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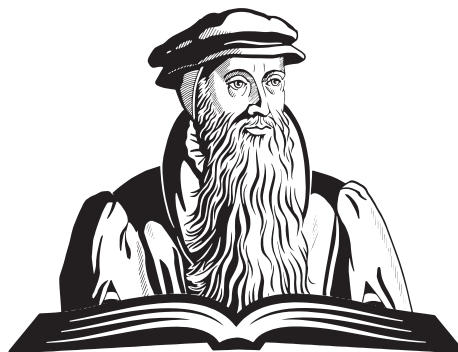
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40 LESSONS

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Lesson 30

Let My People Go

Exodus 5 – Exodus 11

Memory Verse

And I have also heard the groaning of the children of Israel, whom the Egyptians keep in bondage; and I have remembered my covenant.

Exodus 6:5

The Wicked and the Word of the Lord

The wicked are like Pharaoh, they do not respect the Word of the Lord. When Moses had come to Pharaoh, he told Pharaoh that the LORD had spoken to him and that Pharaoh was to let the people go and worship the Lord. How did Pharaoh react? Did he humble himself before the Word of the Lord? No. Pharaoh doubted the Word of the Lord - “Who is the LORD, that I should obey his voice to let Israel go?” (Exodus 5:2).

There are a people to whom the Word of the Lord is a sweet sound – “How sweet are thy words unto my taste! yea, sweeter than honey to my mouth!” (Psalm 119:103). However, it is not a sweet word to everyone. To those who love themselves and the things of the world, to those who love to dwell in the tents of wickedness (Psalm 84:10), the Word of the Lord is not a sweet word. No, to them it is something far different. To them the Word of the Lord is an empty word. What did Pharaoh say to the taskmasters? “let them not regard vain words” (Exodus 5:9).

Pharaoh may have thought the Word of the Lord was a vain word, but he was mistaken. It was the words of Pharaoh that were vain. How many times did he say, “I will not let the people go?” Yet in the end, he had to let them go. The Almighty was too much for Pharaoh. Pharaoh’s word failed. God’s word endured.

The Servant Not Above the Master

Pharaoh hated the Word of the Lord that Moses spoke to him. His hatred is seen, not only in his disobedience to the Word of the Lord, but also in the increased burdens that he placed upon the children of Jacob. “Take away their straw; let them get their own straw, but do not diminish the number of bricks they must make.” Pharaoh hates the Word of the Lord, so he hates the people of the Lord.

It is a sad reality in this world that people are persecuted. It is a clear sign of the Fall and mankind's depraved nature. Sometimes people may be persecuted because they look different or because they come from a different ethnic group. Sometimes people are persecuted because they are children of God.

Although no one likes to be persecuted, Christians should not be surprised when they are persecuted. Jesus said to His disciples, "If they have persecuted me," (and they did persecute Him, even unto the death of the cross), "they will also persecute you" (John 15:20). Persecution, for God's sake, is not a cause to despair. In fact, Jesus said the exact opposite – 'Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven' (Matthew 5:10).

Jesus Christ: The Greater Moses

God sent Moses to deliver His people from bondage in Egypt. Moses's task was not easy. Although what Moses accomplished, by grace, was remarkable, it pales in comparison to what Jesus Christ, the greater Moses accomplished.

- 1) Pharaoh set his will against Moses's commission. Satan and the world set themselves against Christ's commission.
- 2) Despite all the efforts of Pharaoh, Pharaoh had to let the Hebrew children go. Despite the efforts of the devil, Jesus Christ gained the victory over death, hell and the grave.
- 3) Moses was sent to deliver the Hebrew children for an earthly bondage. God sent His Son into the world to deliver His people from a greater bondage – the bondage of sin.
- 4) With very few exceptions, those who were delivered from Egypt never made it to the promised land – Canaan. This was because of their rebellion. All those who are delivered from the bondage of sin, by faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, are reconciled to the Father, have their entire debt paid, and have everlasting life. Their salvation is assured.

Questions

1. What did Pharaoh do to the Hebrew children after Moses came to him the first time?
(See Exodus 5:6-8, 13-14)

2. The deliverance of the Hebrew children from the Egyptians is the work of the Almighty God. It is the word of God alone. Salvation is also God's work alone. What are the four "I will(s)", which shows that their deliverance is God's work alone? (See Exodus 6:6-8)

- I will - _____

- I will - _____

• I will - _____

• I will - _____

3. What was the age of Moses and Aaron when they were in Egypt seeking the deliverance of God's people?
(See Exodus 7)

_____ Moses a. 40

_____ Aaron b. 43

4. Number the ten plagues in order.

_____ a disease kills the Egyptian cattle

_____ all the first-born of the Egyptians die

_____ water is turned to blood

_____ boils and blains come upon the people

_____ darkness over the land

_____ the land covered with frogs

_____ rains grievous hail

_____ swarms of flies

_____ dust becomes lice

_____ locust cover the land

Discussion Questions

1. The Lord Jesus says, "Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light" (Matthew 11:29-30). In Exodus 5:5, Pharaoh complains that Moses 'makes the people to rest.' In anger, Pharaoh increases the burden upon the people. Why is the yoke of Christ more desirable than the yoke of the world?

2. What was Moses's complaint in Exodus 5:22-23? Was Moses right in complaining? Explain.

3. In response to Moses's complaint, the Lord said, "Now shalt thou see what I will do to Pharaoh: for with a strong hand shall he drive them out of his land" (Exodus 6:1). Looking at these words, explain why was it good for God not to deliver the Hebrew children immediately?

4. In his doubt and confusion, God points Moses to His covenant faithfulness – "And God spake unto Moses, and said unto him, I am the LORD: and I appeared unto Abraham, unto Isaac, and unto Jacob by the name of God Almighty, but by my name JEHOVAH was I not known to them. And I have established my covenant with them, to give them the land of Canaan...I have also heard the groaning of the children of Israel...I have remembered my covenant" (Exodus 6:2-5). Explain why these words were encouraging words.
