

Exodus 6:9&amp;F

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Sunday Morning

## Review:

1. Moses has had an audience w/ Pharaoh & all that was accomplished was it made Pharaoh mad!
  - a. Pharaoh cracked down on the slaves & made their work harder
2. The Jewish slaves turned against Moses & Aaron
3. God promised Moses what He was going to do for Israel
  - a. We looked at the 7 "I wills" of redemption
4. Redemption is the work of God never of man!
  - a. Religion is man trying to appease, to placate God
  - b. Christianity is God reaching out to man thru His Son

## Reminder:

1. The things we are studying are of vital importance
  - a. They portray for us the mind of God
  - b. We see in living color His thoughts on the issues of life
 

**1 Corinthians 10:11** Now these things happened to them as an example, and they were written for our instruction, upon whom the ends of the ages have come.

**Exodus 6:1** Then the LORD said to Moses, "Now you shall see what **I** will do to Pharaoh; for under compulsion he will let them go, and under compulsion he will drive them out of his land."

V.2 God spoke further to Moses and said to him, "**I** am the LORD;

**V.6** "Say, therefore, to the sons of Israel, '**I** am the LORD, and <sup>#1</sup>**I** will bring you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians, and <sup>#2</sup>**I** will deliver you from their bondage. <sup>#3</sup>**I** will also redeem you with an outstretched arm and with great judgments.

V.7 'Then <sup>#4</sup>**I** will take you for My people, and <sup>#5</sup>**I** will be your God; and you shall know that **I** am the LORD your God, who brought you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians.

V.8 '<sup>#6</sup>**I** will bring you to the land which **I** swore to give to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and <sup>#7</sup>**I** will give it to you for a possession; **I** am the LORD."

V.9 (NP)

V.9 So Moses spoke thus to the sons of Israel, but they did not listen to Moses on account of their despondency and cruel bondage.

1. "did not listen...on account of their despondency and cruel bondage"
  - a. You can't help but feel sorry for these folks for what they are going thru
  - b. God's deliverance seldom looks like we think it should look
  - c. What we want as physical creatures is creature comfort & sometimes it is thru pain that God brings deliverance
  - a. Israel was suffering before their deliverance from Egypt

V.10 Now the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

V.11 "Go, tell Pharaoh king of Egypt to let the sons of Israel go out of his land."

V.12 But Moses spoke before the LORD, saying, "Behold, the sons of Israel have not listened to me; **how** then will Pharaoh listen to me, for I am unskilled in speech?"

1. "for I am unskilled in speech"
  - a. Poor Moses he is having trouble getting his eyes off himself

V.13 Then the LORD spoke to Moses and to Aaron, and gave them a charge to the sons of Israel and to Pharaoh king of Egypt, to bring the sons of Israel out of the land of Egypt.

1. "the LORD spoke to Moses and to Aaron, and gave them a **charge**"
  - a. I take this to mean that God got very direct w/ the two of them
  - b. A verb meaning to order, to direct, to appoint, to command, to charge.
    - i. **Same word** used when God ordered Adam & Eve **not** to eat of tree of Knowledge of good & evil

V.14 These are the heads of their fathers' households. The sons of Reuben, Israel's firstborn: Hanoch and Pallu, Hezron and Carmi; these are the families of Reuben.

1. "These are the heads of their fathers' households"
  - a. We see something that is important to the Jews
  - b. The genealogy is of utmost importance
  - c. Your spiritual genealogy is of utmost importance too

V.20 (NP)

**V.20** Amram married his father's sister Jochebed, and she bore him Aaron and Moses, and the length of Amram's life was one hundred and thirty-seven years.

1. "Amram married his father's sister Jochebed...she bore...Aaron & Moses"
  - a. This was when gene pool was still clean enough for close relatives to marry
    - i. Amram married his aunt – that doesn't mean that she was older than he was
  - b. You will see some of these names later but we won't go into that now

V.23 Aaron married Elisheba, the daughter of Amminadab, the sister of Nahshon, and she bore him **Nadab** and **Abihu**, **Eleazar** and **Ithamar**.

V.24 The sons of Korah: Assir and Elkanah and Abiasaph; these are the families of the Korahites.

V.25 Aaron's son **Eleazar** married one of the daughters of Putiel, and she bore him **Phinehas**. These are the heads of the fathers' households of the Levites according to their families.

V.26 It was the same Aaron and Moses to whom the LORD said, "Bring out the sons of Israel from the land of Egypt according to their hosts."

V.27 They were the ones who spoke to Pharaoh king of Egypt about bringing out the sons of Israel from Egypt; it was the same Moses and Aaron.

