, but have a greater leader than Moses guiding us through and we can still complain.

Exodus 17

Exodus 17:1-3 – *And all the congregation of the children of Israel journeyed from the wilderness of Sin, after their journeys, according to the commandment of the Lord, and pitched in Rephidim: and there was no water for the people to drink. 2 Wherefore the people did chide with Moses, and said, Give us water that we may drink. And Moses said unto them, Why chide ye with me? wherefore do ye tempt the Lord? 3 And the people thirsted there for water; and the people murmured against Moses, and said, Wherefore is this that thou hast brought us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our cattle with thirst?*

- Pitched in Rephidim = rest, stay or resting place.
- No water in the place.
- Notice, still following the cloud, but still facing a challenge. Why?
- Chide = strive or contend.
- Complaining to Moses because they don't have what they want or need. Why have you brought us out here to kill us and our cattle with thirst?
- Same complaint we heard before. Why are you complaining and messing with me on this.
- They are tempting God through a lack of trust in Him.

[David Guzik] -- In this situation Israel could have thought, "We are in a desert; it's not surprising there isn't much water here. We need to look to God to meet this need." Instead they blamed Moses and did nothing to help the problem.

Exodus 17:4 – *And Moses cried unto the Lord, saying, What shall I do unto this people? they be almost ready to stone me.*

- Moses cries out to God when the people cry out about him. What do you want me to do? These crazy folks are ready to kill me.

Exodus 17:5-7 – *And the Lord said unto Moses, Go on before the people, and take with thee of the elders of Israel; and thy rod, wherewith thou smotest the river, take in thine hand, and go. 6 Behold, I will stand before thee there upon the rock in Horeb; and thou shalt smite the rock, and there shall come water out of it, that the people may drink. And Moses did so in the sight of the elders of Israel. 7 And he called the name of the place Massah, and Meribah, because of the chiding of the children of Israel, and because they tempted the Lord, saying, Is the Lord among us, or not?*

- God answers; go on before or past the people and haters. Take the elders with you and the rod of your authority. The same rod that was used successfully before. Take that and go.
- Watch closely, when Moses gets to the spot at the rock God is already there waiting on him.
- Hit the rock and water will come out of it. People will drink and be refreshed from the water that comes out of the rock. Moses did this in the sight of the people.
- Gave that place a name...two names. Massah = temptation, because they tempted God; and Meribah = strife because they chide with Moses.

- Have the presence of God with them, past miracles, and they have the nerve to ask if God is with them on this journey or not.
- Rather than strike back at the haters...he strikes the rock. When they come at you, you go to the rock. The people demonstrated unbelief in God's providence, distrust of His care, forgot His kindness.
- Note [1 Corinthians 10](#)...this event in the natural and historical has significant spiritual application.
- God remembers what they did. Why? [Deuteronomy 6:16, 9:22, 33:8](#).

Exodus 17:8 – *Then came Amalek, and fought with Israel in Rephidim.*

- Amalek (from Esau [Genesis 36:12](#)) came out and fought them in Rephidim...the same place where they received living water.
- Expect the enemy to fight against you to keep you from living water.
- What you mean preacher?

Exodus 17:9 – *And Moses said unto Joshua, Choose us out men, and go out, fight with Amalek: to morrow I will stand on the top of the hill with the rod of God in mine hand.*

- They get Joshua (savior) to choose men who would go fight against this enemy.
- Moses' position is to stand on the hill with the rod.
- Same rod that God used to deliver them before, he will use again.

Exodus 17:10 – *So Joshua did as Moses had said to him, and fought with Amalek: and Moses, Aaron, and Hur went up to the top of the hill.*

- Joshua obeys and begins the fight.
- Moses goes to high ground with Aaron and Hur.
- Aaron = light bringer
- Hur = hole; from the line of Judah.

Exodus 17:11 – *And it came to pass, when Moses held up his hand, that Israel prevailed: and when he let down his hand, Amalek prevailed.*

- When Moses hands were in the up position, they were winning, prevailing against the enemy.
- Did you get that? When hands are in the air in surrender or in praise, the enemy starts losing.

[**Dan Guzik**] – Moses supported the battle behind the scenes busy in prayer; victory depended upon Moses' intercession. When he stopped praying the enemy started winning.

Exodus 17:12 – *But Moses hands were heavy; and they took a stone, and put it under him, and he sat thereon; and Aaron and Hur stayed up his hands, the one on the one side, and the other on the other side; and his hands were steady until the going down of the sun.*

- But his hands got heavy, it was hard to keep them up. Physically, it got hard even though spiritually he was willing.

- The solution?
 - a) They put a stone under him so he could rest.
 - b) Then both of his partners, the one from praise and the other the priest stood on either side of him to help keep his hands in the air. Talk to me.
 - c) With their help, Moses was able to keep his hands up all day.
 - d) They kept him steady.
 - e) They joined him in intercession.

Exodus 17:13 – *And Joshua discomfited Amalek and his people with the edge of the sword.*

- Joshua caused discomfort for the enemy with the sword.
- We can still today make the enemy uncomfortable with the word of God and two or three others helping keep our praise up.
- Moses praying did not eliminate what Joshua had to do.

[**Spurgeon**] – Prayer is a downright mockery if it doesn't lead us into practical use of means likely to promote the ends for which we pray.

Exodus 17:14 – *And the Lord said unto Moses, Write this for a memorial in a book, and rehearse it in the ears of Joshua: for I will utterly put out the remembrance of Amalek from under heaven.*

- God wanted them to remember that this enemy who struck from behind would one day be dealt with. One day, the enemy will be taken care of for good. **Deuteronomy 25:17-18**.

Exodus 17:15 – *And Moses built an altar, and called the name of it Jehovahnissi:*

- Moses built an altar called Jehovahnissi = the Lord is my banner.

Exodus 17:16 – *For he said, Because the Lord hath sworn that the Lord will have war with Amalek from generation to generation.*

- An ongoing war between this enemy and God. God wins in the end.
- You will have ongoing battles with Amalek, flesh, etc.
- Enemy may seem to be winning at times. When he does, check the position of your hands for in the end, he will lose.

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Exodus 18

Exodus 18:1 – *When Jethro, the priest of Midian, Moses' father in law, heard of all that God had done for Moses, and for Israel his people, and that the Lord had brought Israel out of Egypt;*

- Jethro = His abundance
- Heard what God had done.
- What had he heard?
- Wonder how he heard it?

Exodus 18:2 – *Then Jethro, Moses' father in law, took Zipporah, Moses' wife, after he had sent her back,*

- Then....after he heard this....he decided to bring Moses' family out there to rejoin him.
- Moses had sent her back. They were separated while he was dealing with Egypt. They don't rejoin him until after he crosses over to the other side.
- Since Moses had sent her back she wasn't there for the miracles....you better hear me. They didn't experience the miracles. All they remember was the last experience with him. They didn't know what he went through, how he changed, how God used him.

Exodus 18:3 – *And her two sons; of which the name of the one was Gershom; for he said, I have been an alien in a strange land:*

- Two sons; First born was Gershom = a stranger.
- Why name your kid that?

