

Exodus 5-6:8

So, This is Deliverance?

The Lord has spoken ...

I. The Confrontation

A. In Pharaohs' Court

B. Predictably Obstinate

II. Unintended Results

A. A Greater Burden

B. Blaming the Messengers

III. Why Me?!

A. A Perennial Question

B. A Powerful Answer

IV. I Am – I Will

A. I AM the LORD

B. Watch Me!

... and He keeps His Word!

Children, Listen ...

1. What was God's message to Pharaoh?

2. What did Pharaoh do to the people of Israel when he heard the message?

3. Was it hard for the Israelites to understand why this was happening to them?

4. God promised He would deliver His people from Egypt, and He always keeps His word. But the blessings God promises His people don't always come how and when we want them to. What can you think of that will help when we are confused by God's mysterious ways?

Wondering What in the World?

Expectations were high when Moses reported that the Lord had visited His people and heard their cry – so much so that they fell down and worshipped. But that was last week. Things didn't quite go as the people had hoped, in fact, for all intents and purposes, things got way worse. When Pharaoh was told to let God's people go, he responded by putting an even heavier burden on the enslaved Israelites. Things get ugly as the foremen call down judgment on Moses and Aaron, Moses accuses God of ill intent towards His own people, and Moses once again wants to bail out of what at the time seemed like a miserable plan. But the fact of the matter is, God never said it would be easy for them, He never gave them a time frame to work with, and while He did give Moses quite a bit of information, He did not divulge all the details of His plan. He simply made the promise to put Pharaoh in his place and deliver His people from bondage and take them into the promised land. This is not only a foretaste of the experiences of the Lord's witnessing Christ's passion, but there is also personal application for us as well. Things looked pretty grim as Jesus approached the cross – but we know the infinite value of what was accomplished there. As for us, God has promised us His blessings in this life and has assured His people of a blissful eternity, but sometimes we are perplexed by how things pan out. We may not feel especially blessed at times as things don't always go the way or unfold in the time frame that we prefer. But our God is true, and His promises, His ways and His timing is all perfect and we can trust Him at all times.

Wait for the LORD; be strong,
and let your heart take courage; wait for the LORD!
Psalm 27:14