

Exodus 5:1-7:7 –16 April 2020

“Preparing For Deliverance”

Introduction

The Book of Exodus opens up w/ millions of Israelites having been in Egypt for 430 years & become slaves.

Moses, the Hebrew, grew up as a son to Pharaoh.

After failing on his own, God has called Moses to be the vessel He uses to rescue the children of Israel from their slavery and into freedom

Moses has now come back from his exile in Midian and with Aaron is ready to present to Pharaoh (for the 1st time) God’s command to allow them all to leave.

God has promised deliverance, what must one do to prepare for deliverance?

Renew the mind (Read Eph 4:22-24)

Tonight, here’s 3 things to renew into you mind as you prepare for deliverance

#1 – As you prepare for deliverance; **Expect doubters to distract (Chap 5:1-13)**

Read Vs 1-3

1. There will always be those people the do not help you in your mission to serve the Lord.
 - a. Why?
 - b. B/c they don't know the Lord your God
 - c. Or they're living disobedience to the Lord and not under His authority
2. It's always a question of authority
 - a. Does God get to pull strings in your life?
 - b. Nebuchadnezzar turned to a beast, then restored (Read Dan 4:37) – "...those that walk in pride He is able to abase."
3. Doubters will delay you on your Godly journey.
 - a. Prepare your mind for doubters.

Read Vs 4-13

1. The world wants to keep you busy. (Vs 5, 8,9)
 - a. Busy with work
 - b. Busy with...busyness
2. This lockdown that everyone has experienced has exposed a renewed desire in many people to get back to the heart of God.
 - a. Spend our time on what matters
 - b. Spend our money on what matters
3. Read Luk 11:34 – “when your eye is single...”
 - a. We’re either focused on the Lord or we’re not.
 - b. Can ur life be summed up as “focused on God”?
4. Read Luk 21:34 – “overcharged w/ surfeiting..”
 - a. We can miss God’s will, b/c we’re distracted
 - b. What’s it take to get distracted? Not much
5. Read Heb 2:1 – “don’t let them slip”
6. Read Heb 12:1 – “Lay aside every weight...”
7. Next time someone says, “I want to call a friend & talk about the Lord, but I’m just so BUSY!”
 - a. **Being, Under, Satan’s, Yoke**

#2 – As you prepare for deliverance; **Expect burdens before breakthroughs (Chap 5:14-23)**

Read Vs 14-23

1. It actually got worse before it will get better.
2. When you decided to turn to God, everything that currently has power over you will fight to keep it!
 - a. Sin doesn't want to loss control
 - b. Expect sin to fight back.
3. Medo-Persian took over Babylon
 - a. Daniel was set up as a leader.
 - b. Other leaders didn't like that and got him in trouble for praying.
 - c. Only after this was Daniel establish as a ruler in Medo-Persia
4. Think of Rahab
 - a. Before or during the spies visit, she became a believer.
 - b. But things would get worse, as the walls came tumbling down.
 - c. Before they got better, and she was saved.

#3a – As you prepare for deliverance; **Remember who God is – He’s an enlisting God (Chap 6:1-8)**

Read Vs 1-5

1. God uses people to accomplish His will.
2. When God has a will, the plan is established around the use of people.
3. God doesn’t delight to redeem the earth
4. God doesn’t delight to redeem animals.
5. God delights to redeem people!
 - a. YOU are the treasure of this universe that He is after!

Read Vs 6-8

1. The 4-fold salvation of God
2. This is commemorated in the 4 cups of the Passover Seder meal
3. God’s not trying to destroy you, you’re His treasure! He WANTS to deliver. (Read Joh 3:17)

#3b – As you prepare for deliverance; Remember who God is – He’s an encouraging God (Chap 6:9-13)

Read Vs 9-13

1. God hasn’t left Moses alone, He’s right there to encourage him and help him.
2. God speaks to Moses to prepare him for his 2nd visit to Pharaoh.
3. God is staying close to Moses, just as the Comforter is staying close to us.(Read John 14:26)
 - a. To teach us and guide us.
 - b. To show Himself strong on our behalf
4. Moses needs a little kick in the pants b/c he thinks that God isn’t fulfilling His part of the deal.
 - a. Read Heb 12:5 – “Whom the Lord loves...”
 - b. God’s teaching is sometime harsh and sometimes soft, but always loving.

#3c – As you prepare for deliverance; **Remember who God is – He’s an equipping God (Chap 6:14-30)**

Read Vs 14-30

1. So why break from the story to provide the genealogy of Moses?
 - a. Moses is coming back from 40 yrs in Midian.
 - b. This is proof to the people of Israel that Moses is one of their own.
2. This demonstrates Moses authority.
3. Trained in Pharaoh’s house from birth to be a leader, now Israelites know that he’s one of them!
4. Remember the true equipping that Moses needed was the 40 yrs of humility in the desert.
5. God is reminding Moses, “I know who you are, you’re a child of Israel and I have a plan.”
 - a. God strengthens us for a task when we think that we’re ill-equipped.
 - b. Read II Tim 4:16-17

#3d – As you prepare for deliverance; **Remember who God is – He’s an exalted God (Chap 7:1-7)**

Read Vs 1-7

1. Remember that God will be exalted in all things. That’s the goal.
2. He wants to get the glory.
3. He wants the recognition.
 - a. Does that sound selfish? YES it is!
 - b. He deserves it.
4. God spoke to the prophet Ezekiel many things about end times & future prophecies in general.
 - a. He does things in such a way that leave no room for doubt that HE DID IT.
 - b. 63 times is the phrase “they shall know that I am the Lord” used in Ezekiel.

Conclusion

Next time we're together, Moses & Aaron go before Pharaoh and the famous 10 plagues will begin.

But as the children of Israel prepare for deliverance, there's **3 things to set your mind on.**

1. Expect doubters to distract

- a. The world wants to keep you busy to distract your conscience from slowing down and thinking about the Lord & eternal things.

2. Expect burdens before breakthroughs

- a. Sin will fight to keep control of you

3. Remember who God is...

a. He's an enlisting God

- i. He delights to use people for His glory

b. He's an encouraging God

- i. He doesn't leave us in our hour of need

c. He's an equipping God

- i. He makes our integrity into what we need

d. He's an exalted God – He'll be glorified!!