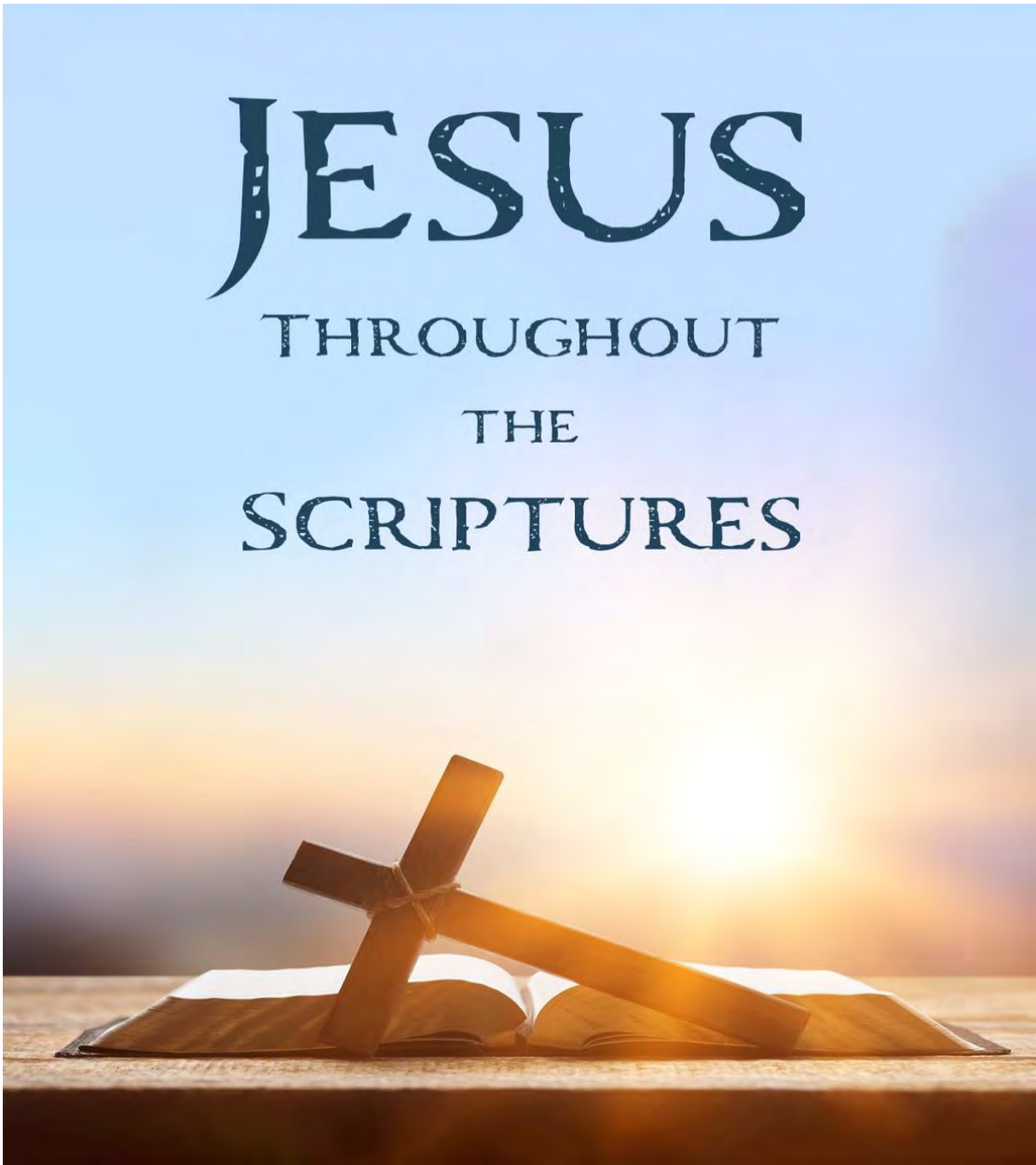


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Jesus throughout the Scriptures: Exodus—Introduction

“Exodus” means “going out”, as you probably know, and it refers, of course, to God’s great deliverance of His people from captivity in Egypt, where they had been for over 400 years.

God raised Moses and Aaron to speak the Word and demonstrate the power of God to Pharaoh. But he would only harden his heart until the last plague of the death angel. The people, liberated by God’s power, met with Him at Mt. Sinai to receive His instructions for living as His people and to build a tabernacle for Him to dwell among them.

And all these events are fraught with references, pointers, and foreshadowing of the coming of Jesus. From the birth of Moses through the miracle of the Red Sea to the filling of the tabernacle with God’s Presence and glory, Jesus is everywhere throughout these pages, if only in anticipation.

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1 An Unlikely Birth

Pray Psalm 33.1-5.

Rejoice in the LORD, O you righteous!
For praise from the upright is beautiful.
Praise the LORD with the harp;
Make melody to Him with an instrument of ten strings.
Sing to Him a new song;
Play skillfully with a shout of joy.
For the word of the LORD *is* right,
And all His work is *done* in truth.
He loves righteousness and justice;
The earth is full of the goodness of the LORD.

Sing Psalm 33.1-5.

(Truro: *Shout for the Blessed Jesus Reigns*)

Sing with rejoicing in the LORD, for praise becomes His righteous ones!
With harps and songs raise grateful words, and let new songs of praise be sung!

Joyfully shout! His Word is true; He does His work in faithfulness.
His love prevails the whole world through; the LORD loves truth and righteousness.

Read Exodus 1.15, 16; and Exodus 2.1-10; meditate on Exodus 2.10.

Preparation

1. What did Pharaoh command the midwives to do?
2. What became of Moses?

Meditation

God is not hindered in working out His plan of redemption by even the most unlikely and improbable of conditions. Moses experienced an unlikely birth and an even more unlikely adoption. He left his own world, entered the world of the Egyptians, and became heir to their kingdom.

