

EXODUS Lesson 06

Exodus Chapter 6

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Memory verses for this week: 1John 2:3 And hereby we do know that we know him, if we keep his commandments. 1John 2:4 He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him.

Introduction: We continue our study on Exodus this week. In last week's lesson, we studied about Moses' first encounter with Pharaoh as he made his request to let the people go. As predicted, Pharaoh was hard and refused which will be a recurring theme in the next few weeks of our studies. After making the request, the king makes the burdens even harder, and the people begin to put the blame on Moses and Aaron.

Israel's harsh words to Moses caused him to pray unto the Lord. While he went to the right place, yet his words were wrong. Even so, God answered him in love and mercy.

Psalm 103:8, 14 "The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy. For he knoweth our frame; he remembereth that we are dust."

God had promised that Israel would be delivered (Exodus 3:19-20) and God always keeps His promises.

Isaiah 46:9-10 "Remember the former things of old: for I am God, and there is none else; I am God, and there is none like me, Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure."

Isaiah 55:11 "So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it."

God speaks to us by the written word of God. Since it was not yet written, God spoke to Moses in an audible voice. (Exodus 33:11; Deuteronomy 34:10)

I. God's Answer to a Disappointed Moses

Exo 6:1 Then the LORD said unto Moses, Now shalt thou see what I will do to Pharaoh: for with a strong hand shall he let them go, and with a strong

hand shall he drive them out of his land.

Exo 6:2 And God spake unto Moses, and said unto him, I am the LORD:

Exo 6:3 And I appeared unto Abraham, unto Isaac, and unto Jacob, by the name of God Almighty, but by my name JEHOVAH was I not known to them.

Man may fail us, but God will always keep His covenant with His people. Pharaoh will not only let them go, but he will drive them out. In verse 3, God reveals His covenant name. God reveals Himself as Jehovah. Remember when "LORD" is spelled with caps, it is Jehovah indicating the 3 part God Head of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Earlier, He had made Himself known to Abraham as God Almighty. He says in verse 3 "By my name JEHOVAH was I not known to them." This is admittedly a hard passage of Scripture, but it does yield to careful study. God was known by Jehovah (LORD), to Abraham. (See Genesis 13:4; 15:7; 26:25; 32:9,10.)

Although Abraham was acquainted with the title of Jehovah (LORD), he "had no experimental acquaintance with all that it stood for." God has entered into a `covenant' with them, but, as Hebrews 11:13 tells us, "These all died in faith, not having received the promises." Now God is going to give them the deliverance that His name (Jehovah) implies. Jehovah is the covenant name of God and it was so sacred, the Jews would not speak it. They substituted "Adonai" which means "Master."

Exo 6:4 And I have also established my covenant with them, to give them the land of Canaan, the land of their pilgrimage, wherein they were strangers.

Exo 6:5 And I have also heard the groaning of the children of Israel, whom the Egyptians keep in bondage; and I have remembered my covenant.

Jehovah will now keep that covenant formerly made with them. The saints today are related to God by covenant also. Thank God when God states something, it is for sure. Every Word of God is perfect and pure, and Peter says that have a more sure Word of Prophecy today as it has all been written and is available to the Christian for study and growth.

*2Pe 1:19 We have also a more **sure word** of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts:*

The covenant keeping Jehovah will have mercy on His people. Notice the 7 "I WILL's" of verses 6-8. He had heard their groaning and He had remembered His covenant.

Deuteronomy 7:7-8 "The LORD did not set his love upon you, nor choose you, because ye were more in number than any people; for ye were the fewest of all

people: But because the LORD loved you, and because he would keep the oath which he had sworn unto your fathers, hath the LORD brought you out with a mighty hand, and redeemed you out of the house of bondmen, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt."

Isaiah 55:3 "Incline your ear, and come unto me: hear, and your soul shall live; and I will make an everlasting covenant with you, even the sure mercies of David."

Acts 13:34 "And as concerning that he raised him up from the dead, now no more to return to corruption, he said on this wise, I will give you the sure mercies of David."

Hebrews 13:20 "Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant."

God's covenant has an inheritance connected with it.

Hebrews 7:22 "By so much was Jesus made a surety of a better testament."

1 Peter 1:4 "To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you."

Exo 6:6 Wherefore say unto the children of Israel, I am the LORD, and I will bring you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians, and I will rid you out of their bondage, and I will redeem you with a stretched out arm, and with great judgments:

In Barnes Notes of the Bible, he made note about Verse 6 where it states:

"With a stretched out arm" - The figure is common and quite intelligible; it may have struck Moses and the people the more forcibly since they were familiar with the hieroglyphic which represents might by two outstretched arms.

Exo 6:7 And I will take you to me for a people, and I will be to you a God: and ye shall know that I am the LORD your God, which bringeth you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians.