Exodus 18:4 – *And the name of the other was Eliezer; for the God of my father, said he, was mine help, and delivered me from the sword of Pharaoh:*

- Second born was Eliezer = God is my helper.
- Remembrance of when God helped him escape troubles of Egypt when he was on the run after making a bad decision.

Exodus 18:5 – *And Jethro, Moses' father in law, came with his sons and his wife unto Moses into the wilderness, where he encamped at the mount of God:*

- Jethro takes them to the camp site in the wilderness, before Mt. Sinai.
- Notice Moses' spiritual and physical positioning/coordinates.
- Separated from family but reunion doesn't occur in Egypt. It doesn't happen until they are in the wilderness beyond the Red Sea. They join him there. Talk to me...there is application here.

Exodus 18:6-7 – *And he said unto Moses, I thy father in law Jethro am come unto thee, and thy wife, and her two sons with her. 7 And Moses went out to meet his father in law, and did obeisance, and kissed him; and they asked each other of their welfare; and they came into the tent.*

- Moses gets word that Father-in-Law has come out to see him.

- Moses goes out to meet them where they are.
- He doesn't expect them to get to where he is without meeting them where they were and escorting them in.
- Notice the sequence of events.
 - a) Respect (bowed)
 - b) Affection (kissed)
 - c) Asked how they were doing
 - d) Then they came into the tent where he was.
- Before you start talking about all that God did for you, you might want to follow the above steps first.

Exodus 18:8 – *And Moses told his father in law all that the Lord had done unto Pharaoh and to the Egyptians for Israel's sake, and all the travail that had come upon them by the way, and how the Lord delivered them.*

- After the initial reception, then Moses starts telling him about his testimony and how God delivered along the way to this point.

Exodus 18:9 – *And Jethro rejoiced for all the goodness which the Lord had done to Israel, whom he had delivered out of the hand of the Egyptians.*

- Jethro's response was to rejoice and he was excited about their deliverance out of the world and bondage.
- Hater's don't rejoice over the good things that God has done for you.

Exodus 18:10 – *And Jethro said, Blessed be the Lord, who hath delivered you out of the hand of the Egyptians, and out of the hand of Pharaoh, who hath delivered the people from under the hand of the Egyptians.*

- Rejoices by blessing the Lord and recalling what God had done.

Application – Recalling what God has done motivates you to rejoice.

- When I think of the goodness of Jesus and all that he's done for me; my soul cries out hallelujah I thank God for saving me.

Exodus 18:11 – *Now I know that the Lord is greater than all gods: for in the thing wherein they dealt proudly he was above them.*

- Because of the testimony, now he knows that God is greater than all gods.
- Because the gods that the Egyptians were so proud of were all defeated.
- The Lord God is above all their gods.

Exodus 18:12 – *And Jethro, Moses' father in law, took a burnt offering and sacrifices for God: and Aaron came, and all the elders of Israel, to eat bread with Moses' father in law before God.*

- Jethro's ultimate rejoicing ends in a sacrifice to God. Not just lip service. He gives a burnt offering.

- Some folk talk a good talk. They deceive themselves thinking they are deep but, they won't make a sacrifice.
- That draws others out to communion with him and before God.
- Not only did they eat in front of and with Jethro, but their acceptance of his sacrifice places them in good standing before God.
- Must have been a good sacrifice that was accepted by God.

Exodus 18:13 – *And it came to pass on the morrow, that Moses sat to judge the people: and the people stood by Moses from the morning unto the evening.*

- Next day, Moses judges people all day long. People and Moses out there all day.

Exodus 18:14 – *And when Moses' father in law saw all that he did to the people, he said, What is this thing that thou doest to the people? why sittest thou thyself alone, and all the people stand by thee from morning unto even?*

- Jethro speaks up “after” he watches what Moses is doing.
- Important to not have an opinion until you see it first-hand.
- Addresses Moses in the form of a question.
- Jethro doesn't jump to conclusions. He watched all that he did.
- The way Moses was handling this impacted himself and the people.

Exodus 18:15-16 – *And Moses said unto his father in law, Because the people come unto me to enquire of God: 16 When they have a matter, they come unto me; and I judge between one and another, and I do make them know the statutes of God, and his laws.*

- The reason the people came to him alone was to see what God's will was for particular matters.
- He was a judge for them and made decisions based upon God's laws and he would teach them this during these decisions.

Exodus 18:17 – *And Moses' father in law said unto him, The thing that thou doest is not good.*

- Jethro's response is the way Moses is doing this is not a good thing.
- You can do the right thing the wrong way.

Exodus 18:18 – *Thou wilt surely wear away, both thou, and this people that is with thee: for this thing is too heavy for thee; thou art not able to perform it thyself alone.*

- Why is it not a good thing?
 - a) Because it will wear him out and the people as well.
 - b) Too much for him to handle all day on his own.
 - c) Can't continue to do this alone therefore, it's not good.
 - d) This is too heavy to lift by himself, he needs help.

Exodus 18:19-22 – *Hearken now unto my voice, I will give thee counsel, and God shall be with thee: Be thou for the people to God-ward, that thou mayest bring the causes unto God: 20 And thou shalt teach them*

ordinances and laws, and shalt shew them the way wherein they must walk, and the work that they must do. 21 Moreover thou shalt provide out of all the people able men, such as fear God, men of truth, hating covetousness; and place such over them, to be rulers of thousands, and rulers of hundreds, rulers of fifties, and rulers of tens: 22 And let them judge the people at all seasons: and it shall be, that every great matter they shall bring unto thee, but every small matter they shall judge: so shall it be easier for thyself, and they shall bear the burden with thee.

- Jethro asks Moses to listen to his counsel.
- Intercede between the people and God. Take concerns to God.
- Teach them how to walk right with God according to these two things
 - a) God's laws
 - b) And the work they are to do
- Pick out some leaders (men)
 - a) Able and willing to do it.
 - b) Fear God.
 - c) All about truth.
 - d) Hate covetousness = profit, unjust gain, prey, plunder.
 - e) Let them rule over different size groups.
 - f) Let them judge the people on smaller matters at all seasons.
- Moses to handle the big issues.
- Result, easier on him and the people because these leaders will share in the burden.

Exodus 18:23 – *If thou shalt do this thing, and God command thee so, then thou shalt be able to endure, and all this people shall also go to their place in peace.*

- Check with God first and see if this is okay.
- Will help him to endure.
- It will be easier on the people as well.

Exodus 18:24 – *So Moses hearkened to the voice of his father in law, and did all that he had said.*

- Moses listened and obeyed all of it.
- Why is this so impressive and important?
- What did he have to do in order to achieve this? Follow the steps starting first with humility.

Exodus 18:25-27 – *And Moses chose able men out of all Israel, and made them heads over the people, rulers of thousands, rulers of hundreds, rulers of fifties, and rulers of tens. 26 And they judged the people at all seasons: the hard causes they brought unto Moses, but every small matter they judged themselves. 27 And Moses let his father in law depart; and he went his way into his own land.*

- Implements these suggestions and Jethro returns to his place.
- Good leadership delegates and trains others.

