

John 6:44-45

⁴⁴ No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him. And I will raise him up on the last day. ⁴⁵ It is written in the Prophets, ‘And they will all be taught by God.’ Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me—

D. All Eyes On Jesus

Hebrews 3:1-8

Therefore, holy brothers, you who share in a heavenly calling, **consider Jesus**, the apostle and high priest of our confession, ² who was faithful to him who appointed him, just as Moses also was faithful in all God’s house. ³ For Jesus has been counted worthy of more glory than Moses—as much more glory as the builder of a house has more honor than the house itself. ⁴ (For every house is built by someone, but the builder of all things is God.) ⁵ Now Moses was faithful in all God’s house as a servant, to testify to the things that were to be spoken later, ⁶ but Christ is faithful over God’s house as a son. And we are his house *if indeed we hold fast our confidence and our boasting in our hope.*

⁷ Therefore, as the Holy Spirit says, “Today, **if you hear his voice,** ⁸ **do not harden your hearts** as in the rebellion, on the day of testing in the wilderness...

Exodus 5-6

Who is the Lord, that I Should Obey his Voice?

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Sermon Outline

Notes

I. Who is the Lord, that I Should Obey his Voice?

A. Pharaoh, People, Moses

B. We Ask this Question

“I will have *mercy* on whom I have *mercy*, and I will have *compassion* on whom I have *compassion*.”

Key Idea

God’s promises do not depend on human will or exertion, but on God, who has mercy!

II. When You are King of the World

Exodus 5:2-9

² 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.” ³ “...lest he [the LORD] fall upon us with *pestilence* or with *the sword*.”

⁴ But the **king of Egypt** said to them, “Moses and Aaron, why do you take the people away from their work? Get back to your burdens.” ... ⁹ “*Let heavier work be laid on the men that they may labor at it and pay no regard to lying words.*”

“These god-kings usually commanded tremendous resources. The Pharaoh was the head of the civil administration, the supreme warlord and the chief priest of every god in the kingdom. All offerings were made in his name and the entire priesthood acted in his stead. In fact, he was himself a divine being, considered the physical offspring of a god. ...

Even today, the power that an ancient Egyptian pharaoh commanded in ancient Egypt and the resources under his control can seem staggering.

One need only think in terms of the Great Pyramids, the wealth of gold and the grand temples to gain some understanding of their power. They commanded resources that many modern day states would be hard pressed to emulate, and they did so at a time when much of the remainder of the ancient world were struggling for a foothold in history.”

<<http://www.touregypt.net/featurestories/pharaohs.htm>>

III. When All You Have is a Promise of Deliverance

Exodus 5:22-23

²² Then Moses turned to the LORD and said, “O Lord, why have you done evil to this people? *Why did you ever send me?* ²³ For since I came to Pharaoh to speak in your name, he has done evil to this people, and you have not delivered your people at all.”

Exodus 6:2-8 (Cf. Genesis 15:7-8)

² God spoke to Moses and said to him, “**I am the LORD.** ³ I appeared to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, as *God Almighty*, but by my name **the LORD** I did not make myself known to them. ⁴ I also established my covenant with them to give them the land of Canaan, the land in which they lived as sojourners. ⁵ Moreover, I have heard the groaning of the people of Israel whom the Egyptians hold as slaves, and I have remembered my covenant. ⁶ Say therefore to the people of Israel, ‘**I am the LORD**, and I will bring you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians, and I will deliver you from slavery to them, and I will redeem you with an outstretched arm and with *great acts of judgment.* ⁷ I will take you to be my people, and I will be your God, and *you shall know that I am the LORD your God*, who has brought you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians. ⁸ I will bring you into the land that I swore to give to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob. I will give it to you for a possession. **I am the LORD.**”

A. When Your Circumstances are Crushing

Exodus 6:9

Moses spoke thus to the *people of Israel*, but **they did not listen** to Moses, because of their *broken spirit* and *harsh slavery*.

B. When Your Worst Fears Come to Pass

Exodus 6:28-30 (Cf. Exodus 6:10-13)

²⁸ On the day when the LORD spoke to Moses in the land of Egypt, ²⁹ the LORD said to Moses, “I am the LORD; tell Pharaoh king of Egypt all that I say to you.” ³⁰ But Moses said to the LORD, “Behold, I am of **uncircumcised lips**. How will Pharaoh listen to me?”

IV. This is Why we all Need Jesus

A. The Facts Are Never Enough

Hebrews 1:1-3

Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, ² but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. ³ He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high...

B. We All Need Mercy

Romans 9:14-15

¹⁴ What shall we say then? Is there injustice on God’s part? By no means! ¹⁵ For he says to Moses, “I will have mercy on whom I have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I have compassion.”

C. We All Need to be Taught by Jesus