1. "It was the same Aaron and Moses" (**V.26**)
  - a. The genealogy declares which Moses & Aaron are real
  - b. There are people who believe in a Jesus but not the right one

**V.30** But Moses said before the LORD, "Behold, I am unskilled in speech; how then will Pharaoh listen to me?"

1. "I am unskilled in speech; how...will Pharaoh listen to me"
  - a. God is so patient w/ Moses
  - b. Aren't you glad God is patient?
  - c. God knows whether we trust Him or not – but He also knows if we want to trust Him
    - i. He knows our heart
    - ii. He knows us far better than we know our selves, including just how weak we are
  - iii. Here is a verse that should bring you comfort  
**Psalms 103:10** (NP)

**Psalm 103:10** He has not dealt with us according to our sins, Nor rewarded us according to our iniquities.

<sup>11</sup> For as high as the heavens are above the earth, So great is His lovingkindness toward those who fear Him.

**V.13** Just as a father has compassion on *his* children, So the LORD has compassion on those who fear Him.

<sup>14</sup> For He Himself knows our frame; He is mindful that we are but dust.

**Ex.7:1** Then the LORD said to Moses, "See, I make you as God to Pharaoh, and your brother Aaron shall be your prophet.

V.2 "You shall speak all that I command you, and your brother Aaron shall speak to Pharaoh that he let the sons of Israel go out of his land.

1. "Aaron shall be your prophet"
  - a. Define a prophet & a priest

V.3 "But I will harden Pharaoh's heart that I may multiply My signs and My wonders in the land of Egypt.

V.4 "When Pharaoh does not listen to you, then I will lay My hand on Egypt and bring out My hosts, My people the sons of Israel, from the land of Egypt by great judgments.

V.5 "The Egyptians shall know that I am the LORD, when I stretch out My hand on Egypt and bring out the sons of Israel from their midst."

V.6 So Moses and Aaron did it, as the LORD commanded them, thus they did.

V.7 Moses was eighty years old and Aaron eighty-three, when they spoke to Pharaoh.

1. "Moses and Aaron did it"
  - a. "as the Lord commanded...thus they did"
  - b. It wasn't a pretty start b/c of Moses' fear & insecurities
  - c. But it was accomplished
  - d. It is **how we finish** that matters the most!
2. "Moses was eighty years old and Aaron eighty-three"
  - a. This constitutes the call of Moses & Aaron
  - b. It took 80 years to prepare Moses for the work God had called him to
    - i. Don't think of 80-83 as being old like it is now

**Deuteronomy 34:7 (NP)**

**Deut.34:7** Although Moses was one hundred and twenty years old when he died, his eye was not dim, nor his vigor abated.

- c. He still had to learn to not depend on the flesh
- d. God told Jeremiah that trusting the flesh was a formula for defeat
  - i. Never depend on man

**Jer.17:5(NLT)** This is what the LORD says: "Cursed are those who put their trust in mere humans, who rely on human strength and turn their hearts away from the LORD.

<sup>6</sup> They are like stunted shrubs in the desert, with no hope for the future. They will live in the barren wilderness, in an uninhabited salty land.

<sup>7</sup> "But blessed are those who trust in the LORD and have made the LORD their hope and confidence.

\*This principle is replete throughout Scripture

- e. Remembering that Egypt represents the world gives these verses more meaning

**Deuteronomy 17:16** " Moreover, he shall not multiply horses for himself, nor shall he cause the people to return to Egypt to multiply horses, since the LORD has said to you, 'You shall never again return that way.'

- f. Not trusting anything other than God is why David hobbled all the war horses he captured

**2 Samuel 8:4** And David captured from him 1,700 horsemen and 20,000 foot soldiers; and David hamstringed the chariot horses, but reserved *enough* of them for 100 chariots.

- g. God talks about Israel's sin of trusting Egypt

**Isaiah 30:1** (NP)

**Isaiah 30:1** "Woe to the rebellious children," declares the LORD, "Who execute a plan, but not Mine, And make an alliance, but not of My Spirit, In order to add sin to sin;

<sup>2</sup> Who proceed down to Egypt, Without consulting Me, To take refuge in the safety of Pharaoh, And to seek shelter in the shadow of Egypt!

<sup>3</sup> "Therefore the safety of Pharaoh will be your shame, And the shelter in the shadow of Egypt, your humiliation.

**Isaiah 31:1** Woe to those who go down to Egypt for help, And rely on horses, And trust in chariots **because** they are many, And in horsemen **because** they are very strong, But they do **not** look to the Holy One of Israel, nor seek the LORD!

- h. There is no greater example of not trusting the flesh than Gideon  
**Judges 6:11** Then the angel of the LORD came and sat under the oak that was in Ophrah, which belonged to Joash the Abiezrite as his son Gideon was beating out wheat in the wine press in order to save *it* from the Midianites.

