

“Deliverance from Egypt”

Ex. 2:11 –Ex. 12:51

Story:

- Moses’ flight to the wilderness. **Ex. 2:11-25**
 - Because of Moses’ upbringing, he was aware of his goodly heritage and the blessings of God promised to his people. This knowledge caused anger to be kindled against the ones who were mistreating his people.
 - **Moses allowed his anger to get the best of him, he slew a man, and hid him in the sand. Ex. 2:11-12**
 - Moses was not understood by his fellow Hebrews, because of his upbringing in the palace, and their comment brought to Moses’ attention that his actions were known. **Ex. 2:13-14**
 - Moses flees from Egypt, in fear, and goes to a place called Midian. It is here where Moses meets a priest, who has seven daughters, one of which, Zipporah, becomes Moses’ wife. **Ex. 2:15-22**
- *It is interesting, that not only did God hear the cry of the Israelites and Moses did not; but we also discover that Moses heard the call of God, while the Israelites had no idea an answer to prayer was on the way. Ex. 2:23-25*
- Moses’ call in the wilderness. **Ex. 3:4:17**
 - After getting married, Moses went to work for his father-in-law, Jethro, as a shepherd. It is interesting to note that the same wilderness, in which Moses spent 40 years as a shepherd, is the same wilderness God was going to instruct Moses to lead the children of Israel through. **Ex. 3:1**
 - **God appears to Moses in a bush that was burning but not being consumed, and through this event God reveals His plans to use Moses to deliver his people from Egypt. Ex. 3:2-4:17**
 - God uses a physical event to draw Moses’ attention to a spiritual need. **Ex. 3:2-10**
 - Moses doubts his ability, and God combats this fear with faith in who He was. **Ex. 3:11-22**
 - Moses’ faith is weak, so God strengthens his faith by showing Moses His power. **Ex. 4:1-9**
 - Moses’ lack of confidence angers the Lord, and he is permitted to take Aaron with him. **Ex. 4:10-17**
- Moses’ departure from the wilderness. **Ex. 4:18-12:30**
 - Moses gets permission, from his father-in-law, to leave his life in the wilderness and return to Egypt with his family. **Ex. 4:18-23**
 - Moses life is nearly taken by the Lord because of an oversight in the area of separation. Moses fails to honor God in the keeping of circumcision of his son, and it nearly costs Moses his life. **Ex. 4:24-26**
 - It is interesting to note here that it is important to not take lightly the issues that God calls serious.
 - **God sends Aaron to Moses and both of them bring before the leaders of Israel what God is about to do. Ex. 4:27-31**
 - It is interesting to note that the people were happy to hear God was going to work; but when it required more work on their part, they began to blame God and His leadership. **Ex. 4:31-5:23**

- The Israelites exodus from Egypt. **Ex. 6-12**
 - In chapters 6-10, we read of a cat and mouse game between Pharaoh, Moses, and God. God sends nine plagues to harden Pharaoh's heart and to prepare His people for a miraculous mass exodus from Egypt.
 - Plague #1 = **Ex. 7:19-25** – The water is turned to blood
 - Plague #2 = **Ex. 8:5-14** – The infestation of frogs
 - Plague #3 = **Ex. 8:16-19** – Lice
 - Plague #4 = **Ex. 8:20-24** – Swarms of flies
 - Plague #5 = **Ex. 9:1-7** – Murrain of cattle
 - Plague #6 = **Ex. 9:8-12** – Grievous boils
 - Plague #7 = **Ex. 9: 22-26** – Hail mixed with fire.
 - Plague #8 = **Ex. 10:12-15** – Locust
 - Plague #9 = **Ex. 10:21-23** – Darkness
- *God was not trying to show His power to the Egyptians nor was He trying to get Pharaoh to release the Israelites from bondage (God knew Pharaoh would only harden his heart). God was showing Himself mighty to the Israelites and He was trying to increase their faith in both God and proper leadership.*
 - In chapters 11&12, we find the observing of the first Passover. The Passover would also serve as what is historically called the **10th plague**. This plague would be what convinces Pharaoh to let the Israelites go.
 - It is interesting to note here, that God provided for the needs of the Israelites, and after 430 years, they even received compensation for their work. **Ex. 12:31-36**