Exodus 19

Exodus 19:1 – *In the third month, when the children of Israel were gone forth out of the land of Egypt, the same day came they into the wilderness of Sinai.*

- The timing is 13 days in Nisan + 30 days from second month plus 3 days here is 46 days since crossing Red Sea.

Exodus 19:2 – *For they were departed from Rephidim, and were come to the desert of Sinai, and had pitched in the wilderness; and there Israel camped before the mount.*

- They camped at Mt. Sinai after leaving the place of reclining or rest.
- God had specific reasons and purpose for each major camp site. Fulfills **Exodus 3:12**.

Exodus 19:3 – *And Moses went up unto God, and the Lord called unto him out of the mountain, saying, Thus shalt thou say to the house of Jacob, and tell the children of Israel;*

- Moses goes up to meet God.
- God has a message for the people, calls them by both names; Jacob and Israel.

Exodus 19:4 – *Ye have seen what I did unto the Egyptians, and how I bare you on eagles' wings, and brought you unto myself.*

- Evidence provided; what He did to Egypt, the enemy/world.
- How He brought them out on eagle's wings.
- He brings them out to bring them into Him or where He dwells.
- Still applicable today. Same plan in effect.
- Purpose of the trip is to get closer to Him.
- Proof of the love and favor He has for them. **Isaiah 40:31**.

Exodus 19:5 – *Now therefore, if ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people: for all the earth is mine:*

- Conditions of the contract:
 - a) Obey His voice....Spirit. Meaning really commit to obedience to the Father.
 - b) Honor this agreement.
- “Then” condition will produce the following promises.
 - a) Be a peculiar treasure to Him.
 - b) Be more valuable and important to Him than any other folks.
- God sees particular value and joy from those who obey and are in covenant relationship with Him!
- He has the power to make this since He owns all and knows the value of what He possesses.
- We are precious in His sight when we meet the conditions and keep the agreement.

Exodus 19:6 – *And ye shall be unto me a kingdom of priests, and an holy nation. These are the words which thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel.*

- We will be a kingdom of priests.
- What do priests do?
 - a) Minister and intercede between God and man.
 - b) Stand before God and Man as His representatives.
 - c) Be a light to the Gentiles.
 - d) Set apart as holy. Still in effect...**1 Peter 2:9; Psalms 24, Revelation 1:6.**

Exodus 19:7 – *And Moses came and called for the elders of the people, and laid before their faces all these words which the Lord commanded him.*

- Moses goes down to give the people the message from God.

Exodus 19:8 – *And all the people answered together, and said, All that the Lord hath spoken we will do. And Moses returned the words of the people unto the Lord.*

- People hear the agreement and agree fully to the covenant. They all answered in one accord.

Exodus 19:9 – *And the Lord said unto Moses, Lo, I come unto thee in a thick cloud, that the people may hear when I speak with thee, and believe thee for ever. And Moses told the words of the people unto the Lord.*

- Message relayed and God tells Moses that He will speak to him from a thick cloud
- Come to him in the cloud so that the people will see/hear and believe what Moses says to them.
- Moses tells the people what to expect.
- Purpose of visitation is
 - a) Covenant
 - b) Help with obedience and faith
 - c) Believe His prophet
 - d) Remind people what He has done for them

Exodus 19:10 – *And the Lord said unto Moses, Go unto the people, and sanctify them to day and to morrow, and let them wash their clothes,*

- Preparation instructions given to the people before they meet with God
 - a) They are to sanctify or set themselves apart, holy, dedicated, and devoted, to keep yourself separated.
 - b) They are to wash/baptism.
- How do we sanctify ourselves to get ready to meet God? Hint: follow the 7 steps of the feast.

Exodus 19:11 – *And be ready against the third day: for the third day the Lord will come down in the sight of all the people upon mount Sinai.*

- Be ready against the third day. In three days you will see the Lord.
- What is the impact or meaning of this?

Exodus 19:12 – *And thou shalt set bounds unto the people round about, saying, Take heed to yourselves, that ye go not up into the mount, or touch the border of it: whosoever toucheth the mount shall be surely put to death:*

- Further instructions
 - a) They are not to go past the boundaries to go up into the mount
 - b) Don't even touch the border of it. If you do you will surely die.
 - c) Do not approach God out of order.
- Before you meet with God, must take preparation steps or your journey will stop right there.
- Why is this warning given and bounds in place?
- He knows that somebody is going to try and approach Him the wrong way.

Exodus 19:13 – *There shall not an hand touch it, but he shall surely be stoned, or shot through; whether it be beast or man, it shall not live: when the trumpet soundeth long, they shall come up to the mount.*

- They must wait three days
- Only when they hear the trumpet sound long can they come up to the mount.
- God is the one who is reaching out and initiating this agreement and relationship.

Exodus 19:14 – *And Moses went down from the mount unto the people, and sanctified the people; and they washed their clothes.*

- Moses goes down, descends the mount after receiving the Word and instructions.
- The instructions are for the people to tell them how they can approach God.
- Moses is a type of Christ here.
- He is the mediator of this new covenant.
- Begins to sanctify them and people wash their clothes.
- Any New Testament application to any of this?
 - a) Christ died to sanctify us.
 - b) Christ is our mediator.
 - c) 50 days after death of Christ, He gives us instructions for how to prepare to receive the Holy Spirit.

Exodus 19:15 – *And he said unto the people, Be ready against the third day: come not at your wives.*

- Part of the preparation was to abstain from their wives.

Exodus 19:16 – *And it came to pass on the third day in the morning, that there were thunders and lightnings, and a thick cloud upon the mount, and the voice of the trumpet exceeding loud; so that all the people that was in the camp trembled.*

- Be ready on the 3rd day.
- Trumpet awakening blast that gets louder.
- Before you meet God, you better be prepared. How do we prepare?
- Sanctify – call away from the world; prayer and meditation. Focus is on Him.

- Clean clothes/heart; because we have picked up some dirt along the way.

Exodus 19:17 – *And Moses brought forth the people out of the camp to meet with God; and they stood at the nether part of the mount.*

- After the sanctification, they are brought closer to the Mount.
- Nether = lower part.

Exodus 19:18 – *And mount Sinai was altogether on a smoke, because the Lord descended upon it in fire: and the smoke thereof ascended as the smoke of a furnace, and the whole mount quaked greatly.*

- The mountain gets set on fire when God comes down on it.

Exodus 19:19-20 – *And when the voice of the trumpet sounded long, and waxed louder and louder, Moses spake, and God answered him by a voice. 20 And the Lord came down upon mount Sinai, on the top of the mount: and the Lord called Moses up to the top of the mount; and Moses went up.*

- God speaks back to Moses.
- God meets them at that place and calls Moses the prophet up to Him.
- Moses obeys.
- Important for the people to experience and know that God is speaking to Moses so that what Moses says is coming from God. If they don't believe the word from Moses, they are not believing in God's word.

Exodus 19:21 – *And the Lord said unto Moses, Go down, charge the people, lest they break through unto the Lord to gaze, and many of them perish.*

- While he is up there God tells him to go back down and tell the people not to come up here.
- Why would they disobey to break through?
- God wants us to draw closer to Him, so what is the problem? You can still do a desired thing the wrong way.
- Why do the people want to go up?
- To gaze upon the Lord which will get you smoked! They are going up for the wrong reasons.

