



Exploring God's Love through the Bible: The Exodus Pt 2 God's Deliverance!

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EXHORTATION CONCERNING GOD'S LOVE

"For you are a people holy to the LORD your God. The LORD your God has chosen you to be a people for his treasured possession, out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth. It was not because you were more in number than any other people that the LORD set his love on you and chose you, for you were the fewest of all peoples, but it is because the LORD loves you and is keeping the oath that he swore to your fathers, that the LORD has brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt. (Deut 7:6-8)

TODAY'S TEXT: EXODUS 12:33-42

- When last we looked at Exodus, we looked at the **heart** of God for His people which was expressed so wonderfully in the language in our Text: Exodus 2:23-25.
- God heard the groaning of His people! *He hears us!* God was moved by their cries for help! *He loves us!* God remembered His covenant with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob! *He remembers us!* God saw His people, and "God knew." *He knew of their sorrows; He knew of their pain; He knew what He would do!*
- We looked at the history of Israel from Abraham to Moses, and saw God's hand in accomplishing His mighty redemptive plan, even in the midst of a chaotic journey.
- We said that the point of this history lesson was this: God is **faithful!** Through hundreds of years and several generations, He executed His plan! Through rebellion and sin (there's much we skipped), famine and betrayals, God steadily moved His people into His great **purpose!**

LOOKING AT GOD'S LOVE IN THE TEXT:

1. With a mighty hand and outstretched arm, God promised to deliver His people (Ex 3:7-10, 19-22)!
2. After calling a very reluctant Moses (Ex 3-4) and dispatching him and his brother Aaron to consistently demand that Pharaoh "Let my people go" (Ex 5:1), Pharaoh arrogantly refused: *"But Pharaoh said, 'Who is the LORD, that I should obey his voice and let Israel go? I do not know the LORD, and moreover, I will not let Israel go.'" (Ex 5:2)*
3. We find out that God, being totally sovereign, was not surprised at Pharaoh's hard heart. Not only is Pharaoh said to have hardened his own heart throughout this narrative, but the Lord is said to as well (cf. Ex 7:14; 9:12)!
4. Pharaoh thus becomes the quintessential **enemy** of God. Pharaoh was rebellious of His own accord and "allowed" or used by God for His own purposes (Rom 9:15-17)! Pharaoh represents the oppressors...the immovable objects...the pride-filled principalities we all must face.

5. **But even the “Pharaohs” of this life serve a purpose! May that truth encourage your faith!**
6. And God proceeded to absolutely show and demonstrate His divine authority and power...*all because He loved His people!*
7. And deliver them He did...punishing Egypt in stages to magnify His own **glory** (Ex 7:14-12:32):
 - He turned the Nile to blood. He sent frogs upon the land. He sent gnats and flies. He killed Egypt’s livestock. He punished the Egyptians with painful boils on their skin. Massive hail and fire fell from the sky, destroying plants and breaking trees. He sent locusts to eat the remaining plants and trees. He sent a brutal darkness upon the land, immobilizing Egyptians for three days. None of this was enough for Pharaoh.
 - So finally, God prepared His chosen people for the last plague...

PREACHING CHRIST IN THE TEXT:

1. Precious friends, Christ is our Passover **Lamb** (Ex 12:1-13)!
2. After the institution of the Passover, the final plague (the death of the firstborn) began (Ex 12:29-32).
3. Not only is Christ our Passover Lamb, but He is the one whose blood spares us a much deserved death! It is because of Him that God “passes over” us, redeems us, forgives us, and will take us to Himself for all eternity.
4. This is the context of the verses we initially read!
5. Triumphant now in their God and after 430 years in Egypt, some 600,000 men (likely 2,000,000 plus people), marched out of their bondage after plundering the silver, gold, and clothing of their enemies (Ex 3:22).
6. Perhaps you can see a bit of the future **glory** of the church in this narrative, where led by Christ, the church shall fully inherit the glory of our Father’s Kingdom (cf. Matt 25:34; 1 Cor 15:50-52; Eph 4:8).

EXHORTATION TO THE CHURCH

Paul said to the church at Corinth: *“For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed.”* (1 Cor 5:7) May you all, with Spirit-given encouragement, realize:

- Christ, your Passover Lamb is with you!
- **That God remains a deliverer!**
- That you can do all things through Christ who strengthens you (Php 4:13)!
- That the “Pharaohs” in your life must eventually yield to the power of God!
- That you can go forward, take another step, and believe God to accomplish His great purpose in your life.

Amen.