

Moses & Zipporah

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PSALM 111

Praise the Lord!

I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart,
in the assembly of the godly and the congregation.

2 The Lord's deeds are great,
eagerly awaited by all who desire them.

3 His work is majestic and glorious,
and his faithfulness endures forever.

4 He does amazing things that will be remembered;
the Lord is merciful and compassionate.

5 He gives food to his faithful followers;
he always remembers his covenant.

6 He announced that he would do mighty deeds for his people,
giving them a land that belonged to other nations.

7 His acts are characterized by faithfulness and justice;
all his precepts are reliable.

8 They are forever firm,
and should be faithfully and properly carried out.

9 He delivered his people;
he ordained that his covenant be observed forever.
His name is holy and awesome.

10 To obey the Lord is the fundamental principle for wise living;
all who carry out his precepts acquire good moral insight.
He will receive praise forever.

EXODUS 1-15

1 8 Then a new king, who did not know about Joseph, came to power over Egypt. 9 He said to his people, "Look at the Israelite people, more numerous and stronger than we are! 10 Come, let's deal wisely with them. Otherwise they will continue to multiply, and if a war breaks out, they will ally themselves with our enemies and fight against us and leave the country."

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15 The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiphrah and the other Puah, 16 "When you

MORNING PRAYER

*O Lord, open our lips;
And our mouth
shall shew forth your praise.*

*O God,
make speed to save us.*

*O Lord,
make haste to help us.*

*Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son:
and to the Spirit*

*As it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be:
world without end.*

Amen.

COLLECT

*O God our King,
by the resurrection of your Son
Jesus Christ
on the first day of the week,
you conquered sin,
put death to flight,
and gave us the hope
of everlasting life:*

*Redeem all our days by this victory;
forgive our sins, banish our fears,
make us bold to praise you
and to do your will;
and steel us to wait for the
consummation of your kingdom
on the last great Day;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

Amen.

CONFESSION

Lord, though you should guide us,
we inform ourselves;
though you should rule us, we
control ourselves;
though you should fulfill us, we
console ourselves.

We think your truth too high,
your will too hard,
your power too remote,
your love too free.
But they are not!
And without them,
we are of all people most miserable.

Now heal our confused minds
with your word,
heal our divided wills
with your law,
heal our troubled consciences
with your love,
heal our anxious hearts
with your presence,
all for the sake of your Son,
who loved us
and gave himself for us.

Amen.

—

Almighty Father, who for your great
love of your creation
did give your dearly beloved Son
to die for us;

Grant that through his Cross
our sins may be put away, and
remembered no more against us,
and that, cleansed by his Blood,
and mindful of his sufferings,
we may take up our cross daily,
and follow him in newness of life,
until we come to his
everlasting kingdom;

through the Name of your Son
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

assist the Hebrew women in childbirth, observe at the delivery: If it is a son, kill him, but if it is a daughter, she may live." 17 But the midwives feared God and did not do what the king of Egypt had told them; they let the boys live.

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2 A man from the household of Levi married a woman who was a descendant of Levi. 2 The woman became pregnant and gave birth to a son. When she saw that he was a healthy child, she hid him for three months. 3 But when she was no longer able to hide him, she took a papyrus basket for him and sealed it with bitumen and pitch. She put the child in it and set it among the reeds along the edge of the Nile. 4 His sister stationed herself at a distance to find out what would happen to him.

5 Then the daughter of Pharaoh came down to wash herself by the Nile, while her attendants were walking alongside the river, and she saw the basket among the reeds. She sent one of her attendants, took it, 6 opened it, and saw the child—a boy, crying!—and she felt compassion for him and said, "This is one of the Hebrews' children."

7 Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, "Shall I go and get a nursing woman for you from the Hebrews, so that she may nurse the child for you?" 8 Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Yes, do so." So the young girl went and got the child's mother. 9 Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Take this child and nurse him for me, and I will pay your wages." So the woman took the child and nursed him.