Inheriting the kingdom of Egypt, of course, was not to be, because God had greater plans in mind for Moses. Moses is a type of Christ in many ways, as we shall see. He also prophesies about the coming of Christ, though he could only see the barest outlines of what Jesus would be and do.

Moses was sent to the household of Pharaoh. He arrived there as an infant in a homemade ark, thus recalling God's act of deliverance through Noah. Moses should have died at birth, according to the mandate of Pharaoh. Yet by becoming incarnate into the world of Pharaoh he would grow to the place of being judge of the wicked and deliverer of the chosen people of God.

Jesus' birth was even more unlikely. How could the eternal come into time and space? The Creator become the created? Why should the Heir of God's Kingdom leave His glory to come among a people who would despise and kill Him? Because God intended to save His chosen people. And Jesus would do so in a manner prefigured by Moses, by becoming one of us to judge the world and deliver us from our captivity to sin.

Moses was "drawn out" and sent to deliver God's people; Jesus was sent down to "save" His people from their sins. Both took shelter in Egypt.

Treasure Old and New: Matthew 13.52; Psalm 119.162

And God continues to woo those who are not His people to become His people.

Joseph was sent to Egypt by the conniving of his brothers.

And Moses was sent to Egypt by the evil dictates of its leader.

Both godly men, were sent into the midst of non-believers to:

Bring a great deliverance to their own people; but also, to bring the grace of God amongst those not yet His people. “But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you, that you may be sons of your Father in heaven; for He makes His sun rise on the evil and on the good and sends rain on the just and on the unjust” (Matt. 5.44, 45).

In these stories of Abraham and Isaac and Jochebed and Moses God wants us to see His heart.

Could there be any more heart-rending stories than these?

A father called to kill his only son, and a mother having to give her child away?

God sent His only begotten Son into the world to save His enemies.

“Behold, the Lamb of God Who takes away the sin of the world!” (Jn. 1.29).

“For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life” (Jn. 3.16).

We dare never minimize the extraordinary, underserved love God exhibited toward us—what He gave of Himself and what the Son suffered on our behalf. It was immeasurable. Drastic. Gracious and merciful.

“But God demonstrates His Own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us” (Rom. 5.8).

God and Jesus. There They are! Working Their heart-wrenching redemption for us.

Unlikely Love manifested toward us; yet, thankfully, God kept reaching out to the Egyptians...to us, “that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; who once were not a people but are now the people of God, who had not obtained mercy but now have obtained mercy” (1 Pet. 2.9, 10).

“Moses was drawn out and sent to deliver God’s people; Jesus was sent down to save His people from their sins.”

“By faith Moses, when he was born, was hidden three months by his parents, because they saw he was a beautiful child; and they were not afraid of the king’s command” (Heb. 11.23).

May we have the same courage of conviction and faith as Amram and Jochebed; and the same appreciation for our own salvation, as they had for the safety of their son.

Jesus is our Ark, daubed over with asphalt and pitch (Ex. 2.3), to save us from drowning in our guilt and sin. Through His work, we too, were drawn out of the water (Ex. 2.10; Is. 43.2) to proceed with our lives, to work in our Personal Mission Field. As Moses, the one drawn out, said:

“So teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom” (Ps. 90.12).

Reflection

1. Where do you flee when trials and troubles come? Why do you flee there?
2. Whom will you tell about the mighty love of Jesus today?

3. Moses denied his inheritance. Jesus emptied Himself to become incarnate among us. How do these examples encourage you in your walk with and work for the Lord today?

Thus Moses in a former age

Escaped proud Pharaoh's foolish law,

And as the savior of his race

Prefigured Christ who was to come. Prudentius (348-410), *Hymns for Every Day* 12.141-152

Pray Psalm 33.18-22.

Give thanks to the Lord for watching over you, just as He watched over Moses. Commit your day to Him and His Kingdom and call on Him to help and shield you. Be specific concerning your needs.

Sing Psalm 33.18-22.

(Truro: [*Shout, for the Blessed Jesus Reigns*](#))

God watches those who fear His Name, who hope upon His grace and love:

He keeps their souls from death and shame who trust in Him Who reigns above.

God is our Helper and our Shield; upon us let Your grace descend!

We hope in You; to You we yield; we trust in Jesus to the end.

2 Glory in the Bush

Pray Psalm 68.19-21, 32, 33.

Blessed *be* the Lord,
Who daily loads us *with benefits*,
The God of our salvation!
Selah

Our God *is* the God of salvation;
And to GOD the Lord *belong* escapes from death.
But God will wound the head of His enemies...
Sing to God, you kingdoms of the earth;
Oh, sing praises to the Lord,
Selah

To Him who rides on the heaven of heavens, *which were* of old!
Indeed, He sends out His voice, a mighty voice.

Sing Psalm 68.19, 20, 32,33.

(O Store Gud: *How Great Thou Art*)
Blessed be the LORD, our burden daily bearing,
O God, our God, our Savior and our King!
With us salvation and deliv'rance sharing,
He life from death His people daily brings.
Refrain v. 32, 33

Sing to the LORD, O kingdoms of the earth!
Ancient of Days—praise Him on high!
Behold He speaks; His Word is going forth;
Ancient of Days—praise Him on high!

Read Exodus 3.1-10; meditate on verse 10.

Preparation

1. Why had God come down to the bush?
2. What charge did He give to Moses?

Meditation

God appeared to Moses in the burning bush and charged him with bringing His people, “the children of Israel, out of Egypt” (v. 10). For God so loved His chosen people that He remembered—that is, He faithfully attended to—His covenant and promises (Ex. 2.24, 25) and came down to deliver them through Moses, His servant. Moses is thus a type of Christ by being chosen and sent for the deliverance of God’s people. The message to Israel then and throughout the Old Testament was that God will not leave His people to languish in captivity.

