The Service Church
Worship Services

Exodus: Chapter 6

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- V. 1 – Then…
    - (SC: That is, "next step." Remember, context is *always* important. "Then" is always *after* what came before. Why is that important? Because there are "Thens" throughout scripture and you miss the significance.)

  the LORD said to Moses, "Now you shall see what I will do to Pharaoh; for under (SC: Literally means "under a strong hand." Kind of like saying, "I'm going to discipline him.") compulsion he will let them go, and under compulsion he will drive them out of his land."

- V. 2 – God spoke further to Moses and said to him, "I am the LORD;
- V. 3 – and I appeared to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob (SC: What's the significance of each of those three men's lives?) as God Almighty, but by My name, LORD, I did not make Myself known to them.
    - SC: That's an interesting verse. Why did He not make himself known? Or why did He not HAVE to make himself known. Now, God says three very important affirming statements:
        - I appeared.
        - I established.
        - I have heard.
- V. 4 – I also established My covenant with them, to give them the land of Canaan, the land in which they lived as strangers.
    - SC: Interesting that He established a covenant with them but He didn't make Himself known to them. How'd He do that?
- V. 5 – Furthermore I have heard the groaning of the sons of Israel, because the Egyptians are holding them in bondage, and I have remembered My covenant. (SC: What is God's covenant with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob? Go back in the book of Genesis, and you will see it.).
- V. 6 – Say, therefore, to the sons of Israel (SC: Not to Pharaoh), **(1)** 'I am the LORD, and **(2)** I will bring you out from under the labors of the Egyptians, and **(3)** I will deliver you from their bondage. **(4)** I will also redeem you with an outstretched arm, and with great judgments.
- V. 7 – Then **(5)** I will take you as My people, and **(6)** I will be your God; and you shall know that I am the LORD your God, who brought you out from under the labors of the Egyptians.
- V. 8 – **(7)** I will bring you to the land which I swore to give to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and **(8)** I will give it to you as a possession; I am the LORD.'"
    - SC: So what's interesting is that all of those except ONE are commitments by God to His children. Promises by God to His children. The very first one is a statement of fact, the rest are commitments.
- V. 9 – So Moses said this to the sons of Israel, but they did not listen to Moses on account of their despondency and cruel bondage.
    - (SC: or "shortness of spirit." In other words, internally their hearts were weak. They were depleted, depressed, despondent, discouraged. So depression is no excuse, discouragement is no excuse, fear is no excuse – for not listening or not receiving. You will reap the fruit of your choices.)

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- V. 10 – Now the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,
- V. 11 – "Go, (SC: That's an action item. Take action, physically!) tell Pharaoh king of Egypt to let the sons of Israel go out of his land."
- V. 12 – But Moses spoke before the LORD, saying, "Behold, the sons of Israel have not listened to me; how then will Pharaoh listen to me, as I am unskilled in speech?"
- V. 13 – Then the LORD spoke to Moses and to Aaron and gave them a command concerning the sons of Israel and Pharaoh king of Egypt, to bring the sons of Israel out of the land of Egypt.
    - SC: So Moses doesn't listen to God. He brings up all the excuses. So you can't help but wonder at this point, is Aaron more trusting, more faithful than Moses even though Moses is the one appointed to do this job?
        - So Verse 10, the Lord spoke to Moses. Verse 13, the Lord spoke to Aaron and Moses, because Moses gave a bunch of excuses. He responded with negativity; why it won't work, why it won't happen. And God just said, "Hey, we have to get a job done."
- V. 28 – Now it came about on the day when the LORD spoke to Moses in the land of Egypt,
- V. 29 – that the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, "I am the LORD; say to Pharaoh king of Egypt all that I say to you."
    - SC: Key word, "all". You want to learn to be specific and to interpret with specificity.
- V. 30 – But Moses said before the LORD, "Behold, I am unskilled in speech; how then will Pharaoh listen to me?"
    - SC: Again, what's he doing? Same old thing. Tons of excuses based on his own fear, insecurity and doubt.

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