10 When the child grew older she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and he became her son. She named him Moses, saying, "Because I drew him from the water."

11 In those days, when Moses had grown up, he went out to his people and observed their hard labor, and he saw an Egyptian man attacking a Hebrew man, one of his own people. 12 He looked this way and that and saw that no one was there, and then he attacked the Egyptian and concealed the body in the sand. ... 15 When Pharaoh heard about this event, he sought to kill Moses. So Moses fled from Pharaoh and settled in the land of Midian, and he settled by a certain well.

AFTERNOON PRAYER

*God of all creation,
full of love and abounding in mercy;
May the whole earth
be filled with your glory.*

*Lord, bless and guide
all ministers of your church;
Clothe them in righteousness
and grant them wisdom.*

*Direct the leaders of our nation;
That they may act in accordance
with your kingdom.*

*Enlarge our own hearts, O Lord,
To love the things that you love*

*May we proclaim your light
In every place where there is darkness.*

*May we proclaim
your Holy Name
In every aspect of our lives.*

*Create in us clean hearts,
O God;
And renew a right spirit
within us.*

*Grant us your peace;
For only in you
can we live in safety.*

*We pray for those in sickness,
grief, persecution, bondage,
fear, or loneliness.*

Lord, have mercy.

Let us offer our own prayers:

16 Now a priest of Midian had seven daughters, and they came and began to draw water and fill the troughs in order to water their father's flock. 17 When some shepherds came and drove them away, Moses came up and defended them and then watered their flock. 18 So when they came home to their father Reuel, he asked, "Why have you come home so early today?" 19 They said, "An Egyptian man rescued us from the shepherds, and he actually drew water for us and watered the flock!" 20 He said to his daughters, "So where is he? Why in the world did you leave the man? Call him, so that he may eat a meal with us."

21 Moses agreed to stay with the man, and he gave his daughter Zipporah to Moses in marriage. 22 When she bore a son, Moses named him Gershom, for he said, "I have become a resident foreigner in a foreign land."

23 During that long period of time the king of Egypt died, and the Israelites groaned because of the slave labor. They cried out, and their desperate cry because of their slave labor went up to God. 24 God heard their groaning; God remembered his covenant with Abraham, with Isaac, and with Jacob. 25 God saw the Israelites, and God understood.

3 Now Moses was shepherding the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian, and he led the flock to the far side of the desert and came to the mountain of God, to Horeb. 2 The angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire from within a bush. He looked, and the bush was ablaze with fire, but it was not being consumed! 3 So Moses thought, "I will turn aside to see this amazing sight. Why does the bush not burn up?" 4 When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to look, God called to him from within the bush and said, "Moses, Moses!" And Moses said, "Here I am." 5 God said, "Do not approach any closer! Take your sandals off your feet, for the place where you are standing is holy ground." 6 He added, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." Then Moses hid his face, because he was afraid to look at God.

7 The Lord said, "I have surely seen the affliction of my people

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy Name,

Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done,
On earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive those
who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen.

EVENING PRAYER

O God,
the life of all who live,
the light of the faithful,
the strength of those who labor,
and the repose of the dead:

We thank you for the blessings
of the day that is past,
and humbly ask for your protection
through the coming night.

Bring us in safety
to the morning hours;
through him who died
and rose again for us,
your Son our Savior
Jesus Christ.
Amen.

who are in Egypt. I have heard their cry because of their taskmasters, for I know their sorrows. 8 I have come down to deliver them from the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up from that land to a land that is both good and spacious, to a land flowing with milk and honey, to the region of the Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Hivites, and Jebusites. 9 And now indeed the cry of the Israelites has come to me, and I have also seen how severely the Egyptians oppress them. 10 So now go, and I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt."

11 Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, or that I should bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" 12 He replied, "Surely I will be with you, and this will be the sign to you that I have sent you: When you bring the people out of Egypt, you and they will serve God at this mountain."