<sup>12</sup> And the angel of the LORD appeared to him and said to him, "The LORD is with you, O valiant warrior."

**V.14** And the LORD looked at him<sup>(Gideon)</sup> and said, "Go in this your strength and deliver Israel from the hand of Midian. Have I not sent you?"

<sup>15</sup> And he said to Him, "O Lord, how shall I deliver Israel? Behold, my family is the least in Manasseh, and I am the youngest in my father's house."

<sup>16</sup> But the LORD said to him, "Surely I will be with you, and you shall defeat Midian as one man."

**7:1** Then Jerubbaal (that is, Gideon) and all the people who were with him, rose early and camped beside the spring of Harod; and the camp of Midian was on the north side of them by the hill of Moreh in the valley.

V.2 (NP)

V.2 And the LORD said to Gideon, "The people who are with you are too many for Me to give Midian into their hands, lest Israel become boastful, saying, 'My own power has delivered me.'"

<sup>3</sup> "Now therefore come, proclaim in the hearing of the people, saying, 'Whoever is afraid and trembling, let him return and depart from Mount Gilead.'" So 22,000 people returned, but 10,000 remained.

<sup>4</sup> Then the LORD said to Gideon, "The people are still too many; bring them down to the water and I will test them for you there. Therefore it shall be that he of whom I say to you, 'This one shall go with you,' he shall go with you; but everyone of whom I say to you, 'This one shall not go with you,' he shall not go."

<sup>5</sup> So he brought the people down to the water. And the LORD said to Gideon, "You shall separate everyone who laps the water with his tongue, as a dog laps, as well as everyone who kneels to drink."

<sup>6</sup> Now the number of those who lapped, putting their hand to their mouth, was 300 men; but all the rest of the people kneeled to drink water.

<sup>7</sup> And the LORD said to Gideon, "I will deliver you with the 300 men who lapped and will give the Midianites into your hands; so let all the *other* people go, each man to his home."

- i. God can't use strong men w/ natural talents as well as weak men
  - i. That is what took Moses so long to be made ready
- j. So, let the battle begin – the gods of Egypt<sup>(this world)</sup> against God

V.8 Now the LORD spoke to Moses and Aaron, saying,

V.9 "When Pharaoh speaks to you, saying, 'Work a miracle,' then you shall say to Aaron, 'Take your staff and throw it down before Pharaoh, that it may become a serpent.'"

V.10 (NP)

V.10 So Moses and Aaron came to Pharaoh, and thus they did just as the LORD had commanded; and Aaron threw his staff down before Pharaoh and his servants, and it became a serpent.

1. "it become a serpent"

- a. The word is **tanniyn** – it is translated **crocodile** more times than snake
- b. The Egyptian god's name was **Sobek** – human body and crocodile head
  - i. The symbol in many paintings, reliefs & statues
- c. The god of protection – they mummified crocodiles & buried w/ dead for special protection in next life
  - i. He was also the god of fertility
- d. It was symbolic of Pharaoh & Egypt

**Psalm 74:13** Thou didst divide the sea by Thy strength; Thou didst break the heads of the sea monsters<sup>(tanniyn)</sup> in the waters.

\*This is speaking of victory over the Egyptians at the Exodus

**Isaiah 27:1** In that day the LORD will punish Leviathan the fleeing serpent, With His fierce and great and mighty sword, Even Leviathan the twisted serpent; And He will kill the dragon<sup>(tanniyn)</sup> who *lives* in the sea.

\*Some see this as Assyria, Babylon, **Egypt**

**Isaiah 51:9 (NLT)** Wake up, wake up, O LORD! Clothe yourself with strength! Flex your mighty right arm! Rouse yourself as in the days of old when you slew Egypt, the dragon<sup>(tanniyn)</sup> of the Nile.

**Ezekiel 29:3 (NLT)** Give them this message from the Sovereign LORD: "I am your enemy, O Pharaoh, king of Egypt— you great monster<sup>(tanniyn)</sup>, lurking in the streams of the Nile. For you have said, 'The Nile River is mine; I made it for myself.'

V.11 (NP)



V.11 Then Pharaoh also called for the wise men and the sorcerers, and they also, the magicians of Egypt, did the same with their secret arts.

1. "for the wise men and the sorcerers"

a. We know the name of the two leaders of the sorcerers

**2 Timothy 3:8** And just as Jannes and Jambres opposed Moses, so these *men* also oppose the truth, men of depraved mind, rejected as regards the faith.

<sup>9</sup> But they will not make further progress; for their folly will be obvious to all, as also that of those *two* came to be.

V.12 For each one threw down his staff and they turned into serpents. But Aaron's staff swallowed up their staffs.

V.13 Yet Pharaoh's heart was hardened, and he did not listen to them, as the LORD had said.