Exodus 19:22 – *And let the priests also, which come near to the Lord, sanctify themselves, lest the Lord break forth upon them.*

- Also, tell the priests to follow the same sanctification steps before they come near, or He will break loose on them as well.

Exodus 19:23 – *And Moses said unto the Lord, The people cannot come up to mount Sinai: for thou chargedst us, saying, Set bounds about the mount, and sanctify it.*

- Moses replies they can't come up here, because you told them not to and set bounds that made it off limits.
- The people according to Moses know better than to try this.
- Moses can't believe that the people would disobey after all this along with hearing the word of God.

Exodus 19:24 – *And the Lord said unto him, Away, get thee down, and thou shalt come up, thou, and Aaron with thee: but let not the priests and the people break through to come up unto the Lord, lest he break forth upon them.*

- Get back down there and tell them what I told you to say. Then you can come back up with Aaron.
- Too many folks want to stay up there and not go back to serve and teach the people.
- He wants you to come up so you know how to get down. If we don't, folks are going to die.
- Obedience is more important than your feelings and assumptions.

Exodus 19:25 – *So Moses went down unto the people, and spake unto them.*

- So Moses obeys.
- They will be here through **Numbers Chapter 10**; about a year camping there.
- Zion is about invitation; Sinai is about barriers. Sinai = Law; Zion = grace.
- **Hebrews 10:14-35**

Rabbi's tradition:

- 70 nations at that time
- Rabbinical teaching thinks God spoke in 70 different tongues...voice of many waters. The idea is that the 70 different nations would hear God's voice in a manner where they can understand.
- Jews still celebrate this significant event....called Pentecost.

Horeb = Destroyer or killer. That's what the Law does.

The Jews read the book of **Ruth** during this time of the Feast of Pentecost.

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Exodus 20

Mount Sinai:

- They heard His voice and sensed His presence.
- There is a lot of confusion about the Law.
- Are we under grace or are we still keepers of the Law?

[**Jon Courson**] says the Law is divided into two components. The Law of God and the Law of Moses. Both given here at Sinai

- Jesus was discussing the Law of Moses, i.e., circumcision, [John 7](#); Paul in [Romans 7](#) talks about the Law of God. The difference is important.

The law of Moses:

- Is found in [Exodus 21,22,23](#) and in [Leviticus](#).
- Moses' law deals with civil and ceremonial rules for the Jewish nation.
- The Law of Moses, including the feasts will be reinforced in the 1,000 year reign, see [Ezekiel](#).
- This is for Jews, not for the church, see [Acts 15](#), we are not under the rules of Moses.
- We study it because it is a picture of Christ.

The Law of God:

- What we call the 10 commandments which is for all the people at all times.
- Not only drives us to Christ but directs us in Christ.
- The Lord spoke audibly the Law of God to Israel in the wilderness.
- Moses' law was given to Moses and is civil.
- Law of God is moral and was written with His finger ([Exodus 31](#)).
- Law of God kept in the Ark and the Law of Moses was not!
- You are free from the Law but not free from the Lord our God...[Romans 7](#).
- Bereans have a different point...[Nehemiah 8](#), [2 Corinthians 3](#).

[Exodus 20:1](#) – *And God spake all these words, saying,*

- They were getting ready to just roll up there any kind of way, so He had brought them this far and further instructions on how to approach God were needed.
- God is directly speaking to them.
- How does God directly speak to you today? Remember what time it is....Pentecost.

Exodus 20:2 – *I am the Lord thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.*

- Important verse, I Am is the one who brought them out.
- Brought them out from where? From what they were stuck in, the world, sin, and bondage.
- God is the one who brought them out. Has to qualify Himself with them first to get their attention.
- He brought them out to do what? In order to bring them into to something far better. His plan is to bring them all the way into the promises of God.
- But along the way He has them stop here for further instructions. To make sure the path to being fully free was laid out for them.

Exodus 20:3 – *Thou shalt have no other gods before me.*

- Starts with the 10 commandments. Is there an order? Answer: yes
- Have no other gods before me. He has to be the priority or first.
- One reason is because these other gods are not the Gods that brought you out this far.
- If you've made it this far and you know it was God, then stick with God.
- A multitude came out of Egypt but only two of the original people made it into the Promised Land.
- Didn't say you couldn't pursue other things, but He must be first.
- Folk have a tendency to start off right and then go off.

Application – Who or what is first in your life?

Exodus 20:4 – *Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth.*

- Don't make any graven image or any likeness of anything in heaven above or that is which is in the earth or in the water. That just about covers everything.

Graven Images are not needed:

- Doesn't help accomplish God's plan.
- Doesn't provide anything you need in order to get close to Him.
- Don't say you're doing this for God. Obviously, He doesn't need your graven image in order to execute His plan.
- Why do you need it?
- I used to carry a cross.
 - a) Anything wrong with that?
 - b) It helped to keep me straight.
 - c) Was a reminder that I needed to come correct.
 - d) A symbol of my faith and belief in God and Christ.

- e) Symbol of being a Christian.
- f) Anything wrong with that? No, but there is a huge problem and it can become a graven image if used incorrectly.
- g) Do you see any danger in that?

Power of God:

- Sometimes I was trying to tap into the power of God and success through this graven image.
- But God's power doesn't come through a graven image, even a cross used the wrong way.
- It comes from the Holy Ghost.
- He is the power we tap into and flow in.

Danger, Will Robinson!

- Is it possible we could hold onto and look to this graven image of the cross rather than Jesus who went to the cross on our behalf and the Holy Spirit who gives us power to do the will of God?
- We are spiritual beings in physical bodies. Graven images are seen and felt through the flesh.

Wanna show people a symbol of you being a Christian?

- Then flow in the Holy Ghost and bring out the fruit of the Spirit which is love.
- Too many people are flashing fake IDs, to include crosses. They are about to get bounced out of the places they are trying to get in.

Exodus 20:5 – *Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me;*

- Don't have idols and don't worship them or allow these false gods that are man-made be in control or have dominion over you.
- Don't serve idols at all. Serve the one true God. Yul Bryner said "his god is God".
- Jealousy is an emotion that we all possess so be careful. This term only used in referring to God.
- He doesn't put up with rivals for His glory; he will avenge those who depart from Him after what He has done for you.
- Not jealous about those false gods and idols but He is jealous for us to do well.
- Those that make Him jealous, bad stuff will come by and visit them.
- Bad stuff may swing by your future generations because you hate God or made a decision to hate Him.
- Wait but we love God right? You can't love God correctly without knowing how He defines love and desires to be loved. God is love so He knows the definition. He's using these commandments to define it for us so that we can come correct.
- Folks just still trying to love Him the way they want to and not how He instructs. He is the authority on love.
- What you do now will have an impact or influence on future generations.

- **Ezekiel 18** – sour grapes example...you are responsible for your own sins, can't blame your folks for that. If they were doing it back then...they will try and play that card again.
- I don't care how much you think you love Him, if you're not doing it His way, then you're a hater. He doesn't want you to miss out on His blessings.
- Be careful of legalism in this example...do not miss the spirit behind the commandment.