13 Moses said to God, "If I go to the Israelites and tell them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?'—what should I say to them?"

14 God said to Moses, "I AM that I AM." And he said, "You must say this to the Israelites, 'I AM has sent me to you.'"

15 God also said to Moses, "You must say this to the Israelites, 'The Lord—the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob—has sent me to you. This is my name forever, and this is my memorial from generation to generation.'

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7 So the Lord said to Moses, "See, I have made you like God to Pharaoh, and your brother Aaron will be your prophet. 2 You are to speak everything I command you, and your brother Aaron is to tell Pharaoh that he must release the Israelites from his land. 3 But I will harden Pharaoh's heart, and although I will multiply my signs and my wonders in the land of Egypt, 4 Pharaoh will not listen to you. I will reach into Egypt and bring out my regiments, my people the Israelites, from the land of Egypt with great acts of judgment. 5 Then the Egyptians will know that I am the Lord when I extend my hand over Egypt and bring the Israelites out from among them."

6 And Moses and Aaron did so; they did just as the Lord commanded them. 7 Now Moses was eighty years old and Aaron was eighty-three years old when they spoke to Pharaoh.

LISTEN

Wade In The Water

-The Spirituals

Tremble

-Lauren Daigle

No Longer Bound

-Forrest Frank

PONDER

God's Rebels

-Cody Miller

<https://www.codyfmiller.com/products/gods-rebels>

Deliver Us:

-Stephen Schwartz,

performance from London's West End
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jUuaBTvtG8>

12 The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, 2 "This month is to be your beginning of months; it will be your first month of the year. 3 Tell the whole community of Israel, 'On the tenth day of this month they each must take a lamb for themselves according to their families—a lamb for each household. 4 If any household is too small for a lamb, the man and his next-door neighbor are to take a lamb according to the number of people—you will make your count for the lamb according to how much each one can eat. 5 Your lamb must be perfect, a male, one year old; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. 6 You must care for it until the fourteenth day of this month, and then the whole community of Israel will kill it around sundown. 7 They will take some of the blood and put it on the two side posts and top of the doorframe of the houses where they will eat it. ... It is the Lord's Passover.

12 'I will pass through the land of Egypt in the same night, and I will attack all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both of humans and of animals, and on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgment. I am the Lord. 13 The blood will be a sign for you on the houses where you are, so that when I see the blood I will pass over you, and this plague will not fall on you to destroy you when I attack the land of Egypt.

14 'This day will become a memorial for you, and you will celebrate it as a festival to the Lord—you will celebrate it perpetually as a lasting ordinance. ... 17 So you will keep the Feast of Unleavened Bread, because on this very day I brought your regiments out from the land of Egypt, and so you must keep this day perpetually as a lasting ordinance.

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29 It happened at midnight—the Lord attacked all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, from the firstborn of Pharaoh who sat on his throne to the firstborn of the captive who was in the prison, and all the firstborn of the cattle. 30 Pharaoh got up in the night, along with all his servants and all Egypt, and there was a great cry in Egypt, for there was no house in which there was not someone dead. 31 Pharaoh summoned Moses and Aaron in the night and said, "Get up, get out from among my people, both you and the Israelites! Go, serve the Lord as you have requested!...

LISTEN

O Mary Don't You Weep

-Bruce Springsteen

Rescue

-Lauren Daigle

PONDER

Exodus

-Scott Erickson

<https://scottericksonartshop.com/products/exodus>

Bithia's Defiance (article)

-Victoria Emily Jones, 2020

<https://artandtheology.org/2020/09/04/bithiahs-defiance-kelley-nikondeha-and-poet-eleanor-wilner-imagine-pharaohs-daughter/>

13 17 When Pharaoh released the people, God did not lead them by the way to the land of the Philistines, although that was nearby, for God said, "Lest the people change their minds and return to Egypt when they experience war." 18 So God brought the people around by the way of the wilderness to the Red Sea, and the Israelites went up from the land of Egypt prepared for battle.

