

Exodus, Chapter 5

5:1–3 • Notice—they aren't asking for total release from slavery: just *three days to worship Yahweh!*

Vs 4–9 • Pharaoh retaliates: now they have to gather their own straw for their bricks, in order to keep the Hebrews so busy they can't rebel

Vs 10–14 • A picture of bondage to sin!

Vs 15–19 • Israel begs for mercy, but are instead told to do the impossible. God will soon be doing the "impossible" to change Pharaoh's heart!

Vs 20–23 • What a sad change of heart from the end of chapter 4! They have lost all joy and courage.



Midweek Study

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Sermon Discussion from 5/10

Intro • What is the hardest part of the arrest and crucifixion of Jesus to wrap your head around?

Let's review...

- 1 • JESUS CARRYING THE BURDEN OF SIN (19:17)
- 2 • DYING IN OUR PLACE (19:18)
- 3 • DIGNITY RESTORED
- 4 • NEW RELATIONSHIP
- 5 • SPIRITUAL THIRST QUENCHED (John 7:37b–38)
- 6 • COMPLETED WORK
- 7 • WILLING SURRENDER (John 10:17–18)
- 8 • DEATH OF SIN & THE GRAVE
- 9 • HIS VINDICATION

TONIGHT'S STUDY

John 20:21–23 (for next Sunday)

For what purpose do they receive the Spirit?

How are they to forgive or NOT forgive sins?

How do they hold the "keys" (Matthew 16:17–19)

Do ministers, pastors, elders, etc hold a special anointing or authority unavailable to "regular" Christians?

EXODUS CHAPTER 4

Exodus 3:1–22 • Background / Review • Moses is meeting with God at the Burning Bush

4:1–5 • Sign #1: Moses' staff becomes a serpent / then a staff as he picks it up

How were snakes viewed in ancient Egypt?



Vs 6–8 • Sign #2 • Moses' hand is diseased, then healed

Vs 9 • Sign #3 • Nile water turned to blood (looking ahead to the plagues)

Vs 10 • Moses makes another excuse: *I am not eloquent*

Vs 11–12 • God's answer: *I will be with your mouth*

Vs 13 • Moses again hesitates: *Use someone else*

Vs 14–17 • God answers in anger! Moses isn't off the hook, but he will be given a helper: his brother Aaron.

Vs 18–23 • Moses takes his family and heads to Egypt on his mission

Vs 24–26 • One of the strangest events in all of scripture! Moses has neglected to circumcise one of their sons and Zipporah must do it. Moses has become her "bridegroom of blood." Ew!!

Vs 27–31 • God is setting up the big showdown between Moses & Pharaoh