Exodus 20:6 – *And shewing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments.*

- There's a reward for obedience and loving God. How do I get mercy....by loving God for real and obeying His commandments.
- For feast people, at what step of the feast does mercy kick in? Feast number 5. So you've got four things to do before this level of mercy kicks in.

Exodus 20:7 – *Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain; for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.*

- Don't misuse His name, give lying sacrifices or give false reports associated with His name.
- You don't want this credited to your account and get the beat down that is coming.
- Guiltless – with innocence, avoiding judgment.

Exodus 20:8 – *Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy.*

- Remember to have a day where you celebrate the Lord and keep it holy or separated.

Exodus 20:9 – *Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work:*

- Work for 6 days.
- There is a period of time when the work of your hands needs to stop and you rest and trust in God and remember His goodness.
- Some things you are required to do but God didn't plan on you having to do it all.

Exodus 20:10 – *But the seventh day is the sabbath of the Lord thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates:*

- 7 = number of completion.
- That's the day of rest for us.
- The day of rest is coming.
- Everyone is called to this day of rest.

Exodus 20:11 – *For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it.*

- His original plan included 6 days of work but the last day, at the end was a time of rest to enjoy the work accomplished.
- This is the plan we are seeing unfolding today. Entering into His rest.

- Rest from our own works.

Application – In Christ we are under grace. Christ fulfilled the Law and of works, He did it all. We now rest in His grace.

Exodus 20:12 – *Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee.*

- Now the commandments switch to others.
- Honor your parents comes with a promise.
- Wonder why He calls for that?
- If we can't practice honoring parents who through them gave us life and cared for us, then how can we honor Him?
- Not just one but both parents.
- I didn't notice an expiration date or even death releasing us from this one. See [Matthew 21:28-31](#), [Matthew 15:4-6](#), [Ephesians 6:2-3](#).

Exodus 20:13 – *Thou shalt not kill.*

Under the Law:

- Don't kill.
- Remember the spirit of the Law ([Genesis 9:5-6](#)).
- Example, my tooth getting knocked out while playing basketball. [Exodus 21:23-24](#), [Leviticus 24:20-21](#), Law says I get some payback.

Under Grace:

- [Matthew 5:38-39](#) – instead of avenging the lost tooth, exercise mercy.

Exodus 20:14 – *Thou shalt not commit adultery.*

- Sexual sin, don't do that either.
- Don't sin against others and your own self, see [1 Corinthians 6:17-19](#).
- If you do it to others, you're doing it to Him.

Exodus 20:15 – *Thou shalt not steal.*

- Didn't save you so you can steal.

Exodus 20:16 – *Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour.*

- Don't lie on others. Liars have their place in the lake of fire.

Exodus 20:17 – *Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that is thy neighbour's.*

- Don't covet or have sinful desire for the things that your neighbors have that you don't have. Get your own, don't take it from someone else.
- This strikes at the root of most sins and evil that we do to others.
- Remember Cain, it started from this.
- See [Romans 7:7-8](#) – spirit of this is lusting – desire after everything divinely forbidden.
- For three decades I listened to people make these silly arguments and I said, "Yes! That sounds good! Yes, yes!" And I would spend my time in little else than reading the publications of blind guides and hypocrites.
- I was deceived ([2 Timothy 3:13](#))! I didn't understand God's righteousness comes from the indwelling of the Holy Spirit by faith in Christ alone.
- I was blind ([2 Corinthians 3:14](#))! But not because I wanted to be. My heart wanted to please God. I simply thought God wanted me to change myself into a good person, rather than letting God Himself be the goodness within me.
- If you work to be justified by the Law then Christ provides nothing to you, see [Galatians 5:1-12](#).
- Many of us have wasted much time not understanding this simple principle.

Purpose of the Law:

- You cannot squeeze righteousness from the law any more than you can squeeze blood from a turnip. We have all sinned already.
- The law cannot make a person righteous, nor can a person make themselves righteous through the law.
- The law doesn't bring righteousness; it brings the knowledge of our ugliness and sin.
- The law cannot forgive, it only condemns. (Christ forgives to the uttermost!)
- The law can only show us our failures and our need for a Savior.

A Response:

- This perpetual spiritual rest is precisely like what we have in the New Covenant in Jesus Christ.
- That means the Sabbath day rest is not in fact the same as the creation rest ([Hebrews 4:4-8](#)). It is merely a shadow of the creation rest – a shadow that points to Christ. It is designed to confuse a person into thinking the "Christian Sabbath" is a day of the week. The "Christian Sabbath" is spiritual rest in Christ – a perpetual spiritual rest, not physical rest in a week day.
- The law is faith and love. John describes the laws for us.
- ([1 John 3:23](#)) And this is His commandment: that we should believe on the name of His Son Jesus Christ and love one another, as He gave us commandment.
- Until Christ came, the law was our method to know righteousness. Paul calls it "the righteous requirements of the law."
- But now that Christ has come, we no longer need the law.
- Our righteousness comes by faith, not by law; by the in-dwelling of the Holy Spirit, not our effort.

Exodus 32

Exodus 32:1 – *And when the people saw that Moses delayed to come down out of the mount, the people gathered themselves together unto Aaron, and said unto him, Up, make us gods, which shall go before us; for as for this Moses, the man that brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we wot not what is become of him.*

- Moses delay caused this reaction. Moses a type of Christ the spiritual leader and intercessor between them and God.
 - a) Moses, type of Christ, is away talking with the Father after they've had their first Pentecost.
 - b) While he is away, God left them with the results or benefits left over from Pentecost, which was the Law; divine instructions for how to operate, stay saved, stay in God's favor, etc.
 - c) Rather than obey the instructions, they went off in the natural.
 - d) So they go to the priest (still went to church), and ask him to "perform" or do something, i.e., make them gods to substitute the true God they already had.
 - e) This is not a friendly gathering.
 - f) These new gods will go before them, meaning lead them, and they will follow after this instead of obeying and/or following the instructions from the true God. They decide to follow after false gods, pretenders, and vain things.
 - g) Reason for wanting to follow after something vain and false, because the one who brought them this far out of Egypt, they can't see him anymore in the natural.
 - h) The Shekinah (glory of God) was now veiled (cloud still present) so they wanted some visible material object as a symbol of the divine presence. Be careful, make sure your symbol comes from God, not man made.
 - i) Whatever is depended on more than God can turn into your idol.
 - j) Don't know where he is. They knew where he went, they knew what he was supposed to be doing, but somehow in the delay, they seem to have forgot that the true prophet and example of Christ was still on the job working for them to bring them all the way into God's promised place.
 - k) Just because you can't see Jesus, doesn't mean he ain't working it out for you.
 - l) Operating in the natural, walking by sight not by faith.
 - m) Observation. For the first time, they don't seek to go back to Egypt physically. They want to stay there and even have a desire and intent to go forward. Just not under the direction of the Most High. They in their heart go back to Egypt ([Acts 7:39](#)).
 - n) In fact, they didn't want to wait, were impatient and wanted to go forward. He that believeth shall not make haste.
 - o) While they were waiting, they were provided for. Didn't know how long Moses would be away, because God didn't tell them. They just needed to have faith and wait on Him.
 - p) Application....because somewhere in all of this is the spiritual root cause for many Christians after Pentecost.
 - q) They only had to wait a little while longer. In the right place physically, but heart had moved.