Exo 6:8 And I will bring you in unto the land, concerning the which I did swear to give it to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob; and I will give it you for an heritage: I am the LORD.

Notice more of the "I WILL's". These are not dependent upon man who

miserably fails, but is based WHOLLY on God who never fails.

“I WILL bring you out from under the burdens.” – Verse 6

“I WILL rid you out of their bondage.” – Verse 6

“I WILL redeem you.” – Verse 6. This means to purchase and set free. This purchase made by the blood of the lamb.

1 Peter 1:18-19 “Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.”

1 Corinthians 6:20 “For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God’s.”

Ephesians 1:19 “And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to usward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power.”

“I WILL take you to me for a people.” – Verse 7. They were to be His peculiar treasure and the objects of His care. This is the basis for all that God did for the Jews.

“I WILL be to you a God.” – Verse 7. Only God could do for them what He did at the Red Sea.

2 Corinthians 6:16 “And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.”

In verse 8, God says: “I WILL bring you in unto the land.” He not only brought them out, but He brought them in. Thus will He do for all His blood bought saints.

“I WILL give it you for a heritage.” In the millennium they will fully possess it. We now have the earnest of our inheritance; soon we shall have it all.

Ephesians 1:14 “According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love.”

Note it is a gift. The 7 “I WILL’S” ARE prefaced and followed by, “I am the LORD” (Jehovah). When we look into the New Covenant over in Jeremiah, again we see 7 promises from the Lord.

Jeremiah 31:33-34 “But this shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, saith the LORD, I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people.”

And they shall teach no more every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the LORD: for they shall all know me, from the least of them unto the greatest of them, saith the LORD: for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more."

Exo 6:9 And Moses spake so unto the children of Israel: but they hearkened not unto Moses for anguish of spirit, and for cruel bondage.

Exo 6:10 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

Exo 6:11 Go in, speak unto Pharaoh king of Egypt, that he let the children of Israel go out of his land.

After God reveals his words, Moses speaks unto the people of the covenant and tells them what God said. But their circumstances were so great that they were too discouraged to be helped. While Moses and the people had given up, but God had not. God, the covenant maker, again sends Moses to Pharaoh. Like before, Moses was to go tell Pharaoh to let the people go. If it was up to you or I, and we were told to go and repeat the command, would we have went after seeing what had happened the first time? Moses has some doubts himself as he speaks to the Lord.

Matthew Henry in his commentary said:

God silences Moses's complaints with the assurance of success in this negotiation, repeating the promise made him in [Exo 3:20](#), *After that, he will let you go*. When Moses was at his wit's end, wishing he had staid in Midian, rather than have come to Egypt to make bad worse - when he was quite at a loss what to do - *Then the Lord said unto Moses*, for the quieting of his mind, *"Now shalt thou see what I will do to Pharaoh ([Exo 6:1](#)); now that the affair has come to a crisis, things are as bad as they can be, Pharaoh is in the height of pride and Israel in the depth of misery, now is my time to appear."*

See [Psa 12:5](#), *Now will I arise*. Note, Man's extremity is God's opportunity of helping and saving. Moses had been expecting what God would do; but now he shall see what he will do, shall see his day at length, [Job 24:1](#). Moses had been trying what he could do, and could effect nothing. "Well," says God, "now thou shalt see what *I* will do; let me alone to deal with this proud man."

Exo 6:12 And Moses spake before the LORD, saying, Behold, the children of Israel have not hearkened unto me; how then shall Pharaoh hear me, who am of uncircumcised lips?

Exo 6:13 And the LORD spake unto Moses and unto Aaron, and gave them a charge unto the children of Israel, and unto Pharaoh king of Egypt, to bring the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt.

With confidence waning, Moses points out to God that his lips had not succeeded with Israel. God was fully aware of the problem, and knew what the outcome

would be on his second trip to Pharaoh. But while the people had failed to believe him, I think Moses was all the more afraid that they would not succeed with Pharaoh. When things look the bleakest, we are not to question our circumstances but keep on keeping on another day.

No matter what, Moses and Aaron were commanded to go. I've been reading a book by Pastor Bob Merritt about "When Things Go Wrong", and he pointed out that dozens of times in his life, when he had wondered what God was up to, he had just continued one more day. Our strength may be weak, but God is strong. If we will but put forth effort one more day, we never know what God has awaiting us at the end of that day.

II. The Families of Israel and the Renewed Commission

Exo 6:14 These be the heads of their fathers' houses: The sons of Reuben the firstborn of Israel; Hanoch, and Pallu, Hezron, and Carmi: these be the families of Reuben.

Exo 6:15 And the sons of Simeon; Jemuel, and Jamin, and Ohad, and Jachin, and Zohar, and Shaul the son of a Canaanitish woman: these are the families of Simeon.

In the last part of Chapter 6, we find the genealogy of three of the tribes of Israel. The sons of Reuben are named verse 14. In verse 15, we find the sons of Simeon. God knows the smallest to the greatest.