But let us not overlook the wonder of the burning bush and what it foreshadows.

The Angel of the LORD and the LORD Himself are to be equated (cf. Gen. 22.11, 12, 15, 16). The Angel brought the Word of God to Abraham. He is thus the Word of the LORD, or the second Person of the Trinity. The Word only spoke to Abraham. He revealed His glory to Moses as He spoke to him (Ex. 3.2).

The Word of the LORD became incarnate in a bush that was not destroyed, just as Jesus came in a body that

overcame death and hell, and in which body we have seen his glory (Jn. 1.14). The Word of God called and sent Moses even as He had been sent by God for the deliverance of His people (Ex. 3.7, 8; cf. Jn. 20.21). Thus, both the burning bush and Moses foreshadow the incarnation and mission of Jesus, reminding us that we are never out of God's sight, always on His mind, and ever the beneficiaries of His saving love.

God's deliverance of Israel foreshadowed His deliverance of us from captivity to our sins. He is the God Who loves and delivers. And He is our salvation. This is reason to rejoice, give thanks, and bear witness to our loving and faithful God.

Treasure Old and New: Matthew 13.52; Psalm 119.162

And like the bush occupied by the Lord Jesus Christ, we also are not consumed, even as we are filled with the same flaming (Acts 2.3) Spirit of the living God.

“Through the LORD’s mercies we are not consumed,
because His compassions fail not.
They are new every morning;
great is Your faithfulness” (Lam. 3.22, 23).

His compassions and faithfulness are as great toward us as they were to His children of old.
“You have heard of the perseverance of Job and seen the end intended by the Lord—
that the Lord is very compassionate and merciful” (Jms. 5.11).

“But You, O Lord, are a God full of compassion, and gracious,
longsuffering and abundant in mercy and truth” (Ps. 86.15).

“For [God] says to Moses, ‘I will have mercy on whomever I will have mercy,
and I will have compassion on whomever I will have compassion’” (Rom. 9.15; Ex. 33.19).

And in Moses, we have yet again, another example of the quintessential obedient child of God:
He calls, “Moses, Moses!” And Moses answers, “Here I am.”

There are many important recurring themes of rescue and deliverance; but there is also this idea of how God's children are meant to respond to Him. Obediently. Always. In appreciation, yes; but also, because it is what's expected and required of us.

God always calls His children to do His will.

Merely believing, then believing some more, and efficiently continuing to believe, then holding on for dear life until Jesus' return, is not the plan. The plan involves working out our salvation with fear and trembling (Phil. 2.12) and then doing the good works God has prepared beforehand for us to walk in (Eph. 2.10).

It is perhaps akin to the idea of making a To Do list which we continue to believe is a really good list, holding fast to our list, maybe even tacking it to the fridge for good-keeping, always believing in its efficacy, but never doing one thing on it. Just believing it's a doggone good list. “Stand fast” (2 Thess. 2.15). Believing.

But there is more to the story than that. God didn't call Moses to just chat him up. No, He had work for him to do (Ex. 3.10). We are not consumed for a reason.

“Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father” (Jn. 14.12).

“LORD, I hope for Your salvation, and I do Your commandments.

My soul keeps Your testimonies, and I love them exceedingly.
I keep Your precepts and Your testimonies, for all my ways are before You” (Ps. 119.166-168).

Glory in the unconsumed bush of Jesus’ power for our compassionate salvation.
All through the mercies of God.

“Come now, therefore, and I will send you...” (Ex. 3.10).

Reflection

1. How do you make sure you are abiding in the will of God throughout the day?
2. In what ways do you expect the glory of God to be present in and through you today?
3. How are you preparing for this?

God gave Moses a gracious call, to which he returned a ready answer. Those that would have communion with God, must attend upon him in the ordinances wherein he is pleased to manifest himself and his glory, though it be in a bush. Matthew Henry (1662-17143), Commentary on Exodus 3.1-6

Pray Psalm 68.1-4, 32, 33.

Offer your day and your work to the Lord. Call on Him to give you strength and grace to carry out your calling and be a light to your world.

Sing Psalm 68.1-4, 32, 33.

(O Store Gud: How Great Thou Art)

Let God arise, let all Your foes be scattered!
Let those who hate You flee before Your face!
As smoke dissolves, as wax in flame is shattered,
let all the wicked perish in disgrace!

Refrain vv. 32, 33

Sing to the LORD, O kingdoms of the earth!
Ancient of Days—praise Him on high!
Behold He speaks; His Word is going forth;
Ancient of Days—praise Him on high!

LORD, let Your righteous ones exult in glory,
let us rejoice and praise Your holy Name!
Now let us sing the Savior’s old, old story—
Who life to deserts brings, we now proclaim!

Refrain

3 Word and Deed

Pray Psalm 32.8-11.

I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go;
I will guide you with My eye.
Do not be like the horse or like the mule,
Which have no understanding,
Which must be harnessed with bit and bridle,
Else they will not come near you.
Many sorrows *shall be* to the wicked;
But he who trusts in the LORD, mercy shall surround him.
Be glad in the LORD and rejoice, you righteous;
And shout for joy, all *you* upright in heart!

Sing Psalm 32.8-11.

(Hendon: [*Take My Life and Let It Be*](#))

Teach me, LORD, how I should live; sound instruction ever give.
Let me never stubborn be; let Your eye watch over me,
let Your eye watch over me.

Though the wicked wail and weep, they rejoice whose souls You keep.
Trusting, we exult with praise, joyfully singing all our days,
joyfully singing all our days!

Read Exodus 7.1-7; meditate on verse 5.