Exodus 32:2 – *And Aaron said unto them, Break off the golden earrings, which are in the ears of your wives, of your sons, and of your daughters, and bring them unto me.*

- Aaron says, in order for me to perform, bring me your bling bling.

- I won't perform until you break me off a little something.
- Didn't say he didn't care about the people; but nevertheless, still instructing them the wrong way and supporting or feeding into their fleshy and natural desires. Watch out my preachers and teachers.
- Violated the very first commandment from [Exodus 20](#).
- Demonstrates the importance of Pentecost before you start operating in the ministry.
- You need to be led by the Most High rather than the natural desires and wishes of the people. People, especially babies, need godly leadership and truth.
- Why does Aaron do this? Makes the mistake that many leaders make. This mistake is to be influenced by, scared of, or obeying the people and what they want instead of what God wants.
- Listens to the people rather than obey God ([Proverbs 29:25](#)).
- Saul, Pilate, etc.
- Desire for favor in front of the people will also mess you up. I call this noise in my book.

Exodus 32:3 – *And all the people brake off the golden earrings which were in their ears, and brought them unto Aaron.*

- People obeyed Aaron and came back.
- When Aaron agreed to perform, the people came back. Where are my preachers and teachers? Be careful. They may be coming back to hear you but make sure they are coming back for the right reason.
- Are they coming back because you are about to perform, or because God is going to perform?

Exodus 32:4 – *And he received them at their hand, and fashioned it with a graving tool, after he had made it a molten calf: and they said, These be thy gods, O Israel, which brought thee up out of the land of Egypt.*

- Notice what he did.
- Received what they gave him, took it and with a tool that he made (man-made) he started to carve and make something and create something out of it.
- Made a calf, and anointed it and declared it with his mouth that these are now the gods and things that the people should now follow.
- Not only that, he gives credit to this man-made item by stating they are the ones that delivered them out of bondage and they removed God from their past history and success.
- Now they are following after a lie that the priest tells them, but it was what they wanted to hear.
- Aaron made it worse. They had not denied that God and Moses brought them out.
- But now the priest takes them further into error. Covers their tracks which will make it difficult for them to return and get back on track with God.
- In trying to please the people, he compromises.
- Why is what Aaron did so wrong? He only did what the people asked, and gives them a little extra, and they are still gathering. He can still draw a crowd.
- Totally opposite of what the Most High instructed.

Exodus 32:5 – *And when Aaron saw it, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made proclamation, and said, To morrow is a feast to the LORD.*

- When he saw the work or the outcome of what he had made, he made it the center of worship and called it a feast or sacrifice to God. Made idol to represent God.
- A Cain offering.
- All that drama the day before but going to get ready to go to church tomorrow. We'll get up early to go to church thinking that will take care of what we did last night.

Exodus 32:6 – *And they rose up early on the morrow, and offered burnt offerings, and brought peace offerings; and the people sat down to eat and to drink, and rose up to play.*

- Got up early and sacrificed, brought offerings, worshipped, ate a good meal and played. (**1 Corinthians 10:7**).
- Worshiped Him in the pagan manner in which they were familiar with from when they were in Egypt.

Exodus 32:7 – *And the LORD said unto Moses, Go, get thee down; for thy people, which thou broughtest out of the land of Egypt, have corrupted themselves:*

- The people who were delivered out of Egypt had spoiled or ruined themselves. After the Red Sea, after Pentecost, after the Law given, they spoiled themselves.
- Sin causes you to corrupt yourself.
- God calls them Moses' people, He disowns them. Because spoiled people want to have their own way.
- God knows exactly what they did. You can't hide from Him.

Exodus 32:8 – *They have turned aside quickly out of the way which I commanded them: they have made them a molten calf, and have worshipped it, and have sacrificed thereunto, and said, These be thy gods, O Israel, which have brought thee up out of the land of Egypt.*

- Knew what was right.
 - a) They were given instructions, told and shown the way.
 - b) It's important to know the way and the truth, but then you have to live the life.
- How quickly they abandoned the true path.
 - a) God's observation; they turned away quickly.
 - b) They were on the right path, but didn't take long to go off the rails.
 - c) That should tell you something.
- How did they get off track?
 - a) Lack of faith
 - b) Didn't do what God had told them.
 - c) Disobedience.
 - d) They returned to what they knew, what they were comfortable with
 - e) Set up an idol from something back in the day.
 - f) Made it the focus of the worship rather than God.
 - g) Sacrificed to it, gave up the Living God for something worthless.
 - h) Attributed what God did to deliver them to this man-made god. Forgot what God did!!!

- i) Flesh looks to something you can see and touch.

Exodus 32:9 – *And the LORD said unto Moses, I have seen this people, and, behold, it is a stiffnecked people:*

- God knew what he was dealing with. Stiffnecked = stubborn and hard-headed.

Exodus 32:10 – *Now therefore let me alone, that my wrath may wax hot against them, and that I may consume them: and I will make of thee a great nation.*

- Shows the character of Moses; offered to make him a great leader.
- Leave me alone, leave from what you're doing now with me because I don't want it to interrupt my anger growing against them.
- Moses as a type of Christ. Moses between God's wrath and punishment of the people.
- Why is God ready to smoke these people?
 - a) Sin.
 - b) Sin puts you in danger of getting smoked.

Exodus 32:11 – *And Moses besought the LORD his God, and said, LORD, why doth thy wrath wax hot against thy people, which thou hast brought forth out of the land of Egypt with great power, and with a mighty hand?*

- What does the exchange in the next three verses shows us?
- Power and attitude of intercessory prayer.

Exodus 32:12 – *Wherefore should the Egyptians speak, and say, For mischief did he bring them out, to slay them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth? Turn from thy fierce wrath, and repent of this evil against thy people.*

- If you take them this far out and smoke them, then the enemy will say, He didn't intend to bring them into something better.
 - a) It was all a trick and a set-up to bring them all the way out there just to take them out.
- Concerned about God's glory rather than his own. Wow!
- Great lie and trick of the enemy.
 - a) God is bringing you out to take you out rather than bring you in.
 - b) The enemy still plays that card today.
- If the Egyptians had said it, it wouldn't have been the truth even if He did smoke them because God's intent from the start was to bring them all the way out of bondage and into His goodness.

Exodus 32:13 – *Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, thy servants, to whom thou swarest by thine own self, and saidst unto them, I will multiply your seed as the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have spoken of will I give unto your seed, and they shall inherit it for ever.*

- Invokes the promises of God.
- Remembers and stands on them.

Exodus 32:14 – *And the LORD repented of the evil which he thought to do unto his people.*

- Standing on the promises is important in changing God's mind about you. He is a promise keeper. That's why I believe they go through this little exercise.
- Can you benefit from this?
- Shows us how to pray and get results when it's about His glory.
- Look at the development of Moses, stands up and defends the people a different way than when he was in Egypt.