19 Moses took the bones of Joseph with him, for Joseph had made the Israelites solemnly swear, "God will surely attend to you, and you will carry my bones up from this place with you." 20 They journeyed from Sukkoth and camped in Etham, on the edge of the desert. 21 Now the Lord was going before them by day in a pillar of cloud to lead them in the way, and by night in a pillar of fire to give them light, so that they could travel day or night. 22 He did not remove the pillar of cloud by day nor the pillar of fire by night from before the people.

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15 Then Moses and the Israelites sang this song to the Lord. They said,

"I will sing to the Lord, for he has triumphed gloriously,
the horse and its rider he has thrown into the sea.

2 The Lord is my strength and my song,
and he has become my salvation.

This is my God, and I will praise him,
my father's God, and I will exalt him.

3 The Lord is a warrior—
the Lord is his name.

4 The chariots of Pharaoh and his army
he has thrown into the sea,
and his chosen officers were drowned in the Red Sea.

5 The depths have covered them;
they went down to the bottom like a stone.

6 Your right hand, O Lord, was majestic in power;
your right hand, O Lord, shattered the enemy.

7 In the abundance of your majesty you have overthrown
those who rise up against you.

You sent forth your wrath;
it consumed them like stubble.

8 By the blast of your nostrils the waters were piled up,
the flowing water stood upright like a heap,

LISTEN

Ngarra Bura Ferra

-Jessica Mauboy

PONDER

Nagarra Burra Ferra

-Aboriginal Poem

<https://thejesusquestion.org/2015/07/09/ngarra-bura-fera-turn-back-pharaohs-army/>

Yunduk bekuk Jesu
Barwal bokuna yumina
Narwa bura Fera yumina
Yala

*(We're going to pray to Jesus
To bring some valiant soldiers
To drown old Pharaoh's army
Alleluia)*

The Last Supper

-Jen Norton, 2020

<https://www.jennortonartstudio.com/last-supper/>

and the deep waters were solidified in the heart of the sea.

...

13 By your loyal love

you will lead the people whom you have redeemed;
you will guide them by your strength to your holy dwelling
place.

14 The nations will hear and tremble;
anguish will seize the inhabitants of Philistia.

...

18 The Lord will reign forever and ever!

19 For the horses of Pharaoh came with his chariots
and his footmen into the sea,

and the Lord brought back the waters of the sea on them,
but the Israelites walked on dry land in the middle of the sea."

20 Miriam the prophetess, the sister of Aaron, took a hand
drum in her hand, and all the women went out after her with
hand drums and with dances. 21 Miriam sang in response to
them,

"Sing to the Lord, for he has triumphed gloriously;
the horse and its rider he has thrown into the sea."

LUKE 22

7 Then the day for the feast of Unleavened Bread came, on
which the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed. 8 Jesus sent
Peter and John, saying, "Go and prepare the Passover for us to
eat."

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14 Now when the hour came, Jesus took his place at the table
and the apostles joined him. 15 And he said to them, "I have
earnestly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer.

16 For I tell you, I will not eat it again until it is fulfilled in the
kingdom of God." 17 Then he took a cup, and after giving
thanks he said, "Take this and divide it among yourselves.

18 For I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of
the vine until the kingdom of God comes." 19 Then he took
bread, and after giving thanks he broke it and gave it to them,
saying, "This is my body which is given for you. Do this in
remembrance of me." 20 And in the same way he took the cup
after they had eaten, saying, "This cup that is poured out for
you is the new covenant in my blood.

Daily Reflection

Begin by **summarizing** what you read in any way you would like: draw, outline, paraphrase, etc. Continue by **reflecting** on the themes we are tracing: God's presence, people, and promises.

Daily Prayer

*try writing a collect