Preparation

1. How would Moses and Aaron show that they were from God?
2. What would the Egyptians finally come to know?

Meditation

The story of Moses and Aaron and their mission to Pharaoh in Exodus 4-10 is a familiar one. We do not need here to rehearse the details of this story, but only to be succinct. On the authority of God, Moses called Pharaoh to release the people of Israel, bolstering his demands with a series of judgments meant to move Pharaoh to believe and obey.

Moses thus came by word and deed, proclaiming and demonstrating the authority of God to command obedience. And here again, Moses is a type of Jesus Christ. For Jesus came into a world hostile to Him, a world ruled by the powers of darkness, and He pursued His mission, by word and deed, of demonstrating God's power to save and warning God's foes of judgment to come.

Jesus, of course, faced a much stronger and more firmly entrenched foe than Pharaoh. He showed the power of God to overcome the power of evil by refusing the devil's temptations, casting out demons here and there, binding the devil and his power, and beginning the plundering of his holdings—a work which continues until this day.

As Moses used words and miraculous deeds to deliver God's people from their captivity, so Jesus did the same. But the mission of Jesus was all wrapped up in Him, to show that He is God and His words and power are the words and power of the eternal God, that He will save a people for Himself against all odds, and that

all who resist Him will fall like Pharaoh's army in a sea of judgment which will destroy them forever.

And on that day they will know that God is the LORD (v. 7), and that He has made Jesus Christ both Savior and King; and then every knee shall bow and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father (Phil. 2.5-11).

Treasure Old and New: Matthew 13.52; Psalm 119.162

God told Moses:

- You shall speak all that I command you
- I will harden Pharaoh's heart
- I will multiply My signs
- I will multiply My wonders
- I will lay My hand on Egypt and bring out My people
- I will use great judgments (Ex. 7.1-4)

So, what was the point of all these signs, wonders, and judgments?

“And the Egyptians shall know that I AM the LORD, when I stretch out My hand on Egypt and bring out the children of Israel from among them” (Ex. 7.5).

And what two men were called to be “as God to Pharaoh” and as a “prophet”? Moses, age 80, and Aaron, age 83. Two unlikely candidates for the long haul.

And yet, these two were exactly the two whom God chose and wanted for this job (Ex. 7.1, 7).

Jesus calls us daily to serve Him.

Young, middle-aged, and old. No age limitations, and retirement never an option.

And we do this “with reverence and godly fear” (Heb. 12.28, 29).

“We do so with *reverence* when our motivation is to honor God and to represent Him rightly to the world. We want the people in our world to see God as He is, a God to be worshiped and revered and served. And we serve God with *fear* when we remember that He is a consuming fire. The people in our Personal Mission Field need to see that reverence and fear in our lives if they are to believe it can be possible in theirs.” (quote taken from *ReVision*, 12/11/24, www.ailbe.org).

Your Kingdom come on earth, as it is in heaven, and Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven (Matt. 6.10) are not mere platitudes or wishful thinking. They are the prayer that Jesus taught us to pray. And when we pray that prayer, we are agreeing that His Kingdom is here on earth and His will is also done here on earth. And we are an active and obedient part of that will and Kingdom.

“I am Your servant; give me understanding, that I may know Your testimonies” (Ps. 119.125).

“Your testimonies are wonderful; therefore my soul keeps them” (Ps. 119.129).

And what is the point of all His signs and wonders, and our obedience to His call, in word and deed? It is so that we, and the “Egyptians” in our lives, will know that He is the LORD (Ex. 7.5) and besides Him, there is no other Savior (Is. 43.11).

Reflection

1. How can prayer help you prepare for the words and deeds you will pursue today?

2. How does the Kingdom of God come *to us*? How does it come *through us*? How do you expect to increase in the Kingdom today?

3. Whom will you encourage today in their walk with and work for the Lord?

*[W]e know how unconcernedly the wicked oppose their iron obstinacy to the Divine threatenings, until they are forced into a state of alarm by violence; not because they are humbled beneath the hand of God, but because they see that by all their raging and turbulence they cannot escape from punishment... John Calvin (1509-1564), *Commentary on Exodus 7.5**

Pray Psalm 32.1-7.

Pray for the lost people in your Personal Mission Field, that they would understand the message of God's forgiveness and would come to faith in Jesus. Offer yourself to the Lord today to share the Good News of Jesus with someone.

Sing Psalm 32.1-7.

(Hendon: [*Take My Life and Let It Be*](#))

Blessed are they whose sins the LORD has forgiven by His Word!
Pure their spirits are within; them He charges with no sin;
them He charges with no sin!

When in silence I remained, groaning in my sinful pain,
You Your hand upon me lay; all my strength You drained away,
all my strength You drained away.

I confessed my sin to You; You forgave me, ever true!
Let confession's pleading sound reach You while You may be found,
reach You while You may be found!

When flood waters threaten me, You my hiding place will be.
O'er them I will rise above, buoyed by Your redeeming love,
buoyed by Your redeeming love.

4 Sign of the Blood

Pray Psalm 119.49, 50.

Remember the word to Your servant,
Upon which You have caused me to hope.
This is my comfort in my affliction,
For Your word has given me life.

Sing Psalm 119.49, 50.

(Wycliff: *All for Jesus*)

LORD, remember all the good Word You have spoken unto me!
For I ever hope in You, LORD as I serve You joyfully.

This my comfort in affliction, this my comfort in all strife:
that Your Word is my redemption, giving me eternal life!

Read Exodus 12.1-24; meditate on verses 12, 13.

