

A PURPOSE MORE GRAND

Exodus 5:1-6;13
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INTRODUCTION

The quality of your faith is exposed by how you act when things don't go as you thought they would.

Solomon said, "If you faint in the day of adversity, your strength is small."

Anyone can be a shining example of Christian virtue when things are going well. Even non-Christians can imitate Christian virtue when things are going well. It's when poverty strikes, health fades, friends abandon you; this is when everyone will see what kind of Christian you are.

Proposition: God saves His people for His glory in His way so that His people will grow know Him.

This story is held together by six questions.

I. PHARAOH'S QUESTIONS, 5:1-14

A. "WHO IS THE LORD?" 5:2

B. "WHY DO YOU DRAW THE PEOPLE FROM WORK?"
5:3-5

C. "WHY AREN'T YOU MAKING YOUR QUOTA?" 5:6-14

II. THE FOREMEN'S QUESTION, 5:15-21

A. "WHY DO YOU DEAL THIS WAY WITH YOUR
SERVANTS?" 5:15-19

1. They Cry Out To The Wrong Person

2. They Make The Wrong Appeal.

B. "YOU HAVE MADE US ODIOUS TO PHARAOH"

? How often when trials come, do we cry out to the wrong person?

? How often do we begin to blame people around us rather than resting in the Sovereignty of God?

III. MOSES' QUESTIONS, 5:22, 23

A. "WHY HAVE YOU BROUGHT HARM?"

B. WHY DID YOU SEND ME?

? Do you rest in the sovereignty of God when trials come?

? Do you despair as Moses did even though you knew God promises difficulty?

IV. THE “WHY” AND “HOW” OF SALVATION, 6:1-13

A. I AM THE LORD, 6:2

B. I HAVE HEARD THEIR GROANING. 6:5

C. I AM THE LORD, I WILL REDEEM, 6:6

1. I Will Deliver You From Bondage

2. I Will Redeem You With Great Judgments

C. I WILL TAKE YOU FOR MY PEOPLE, 6:7

D. I WILL BE YOUR GOD, 6:7

E. YOU WILL KNOW THAT I AM THE LORD YOUR GOD

F. I AM THE LORD, I WILL GIVE YOU THE PROMISED LAND TO POSSESS

Four times God Yahweh repeats, “I am the LORD.”

CONCLUSION: THE BEAUTY OF SALVATION

Salvation is good, but the “why” and “how” of salvation is more important than salvation itself.

This isn't a new lesson for us, but it is one that we often forget.

John 16:33b

In the world you have tribulation, but take courage; I have overcome the world.

Matthew 8:19-22

Then a scribe came and said to Him, “Teacher, I will follow You wherever You go.” Jesus *said to him, “The foxes have holes and the birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay His head.” Another of the disciples said to Him, “Lord, permit me first to go and bury my father.” But Jesus *said to him, “Follow Me, and allow the dead to bury their own dead.”

1 Peter 2:21

For you have been called for this purpose, since Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example for you to follow in His steps,

Dietrich Bonhoeffer

When Christ calls a man, He bids him come and die.

APPLICATION

? What kind of Christian will you be when your faith is tested?

Proverbs 24:16

for the righteous falls seven times and rises again, but the wicked stumble in times of calamity.

Cry out to the Lord

Trust the Lord

See the Glory of the Lord