The Emergence of the Deliverer

Proclamation Life Groups; Week of Sunday, November 7, 2021; Richie Pendred

Sermon Theme: A deliverer emerges in Egypt to save God's people. Moses' birth and exile point us toward the chief rescuer, the Lord Jesus, who humbly came, identified with His people, and delivered them from the penalty, power, and presence of sin, forever!

I. Birth of the Deliverer – Read Exodus 2:1-10

- A. In verse 1, Moses starts by saying, "Now a man from the house of Levi." How is this transitional phrase important to the narrative in Exodus 2? What is the context of Exodus 2:1-10?
- B. In what ways does the narrative put Moses forward as the next Noah and seed of the woman?
- C. How do you think through and interpret the interaction between Pharaoh's daughter and Moses' sister and the irony that lays behind the adoption of Moses into Pharaoh's house?
- D. Read Hebrews 11:23-27. What is the reason for Moses' parent's trust in the Lord rather than fear? In what ways would you like to grow in fighting the good fight of faith in trusting God rather than being overwhelmed by the fear of man? Are there particular areas in your life where you struggle?

II. Exile of the Deliverer – Read Exodus 2:11-22

- A. List all the different ways that Moses identifies with the people of God rather than the Egyptians? What examples are given from the text about Moses' desire to deliver the Israelites from Egypt?
- B. Why do you think Moses' first attempt to deliver the Hebrews failed in verses 11-12?
- C. God is using Moses' exile experience in order to prepare him as a deliverer. According to Exodus 2:15-22, in what ways is Moses being developed into a servant leader and a shepherd?
- D. Read Hebrews 11:23-27. How is this passage helpful in understanding Moses' thinking about his situation? What does it look like to be a sojourner in a foreign land? How can we actively cultivate a greater excitement and anticipation for heaven rather than the worldly treasures of this world?

III. Need for a Deliverer - Application

- A. Compare and contrast the Moses as deliverer of the Hebrews and Jesus as the chief deliverer of the souls of men. Why is Jesus the true and better deliverer?
- B. Read John 8:34-36. How does Jesus characterize believers and unbelievers? In what ways were you once enslaved to sin? How have you now been set free to walk in righteousness? How is this reality encouraging for believers and why is it so essential to be daily reminded of it?
- C. What are ways that we can excel still more in putting sin to death and walking in righteousness? Where have you tolerated sin in your life rather than being free to eliminate it all together?
- D. What do you think it looks like to pursue joy in Christ rather than in material things of this world? How is Mark 4:18-19 helpful as we think about desiring things other than God and His Word?