Preparation

1. What did God instruct the people to do?
2. Why should they do that?

Meditation

Some of the people of Israel, upon hearing the instructions God gave through Moses, might have remembered the blood shed to cover Adam and Eve and the ram in the thicket which took the place of Isaac. With the Passover they would have seen a trajectory, but not merely from the past. The Passover was to be a perpetual memorial of God's delivering grace, how, when He saw the blood on the doorposts, He would pass by that household and turn His wrath away from them.

Year after year, what began here as a sign of God's delivering grace would be continued, ever looking back to the first Passover and ever pointing forward to the next.

And though the people could not realize it, pointing forward to the final Passover which took place on a Roman cross on a hillock outside Jerusalem.

Those who were not under the blood of the Passover lamb would experience the wrath of God, just as those who do not embrace the blood of Jesus condemn themselves to eternal wrath. Those who were under the blood of the lamb were to consume it entirely. In like manner, we feed on Jesus through both His Supper and His Word, which brings joy to our soul to feed on it (Jer. 15.16).

The Passover is a type of Christ which Paul and John made clear in their writings. Jesus is the Lamb of God Who takes away the sins of the world by sheltering His flock under His own blood. As we feed on Him day by day, we are enriched in our great salvation and transformed, from glory to glory, into the likeness of our Lord Jesus Christ (2 Cor. 3.12-18).

Christ our Passover was sacrificed for us; let us keep the feast of celebrating His offering by sheltering under His blood and feeding on all His Word (1 Cor. 5.7, 8).

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“Therefore the LORD God of hosts, the Lord, says this:

“There shall be wailing in all streets, and they shall say in all the highways, “Alas! Alas!”

They shall call the farmer to mourning, and skillful lamenters to wailing.

In all vineyards there shall be wailing, for I will pass through you’, says the LORD” (Amos 5.16, 17).

This lamentation of Amos, from God to Israel, was reminding them of the original Passover, and calling them to remember that this had been done once before and could most surely be done again—protection only to be found snuggled tightly in God’s care within His parameters of safety.

The spies warned Rahab that she and her family would remain safe only by abiding within her home, when Israel overcame Jericho. She was to bring them inside; “so it shall be that whoever goes outside the doors of your house into the street, his blood shall be on his own head...” (Josh. 2.19). God’s parameters.

Jude warned God’s people to “stay always within the boundaries where God’s love can reach and bless you” (Jude 1.21 TLB).

God instructed Moses and Aaron to tell the people: take some of the blood of the slain lamb without blemish and put it on the two doorposts and on the lintel of the houses where you eat the Passover meal (Ex. 12.7). “And when I see the blood, I will pass over you; and the plague shall not be on you to destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt” (Ex. 12.13).

We must stay within the parameters of God’s grace, mercy, forgiveness, cleansing, and restoration to experience the passing over of His wrath from us to the Lamb of God, His Son Jesus.

“Worthy is the Lamb Who was slain
to receive power and riches and wisdom,
and strength and honor and glory and blessing!” (Rev. 5.12).

“And without shedding of blood there is no remission...but now, once at the end of the ages, He has appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself. And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment, so Christ was offered once to bear the sins of many. To those who eagerly wait for Him He will appear a second time, apart from sin, for salvation” (Heb. 9.22, 26-28).

Stay safely hidden with Christ, covered by His blood, within His boundaries, to be passed over by God’s wrath. All worship and thanks and praise and obedience to “Jesus Christ...the ruler over the kings of the earth...Who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood...to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen” (Rev. 1.5, 6).

We would be wise to heed the warning from God through Moses and Aaron, Amos, the Jericho spies, and Jude, as His Word is true and unchanging: “I will execute judgment: I AM the LORD” (Ex. 12.12).

“If You, LORD, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand?
But there is forgiveness with You, that You may be feared” (Ps. 130.3).

“In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace which He made to abound toward us...” (Eph. 1.7, 8).

The Loving blood-splattered Doorpost and Lintel.

Reflection

1. We are delivered from the judgment of the Lord. This is good news! How does this fit into the Gospel when we are sharing it with someone?

2. If someone rejects the Gospel when we share it, do we need to advise them of the ongoing wrath of God? Explain.

3. How should being “passed over” by God cause us to regard Him?

The paschal lamb was typical. Christ is our Passover, 1 Corinthians 5:7. Christ is the Lamb of God, John 1:29; often in the Revelation he is called the Lamb. It was to be in its prime; Christ offered up himself in the midst of his days, not when a babe at Bethlehem. It was to be without blemish; the Lord Jesus was a Lamb without spot: the judge who condemned Christ declared him innocent. Matthew Henry (1662-1714), Commentary on Exodus 12.1-20

Pray Psalm 119.51-56.

Ask the Lord to give you a greater hunger for His Word, that you may learn to trust Him more and to rest in and be comforted by His promise and Name.

Sing Psalm 119.51-56.

(Wycliff: [*All for Jesus*](#))

Though the proud deride and taunt me, I will trust Your faithful Word.

Let Your judgments from of old be all my comfort, holy LORD.

Indignation grips me, Savior, for those who forsake Your Word.

All Your statutes, all Your favor, I will sing with joy, O LORD!

In the night Your Name attends me, and I keep Your holy Word;

let Your precepts all befriend me, as I keep them, glorious LORD.

5 Delivered!

Pray Psalm 22.23-28.

You who fear the LORD, praise Him!
All you descendants of Jacob, glorify Him,
And fear Him, all you offspring of Israel!

Sing Psalm 22.23.

(Darwall: *Rejoice, the Lord Is King*)

All you who fear the LORD, now praise His holy Name!
You children of His glorious Word, declare His fame!
We stand in awe of our eternal God, and on His mercy call.

Read Exodus 15.1-19; meditate on verses 11-13.

Preparation

1. What were the people celebrating with this song?
2. How did this make them think about God?

Meditation

Israel's deliverance from captivity in Egypt is a type of our salvation. For as God became salvation for Israel (v. 2), so Jesus has become a greater salvation for all who believe in Him.

