

July 17, 2022 Sermon Summary

The Covenantal God

Exodus 2:24

If the Israelites story ended in Exodus 2:23, we would not have the story of amazing grace, we would have a horror story of tremendous heartbreak. In Exodus 2:24 we see 2 realities: God is there and He wants to have a relationship with us.

God Hears

What does it mean for God to hear? It shows that God is in close proximity and has intimacy with His creation. Nothing escapes His ear; He understands and listens to every single word. Mankind longs to be heard. We want to be noticed. Man doesn't just want to be heard; they are desperate to be heard! Are we desperate in our prayer lives? Some of the greatest prayers that we can pray are the ones that have been signed by our tears. In the moment when the Israelites hearts were most desperate, that was the moment they were most ready for God.

Does God Forget?

What does verse 24 mean when it says that God remembered His covenant? It means that God is about to act. The promise that He made to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob has been brought to the forefront of His mind and He is about to do something. If the people crying out in verse 23 knew what God was doing in verse 24, those shouts of pain would have become shouts of rejoicing. God is about to do something that will reach out of the borders of Egypt and be heard around the entire ancient world.

What is Covenant?

A covenant is more than just a relationship. It is a "bond in blood sovereignly administered." Verse 24 stresses the Abrahamic covenant. Three distinct promises are given to Abraham: Abraham will become a great nation and this is done through the promise of having offspring beyond what can be counted and he is promised that through him, all the families of the earth will be blessed. How will this covenant be fulfilled? Not by Abraham's power but through the faithfulness of God alone. Just as God acted as He remembered the covenant He made with Abraham, He acts in the lives of those that have been blessed through the Seed of Abraham, Jesus Christ. Through Christ, we are in covenant with God Himself.