I. Lesson #1: Regardless of your upbringing in life, do not disregard God's preparation of your life to serve Him.

- Moses could have chosen to get bitter at God because he did not have a normal childhood; but he remained obedient to God honoring principles his mother taught him.
- A. Recognize that God made you special. **Ps. 139:13-16** *“For thou hast possessed my reins: thou hast covered me in my mother's womb. [14] I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvellous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well. [15] My substance was not hid from thee, when I was made in secret, and curiously wrought in the lowest parts of the earth.[16] Thine eyes did see my substance, yet being unperfect; and in thy book all my members were written, which in continuance were fashioned, when as yet there was none of them.”*
- B. Recognize that God made you for a specific reason. **Jer. 1:4-10** *“Then the word of the LORD came unto me, saying, [5] Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee, and I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations. [6] Then said I, Ah, Lord GOD! behold, I cannot speak: for I am a child. [7] But the LORD said unto me, Say not, I am a child: for thou shalt go to all that I shall send thee, and whatsoever I command thee thou shalt speak. [8] Be not afraid of their faces: for I am with thee to deliver thee, saith the LORD. [9] Then the LORD put forth his hand, and touched my mouth. And the LORD said unto me, Behold, I have put my words in thy mouth. [10] See, I have this day set thee over the nations and over the kingdoms, to root out, and to pull down, and to destroy, and to throw down, to build, and to plant.”*

II. Lesson #2: Do not disregard God's ability to use you after you make a mistake.

- Moses' life not only teaches us that running from problems does not solve them; but it also teaches us that regardless of the sin in your life, God's forgiveness and grace is more abundant than your sin.
- A. God knows who you are. **Ps. 78:37-39** *"For their heart was not right with him, neither were they steadfast in his covenant. [38] But he, being full of compassion, forgave their iniquity, and destroyed them not: yea, many a time turned he his anger away, and did not stir up all his wrath. [39] For he remembered that they were but flesh;"*
- God knows we are sinners. Is it not He who told us that our righteousnesses were as filthy rags? **Is. 64:6** *"But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away."*
- B. God can make you into who He wants you to be. **Jer. 18:2-6** *"Arise, and go down to the potter's house, and there I will cause thee to hear my words. [3] Then I went down to the potter's house, and, behold, he wrought a work on the wheels. [4] And the vessel that he made of clay was marred in the hand of the potter: so he made it again another vessel, as seemed good to the potter to make it. [5] Then the word of the LORD came to me, saying, [6] O house of Israel, cannot I do with you as this potter? saith the LORD. Behold, as the clay is in the potter's hand, so are ye in mine hand, O house of Israel."*
- C. You must let God's Word transform your life. **Rom. 12:1-2** *"I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. [2] And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God."*

III. Do not disregard God's ability to do a mighty work, nor the individual responsibility to your part in that work.

- The Israelites were delighted when they found out deliverance was on the way; but soon became disgruntled when they recognized the work that it would require. **Deu. 11:13-23**
- A. Many want God to work in their life so there is an improvement of a physical situation, while God is seeking a personal relationship. **Deliverance is as much about the journey in our relationship with God as it is about the journey toward a better physical life.**
- B. Many only want the tangible blessings of seeing God work, while few are willing to do the work necessary that God can bless. **Much like the Jews complaining about an increased level of work, many complain about the effort required to separate from carnal influences.**
- C. Many complain when they find out that spiritual victory requires spiritual effort. **Don't be critical of welfare minded individuals when you have the same expectations in Christianity.**

Ps.139:14

“I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvellous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well.”

1. What did the King of Egypt choose to do to the Israelites because of their great number? **Enslave them**
2. What did the King of Egypt command to be done to all the male children? **Thrown into the Nile River**
3. What was the name of the two Egyptian midwives that God used to help spare many lives? **Shiphrah / Puah**
4. What was the name of Moses' parents? **Jochebed / Amram**
5. How did Moses mother choose to hide him? **Placing him in the Nile River in a basket she made.**
6. What was the name of Moses' sister? **Miriam**
7. Why did Moses flee to the wilderness? **Because he killed a man and hid him in the sand.**
8. While in Midian, from what did God speak to Moses out of? **A Burning Bush.**
9. Who did God send to be a mouthpiece for Moses? **Aaron.**
10. How many plagues did God send to Egypt before the Israelites were let go from bondage? **10**