How did the people know this song? It appears that Moses led them in it, so perhaps the Lord gave him words and they sang responsively. But we can only imagine the jubilation with which these words leapt from the throats of God's grateful and delivered people. What joy! What shouting! What embracing and jumping up and down must have accompanied this singing! What weeping of gratitude!

We note the mention of God's "right hand" in verses 6 (twice) and 12. The right hand is the hand of strength, the hand that gets the work done. Jesus is the Right Hand of the Father because He carried out the work of redemption and deliverance that we require; He is building His Church (Matt. 16.18); and He is advancing His Kingdom on earth as it is in heaven (Matt. 6.10). The people of Israel saw a temporary glimpse of the right hand of the Lord. Now that power, that majesty, and that irrepressible love dwell within all who know Jesus and follow Him in His path.

Israel celebrated deliverance from enslavement in Egypt. We celebrate deliverance from enslavement to sin. God has liberated us by His strong Right Hand, and He is bringing us through the wilderness of this world and time unto Himself and His promises. Every foe will be routed; every obstacle will be overcome. God has delivered us *from sin into* His Kingdom, and He will deliver us yet again to that glorious new heavens and new earth where "The LORD [Jesus Christ] shall reign forever and ever" (v. 18)

Treasure Old and New: Matthew 13.52; Psalm 119.162.

In order to be delivered to the other side, they had to step into the seabed onto the tentatively dry ground. It took faith in their unfailing God to do it; but they did it and were saved.

"The LORD is my strength and my song, and He has become my salvation;
He is my God, and I will praise Him; my father's God, and I will exalt Him" (Ex. 15.2).

Peter attempted somewhat the same feat, but failed miserably, because His faith faltered. Jesus came walking toward the boat bound disciples during a boisterous storm on the water. Yes, right on top

of the raging sea. After the disciples recovered from their shock and fear, Peter came up with this idea: “Lord, if it is You, command me to come to You on the water” and Jesus responded with, yes, “Come”. So, Peter stepped into the storm and walked on the water towards Jesus. But when he took his eyes off Jesus, and looked around at what he had done, and saw that the waters were raging, he began to sink. Then he cried out, “Lord, save me!” And then Jesus graciously stretched out His hand and caught him. But that was not the end of the story. He also said to Peter, “O you of little faith, why did you doubt?” (Matt. 14.24-31).

The Israelites, who had trouble obeying and keeping their eyes on God, managed to accomplish this amazing feat through faith. At this juncture, their faith was strong, and for that, they got a song! A song to sing to remind themselves of a good day, a good time of obedience and faith; and a song to harken back to throughout the years to encourage themselves that “with God nothing will be impossible” (Lk. 1.37).

All believers have had moments of true faith and moments of faltering faith. God, however, never changes. His ways are always perfect. And we, as His children, should never doubt that He is able to care for us when we step into a recently dried seabed or onto a raging sea. We just need to take the step. Trusting Him fully.

“Who is like You, O LORD, among the gods?
Who is like You, glorious in holiness, fearful in praises, doing wonders?
You stretched out Your right hand; the earth swallowed [the Egyptians].
You in Your mercy have led forth the people whom You have redeemed;
You have guided them in Your strength to Your holy habitation” (Ex. 15.11-13).

Delivered! They were. We were.

Step out...into...onto... and watch His Right Hand faithfully redeem.
“The LORD shall reign forever and ever” (Ex. 15.18). Trust Him.

Reflection

1. What might it mean for you to step into the dry seabed today? That is, how is God calling you to live by faith in Him?
2. How can we make sure we're always ready to step out onto the water as Jesus says, “Come”?
3. Whom will you encourage today in their walk with and work for the Lord?

The Lord is a God of almighty power, and woe to those that strive with their Maker! He is a God of matchless perfection; he is glorious in holiness; his holiness is his glory. His holiness appears in the hatred of sin, and his wrath against obstinate sinners. It appears in the deliverance of Israel, and his faithfulness to his own promise. Matthew Henry (1662-1714), Commentary on Exodus 15.1-21

Pray Psalm 22.24-28.

Pray that God's people, who have been delivered from sin into a great salvation, will be revived in love for God and His Word and to take up our calling to proclaim Jesus and His Kingdom to our world.

Sing Psalm 22.24-28.

(Darwall: *Rejoice, the Lord Is King*)

For He has not despised the anguish of our King,
nor from Him hid His eyes, Who knew such suffering.
Let praise arise from all who love and serve the Ruler of the skies!

Then all the poor shall eat and praise with us the LORD.
Forever we His praise repeat and trust His Word.

Praise God above, all you who keep His vows and who His mercies love!

All nations shall repent and hasten to the LORD.

All those to whom His truth is sent shall praise His Word.

The LORD is King! His sovereign rule on high now we His people sing!

6 Rich in Jesus

Pray Psalm 19.7-11.

The law of the LORD *is* perfect, converting the soul;
The testimony of the LORD *is* sure, making wise the simple;
The statutes of the LORD *are* right, rejoicing the heart;
The commandment of the LORD *is* pure, enlightening the eyes;
The fear of the LORD *is* clean, enduring forever;
The judgments of the LORD *are* true and righteous altogether.
More to be desired *are they* than gold,
Yea, than much fine gold;
Sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb.
Moreover by them Your servant is warned,
And in keeping them *there is* great reward.

Sing Psalm 19.7-11.

(St. Christopher: *Beneath the Cross of Jesus*)

The Law of God is perfect, His testimony sure;
the simple man God's wisdom learns, the soul receives its cure.
God's Word is right, and His command is pure, and truth imparts;
He makes our eyes to understand; with joy He fills our hearts.