Exodus 32:15 – *And Moses turned, and went down from the mount, and the two tables of the testimony were in his hand: the tables were written on both their sides; on the one side and on the other were they written.*

- This type of Christ turned from fellowship with God and left his high place to go down to where the people were.
- **Psalm 106:6-25**. Be careful.
 - a) Forgot what God had done for them.
 - b) Exchanged their glory into the image of a grass eating cow!!!
 - c) Be careful that the glory you have doesn't get changed into something much less.
 - d) Their glory was God but they changed His glorious image into a cow (**Romans 1:21** and **Habakkuk 2:18**).

Exodus 32:16 – *And the tables were the work of God, and the writing was the writing of God, graven upon the tables.*

- Carries with him the Word of God.
- Instructions for the people.
- Jesus was the Word that came down from heaven to instruct the people and save them from getting smoked.
- Wrote on stone this time, but next Pentecost, written on hearts.
- Hard folks don't get it.

Exodus 32:17 – *And when Joshua heard the noise of the people as they shouted, he said unto Moses, There is a noise of war in the camp.*

- Joshua not connected to the mess going on.
- Joshua waited.
- Heard the noise and thought it was fighting.

Exodus 32:18 – *And he said, It is not the voice of them that shout for mastery, neither is it the voice of them that cry for being overcome: but the noise of them that sing do I hear.*

- Moses tells him the noise
 - a) Is not fighting, battle was over already.
 - b) Is not a noise of victory over an enemy, they we're not trying to come out of their sin.
 - c) Is not a noise associated with distress seeking help against an enemy
 - d) It is singing. They are singing in their mess.
- Do you know of anybody who is singing, but still in sin?

- Joshua didn't know but Moses did. Explain and apply.
- You better always ask the Lord about that noise you're hearing.

Exodus 32:19 – *And it came to pass, as soon as he came nigh unto the camp, that he saw the calf, and the dancing: and Moses' anger waxed hot, and he cast the tables out of his hands, and brake them beneath the mount.*

- Partying, worship, having a good time but the calf was still there in the middle of the celebration. Notice, these are church folks after Pentecost.
- He got mad and broke the tablets. Symbol of God still reaching out to them
- He didn't break the agreement, they did. Their own actions caused the breaking.

Exodus 32:20 – *And he took the calf which they had made, and burnt it in the fire, and ground it to powder, and strawed it upon the water, and made the children of Israel drink of it.*

- Took drastic action against the idol.
- The thing they were looking to lead, protect, and follow into something better, couldn't protect itself against the Prophet.
- Outcome of any idol; smoked, nothing left, can't stand up in the fire.
- The bitterness of this error you have to drink.
- Why? So they can know and remember the bitter taste and result of this type of error.
- Some stuff you can't condone as a leader, you have to set some stuff straight.

Exodus 32:21 – *And Moses said unto Aaron, What did this people unto thee, that thou hast brought so great a sin upon them?*

- Key Question to the Priest; what did they do to cause you to bring them down and allow this type of great sin on them? Goes to Aaron first.
- Must have known his heart was right at first.
- Aaron carried great responsibility.
- Other people can cause you to err even if you know better.
- Lesson for ministers, you can't condone sin and false teaching.

Exodus 32:22 – *And Aaron said, Let not the anger of my lord wax hot: thou knowest the people, that they are set on mischief.*

- You know the type of people/congregation we're dealing with; they are set on doing wrong.
- If he knew that, he should have had a word or known better how to deal with them.
- Following people who follow after mischief are the last people you want to obey and follow after.
- When you sin and get caught you may blame others.

Exodus 32:23 – *For they said unto me, Make us gods, which shall go before us: for as for this Moses, the man that brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we wot not what is become of him.*

- Replays what happened.

Exodus 32:24 – *And I said unto them, Whosoever hath any gold, let them break it off. So they gave it me: then I cast it into the fire, and there came out this calf.*

- Blames the people and not himself for this sin. Lies.
- He knew that idol didn't just pop up like that.
- Shows what type of leader Aaron was.

Exodus 32:25 – *And when Moses saw that the people were naked; (for Aaron had made them naked unto their shame among their enemies:)*

- Naked = loosed. This sin had let loose or showed unrestrained exposure of their sin and weakness in front of their enemies.
- Could also mean unarmed or defenseless.

Exodus 32:26 – *Then Moses stood in the gate of the camp, and said, Who is on the LORD's side? let him come unto me. And all the sons of Levi gathered themselves together unto him.*

Application – Opportunity for repentance. If you are on the Lord's side you have to go to the Prophet.

Exodus 32:27 – *And he said unto them, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, Put every man his sword by his side, and go in and out from gate to gate throughout the camp, and slay every man his brother, and every man his companion, and every man his neighbour.*

- Judgment executed.

Exodus 32:28 – *And the children of Levi did according to the word of Moses: and there fell of the people that day about three thousand men.*

- 3,000 die. Relatives called on to take them out.
- Note in [Acts 2](#), 3,000 are saved during Pentecost when they repented and turned to God.

Exodus 32:29 – *For Moses had said, Consecrate yourselves today to the LORD, even every man upon his son, and upon his brother; that he may bestow upon you a blessing this day.*

- Consecrate = to fill. Dedicate self to Lord and can still get a blessing after playing the harlot with God.

Exodus 32:30 – *And it came to pass on the morrow, that Moses said unto the people, Ye have sinned a great sin: and now I will go up unto the LORD; peradventure I shall make an atonement for your sin.*

- Tomorrow, there can still be a happiness and intercession after your great sin.
- Atonement still available with repentance and consecration. To be filled!!!

Exodus 32:31 – *And Moses returned unto the LORD, and said, Oh, this people have sinned a great sin, and have made them gods of gold.*

- Moses returns to make intercession for the people.
- **Deuteronomy 9:20**, Moses prayed for Aaron so God wouldn't smoke him.
- Aaron must have been very frightened believing he would be smoked. He must have thought there was no future for him.

Application – Even when you mess up really bad. Jesus is still our intercessor. Be humble, step 1, and go to the Lord.

Exodus 32:32 – *Yet now, if thou wilt forgive their sin--; and if not, blot me, I pray thee, out of thy book which thou hast written.*

- Awesomeness of Moses.
- More concerned over obtaining mercy for the people rather than his own self.
- He put his people above himself. Great leader.
- Key point, even after coming this far, must still be a chance that your name can be blotted out of the Book.

Exodus 32:33 – *And the LORD said unto Moses, Whosoever hath sinned against me, him will I blot out of my book.*

- Whoever sins gets blotted out of the book.
- To be blotted out means at one time you must have been in the book.
- Sin can cause you to get erased from the book.

Exodus 32:34 – *Therefore now go, lead the people unto the place of which I have spoken unto thee: behold, mine Angel shall go before thee: nevertheless in the day when I visit I will visit their sin upon them.*

- God's plan still in effect even after the sin.
- Still desires to execute the plan in their life and bring them into His desired and promised place.
- Their mistake didn't disqualify them from God's faithfulness or promises.
- God in His divine providence promised to assist them along their journey; however, there would still be a price to pay for their sins.
- Remember some were killed, why?