Exo 6:16 And these are the names of the sons of Levi according to their generations; Gershon, and Kohath, and Merari: and the years of the life of Levi were an hundred thirty and seven years.

Exo 6:17 The sons of Gershon; Libni, and Shimi, according to their families.

Exo 6:18 And the sons of Kohath; Amram, and Izhar, and Hebron, and Uzziel: and the years of the life of Kohath were an hundred thirty and three years.

Exo 6:19 And the sons of Merari; Mahali and Mushi: these are the families of Levi according to their generations.

Exo 6:20 And Amram took him Jochebed his father's sister to wife; and she bare him Aaron and Moses: and the years of the life of Amram were an hundred and thirty and seven years.

Exo 6:21 And the sons of Izhar; Korah, and Nepheg, and Zichri.

Exo 6:22 And the sons of Uzziel; Mishael, and Elzaphan, and Zithri.

Exo 6:23 And Aaron took him Elisheba, daughter of Amminadab, sister of Naashon, to wife; and she bare him Nadab, and Abihu, Eleazar, and Ithamar.

Exo 6:24 And the sons of Korah; Assir, and Elkanah, and Abiasaph: these are the families of the Korhites.

Exo 6:25 And Eleazar Aaron's son took him one of the daughters of Putiel to wife; and she bare him Phinehas: these are the heads of the fathers of the Levites according to their families.

In verses 16 through 25, all of the sons of Levi are noted. Some of the names you may recognize, but God had a purpose for each of these just as He has for each child of God in our church. As these men were to lead their families, you and I have a responsibility to lead our families and be a good steward of the talents and money we have been given by the Heavenly Father.

Exo 6:26 These are that Aaron and Moses, to whom the LORD said, Bring out the children of Israel from the land of Egypt according to their armies.

Exo 6:27 These are they which spake to Pharaoh king of Egypt, to bring out the children of Israel from Egypt: these are that Moses and Aaron.

Moses and Aaron are identified in verses 26-27. Notice that all 12 sons were named, but only the first 3 sons of Jacob are named, and that the third one is made the most of. Three is the number of the resurrection. Jesus was in the grave 3 days and 3 nights.

III. The Commission is Renewed

Exo 6:28 And it came to pass on the day when the LORD spake unto Moses in the land of Egypt,

Exo 6:29 That the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, I am the LORD: speak thou unto Pharaoh king of Egypt all that I say unto thee.

Exo 6:30 And Moses said before the LORD, Behold, I am of uncircumcised lips, and how shall Pharaoh hearken unto me?

Again, Moses is commanded to speak to Pharaoh. What God begins, he always finishes.

Ephesians 2:10 "For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them."

Philippians 1:6 "Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ."

*Heb 12:2 Looking unto Jesus the **author and finisher** of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.*

Moses once again tries to excuse himself, but God intended for him to go on. In chapters 3 and 4, he makes 5 excuses to the Lord. In chapter 6, he makes two more, making 7 in all. Seven speaks of completion, and thus we have the complete exhibition of the weakness and unbelief of Moses. The success of going was not in Moses, but it was his responsibility to do what God said. God wants similar obedience in our day to day lives.

Joh 14:23 Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him.

Study Questions

1. God promises that Pharaoh will not only let them go, but that he will

for with a strong hand shall he let them go, and with a strong hand shall he drive them out of his land.

2. What is the meaning of El-Shaddai?

El-Shaddai means God Almighty

3. What is God's covenant name with Israel?

Jehovah

4. How is this name often translated and spelled in the Bible? Be specific in this.

LORD in upper capitals signifying Father, Son, Holy Spirit.

5. What is meant by "By my name JEHOVAH was I not known to them?"

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6. Name the seven I WILLS of God in this chapter.

1. "I WILL bring you out from under the burdens."
2. "I WILL rid you out of their bondage."
3. "I WILL redeem you."
4. "I WILL take you to me for a people."
5. "I WILL be to you a God."
6. "I WILL bring you in unto the land."
7. "I WILL give it you for a heritage."

7. What excuse did Moses use in this chapter, for not going to Pharaoh.

I am of uncircumcised lips, and how shall Pharaoh hearken unto me?

8. The genealogies of three of Jacob's sons are given in this chapter. Name those three sons, in the right order.

Reuben
Simeon
Levi

9. Of which tribe were Moses and Aaron?

Levi

10. Name the parents of Moses and Aaron.

Amram and Jochebed.

11. The grandfather of Moses was? This is more important than you might think.

Kohath. The sons of Kohath were commissioned by God to be the ones to carry the ark on staves.

12. How many excuses did Moses make in all?

Seven

13. What is the significance of the number of those excuses?

Seven speaks of completion, and this is the complete number of excuses he had.

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Prov 4:18 But the path of the just is as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day.

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