The fear of God is cleansing, forever shall it last.
His judgments all are true and just, by righteousness held fast.
O seek them more than gold most fine, than honey find them sweet;
be warned by every word and line; be blessed with joy complete.

Read Exodus 20.1-21; meditate on verses 20, 21.

Preparation

1. Why were the people afraid?
2. Why had God come to them and given His Law?

Meditation

This passage, and all the subsequent giving of God's Law, is rich with Christological insights and foreshadowing. First, the Law itself is holy and righteous and good (Rom. 7.12). It is God's perfect standard for holiness and sets forth what He requires of those He has called to be among His people.

But that standard is so far beyond our reach that we quail in fear from it, just as the people of Israel did (vv. 18, 19). We fear to look into the Law lest our ugliness and corruption be revealed by it. This is undoubtedly one reason why so many Christians today do not meditate on God's Law. They know it will reveal in them sinful attitudes, dispositions, and practices which they are not willing to forego.

The people of Israel feared before God and His Law, and they cried out for a mediator—Moses—to stand between them and the Lord and His standard (v. 19). Moses comforted the people and explained that the Law was not intended to destroy the people but to empower them for holy living. He would show them how. Thus comforted, the people drew near to learn.

The Law is holy and points us to Jesus, the supreme embodiment of the holiness of God (Matt. 5.17-19). But

we need the mediation of Jesus—His life, death, resurrection, and intercession—to empower us, by His Spirit, to know and keep His Law (Ezek. 36.26, 27; Rom. 3.31). And, as we do, as we meditate in God’s Law, we increase in holiness, that is, in Christlikeness, so that we walk the Jesus path in all our ways (2 Cor. 3.12-18).

We must not neglect this Law, which is so rich in Jesus and can bring so much of Jesus to us.

Treasure Old and New: Matthew 13.52; Psalm 119.162

“So the people stood afar off, but Moses drew near the thick darkness where God was” (Ex. 20.21).
And why did these people stand afar off? Because this is what they witnessed of God that day:
thunderings, lightning flashes, the sound of a trumpet, and a smoking mountain. I might be a little far off too.

This God is to be feared, revered, and obeyed. No questions. No equivocating. Just do what He says. And what He had just said was this: I AM the LORD your God so you will have no other gods besides Me. Don’t make idols of anything. You will worship only Me. You must not take My Name upon you in vain, for no purpose. Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy. Don’t work on it like you do the other six days of the week. Honor your mother and your father. Don’t commit murder. Don’t commit adultery. Don’t steal. Don’t lie. Don’t covet (Ex. 20.2-17). All this with thunder, lightning, trumpets, and smoke as the backdrop. A vividly memorable and awesome scene. One meant to get the attention of the recipients of the message. They were to observe and do. We, too, are to observe and do. Because “God spoke all these words” (Ex. 20.1).

Then we have this God: “Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. He who does not love does not know God, for God is love. In this the love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him. In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another” (1 Jn. 4.7-11).

“The LORD our God, The LORD is One!
You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart,
with all your soul, and with all your strength” (Deut. 6.4, 5).

And Jesus said, “I and My Father are One” (Jn. 10.30).

“I AM the light of the world.
He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness,
but have the light of life” (Jn. 8.12).

The Triune God’s power and love appear in deep darkness, thunderings, lightning flashes, trumpet sounds, smoking mountains, whispers (1 Kgs. 19.12), and Light. All throughout Scripture The Father, The Son, and The Holy Spirit abound in every type of situation to exude the Love that only This One offers. “The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament shows His handiwork. Day unto day utters speech, and night unto night reveals knowledge. There is no speech nor language where their voice is not heard. Their sound has gone out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world” (Ps. 19.1-4).

As those two disciples who didn’t physically recognize Jesus, but walked and talked with Him said after their fellowship: “Did not our heart burn within us while He talked with us on the road, and while He opened the

Scriptures to us?” (Lk. 24.32).

Every day as we read the Scriptures and observe creation we see Jesus, the Son of God, God Himself incarnate, and we marvel and say: Doesn’t our heart burn within us as we read and see this God, in all His manifestations and power; and don’t we long to serve Him as we ought—keeping the Law that rumbled from His power to guide, bless, and keep us within His parameters. Then we are truly rich in Jesus.

Reflection

1. What role does the Law of God play in your life?
2. How does meditating in the Law of God enrich us in Jesus?
3. What would you say to a fellow Christian who insisted he didn’t need the Law of God?

They were terrified, then, not that they might be stupified with astonishment, but only that they might be humbled and submit themselves to God. And this is a peculiar privilege, that the majesty of God, before whom heaven and earth tremble, does not destroy but only proves and searches His children. John Calvin (1509-1564), *Commentary on Exodus 20.18-24*

Pray Psalm 19.12-14.

Call on the Lord to increase your love for and delight in His Law. Ask Him to open up His Law to you so that you see Jesus in it more consistently.

Sing Psalm 19.12-14.

(St. Christopher: *Beneath the Cross of Jesus*)

Who, LORD, can know his errors? O keep sin far from me!

Let evil rule not in my soul that I may blameless be.

O let my thoughts, let all my words, before Your glorious sight
be pleasing to You, gracious LORD, acceptable and right.

7 Tabernacler

Pray Psalm 110.1, 2.

The LORD said to my Lord,
“Sit at My right hand,
Till I make Your enemies Your footstool.”
The LORD shall send the rod of Your strength out of Zion.
Rule in the midst of Your enemies!

Sing Psalm 110.1, 2.

(Aurelia: [*The Church's One Foundation*](#))

“Sit by Me at My right hand,” the LORD says to my Lord,
“until I make Your foot stand on all who hate Your Word.”
The LORD sends strength from Zion: “Rule all Your enemies.”
While those who Him rely on go forth their LORD to please.