Exodus 32:35 – *And the LORD plagued the people, because they made the calf, which Aaron made.*

- People plagued because of the idolatry which Aaron facilitated for them.
- Sin has consequences.
- The Egyptians were plagued for their idols.

Exodus 40

Quick Overview

- God provides to Moses instructions for setting up the Tabernacle.
- Key point, this is 'after' they sinned with the idol and set up a false worship.
- After the screwed up, God is still merciful in establishing a way they can connect and meet with Him.

Exodus 40:1-2 – *And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, ² On the first day of the first month shalt thou set up the tabernacle of the tent of the congregation.*

- First day, first month, they are to make preparation for meeting God.

Application – The first thing we need to do is to prepare our place.

Exodus 40:3-8 – *And thou shalt put therein the ark of the testimony, and cover the ark with the vail. ⁴ And thou shalt bring in the table, and set in order the things that are to be set in order upon it; and thou shalt bring in the candlestick, and light the lamps thereof. ⁵ And thou shalt set the altar of gold for the incense before the ark of the testimony, and put the hanging of the door to the tabernacle. ⁶ And thou shalt set the altar of the burnt offering before the door of the tabernacle of the tent of the congregation. ⁷ And thou shalt set the laver between the tent of the congregation and the altar, and shalt put water therein. ⁸ And thou shalt set up the court round about, and hang up the hanging at the court gate.*

- The instructions are given from the inside out; not from the outside working in.
- Our preparation starts on the inside of us.
- Everything is in order.
- Start from the beginning of each section and then go out to the next section.
- For example, Table, Candlestick, Golden Altar.

Exodus 40:9-15 – *And thou shalt take the anointing oil, and anoint the tabernacle, and all that is therein, and shalt hallow it, and all the vessels thereof: and it shall be holy. ¹⁰ And thou shalt anoint the altar of the burnt offering, and all his vessels, and sanctify the altar: and it shall be an altar most holy. ¹¹ And thou shalt anoint the laver and his foot, and sanctify it. ¹² And thou shalt bring Aaron and his sons unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, and wash them with water. ¹³ And thou shalt put upon Aaron the holy garments, and anoint him, and sanctify him; that he may minister unto me in the priest's office. ¹⁴ And thou shalt bring his sons, and clothe them with coats: ¹⁵ And thou shalt anoint them, as thou didst anoint their father, that they may minister unto me in the priest's office: for their anointing shall surely be an everlasting priesthood throughout their generations.*

- Everything associated with the Tabernacle, the furniture, the structure itself, the priests, all are set apart and anointed and treated as holy. Sanctify it.

Exodus 40:16-19 – *Thus did Moses: according to all that the LORD commanded him, so did he. ¹⁷ And it came to pass in the first month in the second year, on the first day of the month, that the tabernacle was reared up. ¹⁸ And Moses reared up the tabernacle, and fastened his sockets, and set up the boards thereof, and put in the bars thereof, and reared up his pillars. ¹⁹ And he spread abroad the tent over the tabernacle, and put the covering of the tent above upon it; as the LORD commanded Moses.*

- Moses obeys and follows the instructions. Structure is set up.
- Sometimes the cloud may have you in a place longer than you expected. Don't get impatient and move. As long as the place where you are camped still holds His presence, you will be alright.

[David Guzik] – A divine pattern; be careful not to try and improve upon and change the divine instructions based upon what we think.

Exodus 40:20-33 – *And he took and put the testimony into the ark, and set the staves on the ark, and put the mercy seat above upon the ark: ²¹ And he brought the ark into the tabernacle, and set up the vail of the covering, and covered the ark of the testimony; as the LORD commanded Moses. ²² And he put the table in the tent of the congregation, upon the side of the tabernacle northward, without the vail. ²³ And he set the bread in order upon it before the LORD; as the LORD had commanded Moses. ²⁴ And he put the candlestick in the tent of the congregation, over against the table, on the side of the tabernacle southward. ²⁵ And he lighted the lamps before the LORD; as the LORD commanded Moses. ²⁶ And he put the golden altar in the tent of the congregation before the vail: ²⁷ And he burnt sweet incense thereon; as the LORD commanded Moses. ²⁸ And he set up the hanging at the door of the tabernacle. ²⁹ And he put the altar of burnt offering by the door of the tabernacle of the tent of the congregation, and offered upon it the burnt offering and the meat offering; as the LORD commanded Moses. ³⁰ And he set the laver between the tent of the congregation and the altar, and put water there, to wash withal. ³¹ And Moses and Aaron and his sons washed their hands and their feet thereat: ³² When they went into the tent of the congregation, and when they came near unto the altar, they washed; as the LORD commanded Moses. ³³ And he reared up the court round about the tabernacle and the altar, and set up the hanging of the court gate. So Moses finished the work.*

- Sets up the Ark, testimony is in the Ark, Mercy Seat on top of that.
- Your past mistakes that you place in the Ark doesn't keep you from being in the presence of God.
- Each piece of furniture is set in place.
- Notice, everything in its proper place, but there is more.
- The pieces don't just sit there; they are immediately put into use.
- Testimony is placed into the Ark, Mercy Seat attached, bread is placed on the table, lamp is lit, incense burned on the Golden Altar, burnt offerings performed.
- The laver is not only set up, but water is put in it.
- Priests not just looking at the water but using it to wash.
- Part of them finishing the work was actually using it and applying each piece of furniture as it was designed.

Application – Follow the steps as they were designed.

Exodus 40:34-35 – *Then a cloud covered the tent of the congregation, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle. ³⁵ And Moses was not able to enter into the tent of the congregation, because the cloud abode thereon, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle.*

- After they do their part and obey, follow instructions, and apply what God said....look at what happens
- His presence and His glory shows up and is revealed.
- How do we see the glory and how is it revealed in the world? It is revealed when we obey the Word.
- Our goal should be to follow and apply each step so that His glory can be revealed.
- Notice, the glory here seemed even more intense than when Moses was in the Mount.

Exodus 40:36-38 – *And when the cloud was taken up from over the tabernacle, the children of Israel went onward in all their journeys: ³⁷ But if the cloud were not taken up, then they journeyed not till the day that it was taken up. ³⁸ For the cloud of the LORD was upon the tabernacle by day, and fire was on it by night, in the sight of all the house of Israel, throughout all their journeys.*

- The Cloud – His glory and presence was in the cloud.
- When the cloud moved; they moved. When the cloud stayed, they stayed. Just follow the cloud.
- His presence was always on the Tabernacle. I want a church like that.
- Throughout their journey whenever you wanted to experience and see the presence of God, you need only go to the Tabernacle.
- I want to be that kind of personal church, where if I follow and apply His steps; His glory can be seen in me.

Question – What does it mean when His glory comes down?

[David Guzik]-without the glory, just a fancy tent.

- **Numbers 9:15-23** – Guiding Cloud

Application – Don't make a move unless the Spirit/Cloud leads you. Go in the direction of the Cloud. Follow the Cloud every day. So, every day they should have been looking to see where the Cloud was. To get the direction and instructions for the day from God. He still directs us each day by His Spirit. That must be our cloud for today.

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