

WEEKLY WORSHIP GUIDE



Exodus 6:1-13--September 15th, 2024

Sermon Recap:

Standing on the Promises of God

I. When Doubts & Fears Assail

Exodus 5:2-23--What is going on in a man's heart that would lead him to make these accusations against God? Two things:

a. Forgotten God

- Moses has forgotten who God is. Why else would he have the audacity to speak to God in this manner?
- Moses has forgotten the character of God. What is going on in a man's heart that would lead him to make these accusations against God? Two things:
 - Moses is allowing his circumstances to dictate his theology.

b. Forgotten God's Word

- Exodus 3:19-20- God told Moses this would happen. And, yet, Moses is despondent when things do not go the way he expected.
- Moses' emotions are understandable. Obedience to God is hard. Failures, stresses, hurts, betrayals create questions as we reconcile reality with the promises of God. Questions are not bad unless we use them as ammunition against God, like Moses.

II. ...Remember God's Promises

Exodus 6:1-5--The Lord reveals himself to Moses.

- V.3- The patriarchs knew the name of the Lord, but didn't understand the significance of his name. In the exodus events and plagues, God would reveal his power and glory in a way that none had ever witnessed.
- V.4- "Remember" doesn't mean God forgot. It means that God is ready to act upon his promises.
- Seven "I will" statements, revealing four promises:

a. Freedom

- V.6a- The Lord will set them free from slavery. This is salvation in its most simplest terms.

b. Redemption

- V.6b- The Lord will redeem his people. "Redeem" is a financial term; a debt/ransom must be paid for a slave's freedom. The Lord is the "Kinsmen Redeemer" of Israel (Lev. 25:47-53).

c. Adoption

- V.7- "Take you as my people" literally means "to adopt." The Lord would adopt the offspring of Abraham (Gen. 17:7), they would be his people, and he would be their God.

d. Possession

- V.8- The Lord swears to bring them out of Egypt, to the Promised Land, and give it to them.

All of these promises are still real for God's people today.

- Freedom- Rev. 1:5
- Redemption- Ephesians 1:7
- Adoption- Gal. 4:4-5
- Possession- 1 Peter 5:14

When doubts and fears assail, we can forget who God is and ignore his Word like Israel (6:9) or stand on this promises that are founded upon the identity of God.

Discussion Questions:

- Why is Moses so emotional in this passage?
- How has he forgotten God? How has he forgotten God's Word?
- When do emotions and questions, such as those exhibited by Moses, become dangerous?
- What is the first thing the Lord does for Moses in Exodus 6:2? How does this help with our questions?
- What are the seven "I will" statements?
- What are the four promises God makes?
- What are these promises founded upon (Exodus 6:5)?
- What is the covenant founded upon (Gen. 15)?
- What are the promises for God's people today? How does that help us when we are consumed with questions and emotions?

Application:

- How do you typically respond to high emotions?
- What questions do you typically find yourself asking God? How can those emotions and questions strengthen your faith?
- How do you see the four promises mentioned in your life today?
- Why is it significant that these promises are rooted in the identity of God? How does that presently aid you?
- How can viewing all of life through the lens of the gospel put stressful times, hurts, hardships, fears, and doubts into perspective?