Read and meditate on Exodus 29.44-46.

Preparation

1. What did God intend to do?
2. How would His people respond to that?

Meditation

“And the Word became flesh and tabernacled among us...” (Jn. 1.14, my translation). This is what the tabernacle was pointing toward, the day when God Himself would come amongst us in all His glory—“and we beheld His glory, the glory of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth” (Jn. 1.14)—and we would know Him as our God and be delivered into eternal life with Him (Jn. 17.3).

As Moses foreshadowed the miraculous birth and the delivering work of Jesus, and the Passover gave some insight into the mystery of redemption by blood, so the tabernacle and its furnishings speak powerfully to the coming glory of the Lord in the Tabernacler, even our Lord Jesus Christ.

There is no doubt that the tabernacle was the most beautiful thing any of these people had ever seen or imagined. So excited were they at the vision of its beauty as the dwelling of God among them, that they freely and lavishly gave of their possessions to construct it (cf. Ex. 34.4, 5; Ex. 36.4, 5). The prospect of God dwelling among them and of them knowing Him as their God was a source of great energy and joy. They could not have imagined just how beautiful their finished work would be, so beautiful that, when filled with the Presence of the Lord, no one could enter that beauty, but all only stood outside, amazed (Ex. 40.34-38).

So is the beauty of Jesus Christ, the Tabernacler (Mk. 9.2-8; Rev. 1.12-17). And we can see His glory now, with the eyes of our heart (Eph. 1.15-23; Col. 3.1-3; Ps. 110), so that we will be energized with joy for obedience and the work of growing in grace, building the Church of our Lord, and advancing His Kingdom on earth as it is in heaven.

Jesus is our tabernacle. Rest in Him, in His beauty, in His glory, and in His calling for you.

Treasure Old and New: Matthew 13.52; Psalm 119.162

God planned to be with us, to tabernacle amongst us from the beginning. Remember what happened after Adam and Eve sinned? First, they sparsely clothed themselves in fig leaves, but then... “they heard the sound

of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day...” (Gen. 3.8), and they hid. But the point is, God created us to have fellowship with one another. There He was in the garden with them. Tabernacling.

God’s next foray into tabernacling with His people was through this astonishingly beautiful and majestic building. The official Tabernacle that God Himself would sanctify by His glory (Ex. 29.43). And here is what God said that He would accomplish through this structure and its accoutrements:

I will consecrate the tabernacle of meeting.
I will consecrate the altar that goes inside.
I will consecrate Aaron.
I will consecrate Aaron’s sons.
I will consecrate them to minister to Me as priests.
I will dwell among the children of Israel.
I will be their God. And they shall know that
I AM the LORD their God Who brought them up out of the land of Egypt that
I may dwell among them.
I AM the LORD their God. (Ex. 29.44-46)

And with all the significant beauty and glory and majesty and power associated with this dwelling place, it was merely a foretaste of the beauty of Jesus the Christ ruling and reigning in both His earthly and heavenly Kingdoms.

“For the LORD has chosen Zion; He has desired it for His dwelling place:
‘This is My resting place forever; here I will dwell, for I have desired it.
I will abundantly bless her provision; I will satisfy her poor with bread.
I will also clothe her priests with salvation, and her saints shall shout aloud for joy.
There I will make the horn of David grow; I will prepare a lamp for My Anointed.
His enemies I will clothe with shame, but upon Himself His crown shall flourish” (Ps. 132.13-18).

There He is—Jesus—the Promised and foretold Tabernacler Himself.

“Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son,
and they shall call His Name Immanuel,
which is translated, ‘God with us” (Matt. 1.23; Is. 7.14).
“And the Word became flesh
and dwelt among us,
and we beheld His glory,
the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,
full of grace and truth” (Jn. 1.14).

*O come, O come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel!*
(Latin hymn, c. 13th century, translated by John M. Neale, 1851)

Reflection

1. What does it mean to you to know that Jesus dwells in you by His Spirit?
2. How has the indwelling Christ “beautified” your life in recent years?
3. How do you expect to show the beauty of the Lord in your words and deeds today?

Using His personal name, God declared to the Israelites that He was their God. He had redeemed them and delivered them in order that they might become His people and He in turn their God. Earl Radmacher (1933-2014), NKJV Study Bible Note on Exodus 29.46

Pray Psalm 110.3-7.

Meditate on the beauty of Jesus, exalted in glory. Give Him praise and thanks. Review all that Jesus has done in your life to beautify you and make you more like Him. Give Him praise and thanks. Consider the progress of His Kingdom throughout the earth, as it advances in righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit. Give Jesus thanks and praise. Thank and praise Him for the beauty of creation and for beautiful works of culture, for the beautiful people you know, and all the beautiful things God has put into your life. Let these be testimonies of His abiding Presence with you, and give Him all praise and thanks. Call on Him to return soon in His beauty to make all things new.

Sing Psalm 110.3-7.

(Aurelia: [*The Church's One Foundation*](#))

Your people in Your power, arrayed in holiness,
like dew of morning's hour shall serve like youth refreshed.
The LORD has sworn and never will He His promise check:
"You are a priest forever after Melchizedek."

The Lord is at Your right hand to execute His wrath,
and judge all kings and all lands—doomed sinners in His path.
Then, all His foes defeated, He takes His hard-won rest,
in glorious triumph seated with us, redeemed and blessed.

Questions for Reflection or Discussion

1. Why is it important that we “see” Jesus in these Old Testament stories (Jn. 5.39)?
2. How many ways does the life and work of Moses point forward to Jesus?
3. How do the life and work of Moses help us to understand Jesus and His work?
4. In what sense is Jesus our tabernacle?
5. What’s the most important lesson you have learned from seeing Jesus in the book of Exodus?

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