



# EXODUS

SALVATION FROM THE LORD

In this week's sermon, we delved into the depths of Exodus 5:22-6:13, exploring the steadfastness of God's promises amidst the trials faced by Moses and the Israelites in Egypt. Despite Moses' crisis of faith and the increased burdens imposed by a hardened Pharaoh, God reaffirms His commitment to deliverance through a series of powerful "I will" promises. These declarations not only highlight God as a proactive liberator but also as a faithful covenant keeper whose plans are rooted in His unchanging character. We examined how these divine assurances resonate with the comprehensive deliverance and redemption provided by Christ, our greater Moses. This message challenges us to persist in our faith and obedience, even when faced with daunting circumstances, trusting in God's ultimate plan for our freedom and restoration.

## Monday: The Question of Deliverance

### Scripture Reading: Exodus 5:22-23, ESV

"Then Moses turned to the Lord and said, 'O Lord, why have you done evil to this people? Why did you ever send me? 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.'"

### Devotional:

Moses, leading under God's command, encounters not liberation but increased hardship for his people. This moment captures a profound crisis of faith, common to all believers at points in their spiritual journey. Moses' candid prayer reveals his perplexity and frustration with God's plans, echoing the doubts that often assail us when faced with unrelenting challenges. However, this Scripture invites us to wrestle

honestly with God during our darkest times, reassuring us that voicing our doubts is not a sign of weak faith but of a deep, authentic relationship with God.

God's response to Moses, although not immediate in physical deliverance, is a powerful reminder of His presence and promise. This interaction encourages us to maintain a dialogue with God, to seek understanding and reassurance in His divine plan, even when the outcomes are not immediately visible or favorable.

In such times, we learn the importance of perseverance and the value of trusting in God's ultimate goodness and sovereignty. The pathway to fulfillment of God's promises may be fraught with trials, but each challenge is an opportunity to deepen our faith and reliance on Him.

## **Reflection Questions:**

Have you ever felt like Moses, questioning God's plan in the face of adversity? How did you handle that situation?

What can we learn about God's character when His responses do not align with our immediate desires or expectations?

How does sharing your doubts with God affect your relationship with Him?

## **Closing Prayer:**

Lord, grant us the courage to come before You with our deepest doubts and fears. As You comforted Moses in his distress, comfort us, reminding us of Your sovereign control and unfailing promises. Help us to trust in Your timing and plan, even when the path is difficult. Strengthen our faith to persevere through the trials we face. In Jesus' name, Amen.

# **Tuesday: The Assurance of God's Action**

## **Scripture Reading: Exodus 6:1, ESV**

"But the Lord said to Moses, 'Now you shall see what I will do to Pharaoh; for with a strong hand he will send them out, and with a strong hand he will drive them out of his land.'"

## **Devotional:**

As Moses struggles with despair, God responds with a declaration of what He will soon do to Pharaoh. This promise serves as a pivotal turning point, shifting the narrative from despair to divine assurance. God's response highlights His active involvement in the struggles we face and reassures us that deliverance, though sometimes delayed, is certain and powerful.

This Scripture teaches us about God's timing and His mighty power to overturn even the most oppressive circumstances. It challenges us to look beyond the immediate and visible to the ultimate manifestations of God's power and grace. God's strong hand not only promises to deliver but also to thoroughly overcome the obstacles we face.

In reflecting on this passage, we see that God's interventions are designed to display His glory and power, ensuring that both oppressors and the oppressed recognize His supremacy and benevolence. Such moments remind us that no authority or situation is beyond His control.

## **Reflection Questions:**

How does knowing that God intervenes with a "strong hand" affect your view of the challenges you currently face?

In what ways have you witnessed God's power in your life or in the lives of others?

What does this promise of deliverance tell us about God's relationship with those under oppression?

## **Closing Prayer:**

Heavenly Father, thank You for the reassurance that You are actively involved in our deliverance. Help us to trust in Your strong hand and perfect timing. May Your actions in our lives serve as a testimony of Your power and mercy. Teach us to wait on You with hopeful expectation and unwavering faith. In the mighty name of Jesus, Amen.

# **Wednesday: God of the Covenant**

## **Scripture Reading: Exodus 6:2-3, ESV**

"God spoke to Moses and said to him, 'I am the Lord. 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.'"

## **Devotional:**

In revealing His name to Moses, God emphasizes His personal relationship with His people and the continuity of His covenant promises. This moment deepens our understanding of God as not just a mighty deity but as a personal and covenant-keeping God. The disclosure of His name, YHWH, marks a

profound deepening of the divine relationship with Israel, symbolizing a commitment that spans generations.

This passage invites us to reflect on the nature of God's promises. They are not just historical or impersonal; they are deeply relational and are reaffirmed in every generation. God's faithfulness to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob is a blueprint for His faithfulness to us. He is a God who remembers His promises and acts on them, not because of our righteousness, but because of His steadfast character.

Understanding God's unchanging nature helps us to trust Him more fully. In times when we feel forgotten, this passage reassures us that God is actively mindful of His covenant with us, working in ways we might not immediately perceive but can trust are for our ultimate good and His glory.

## **Reflection Questions:**

What does it mean to you that God is known by His name and character?

How does the continuity of God's promises across generations impact your faith?

In what personal ways have you experienced God's faithfulness?

## **Closing Prayer:**

Lord God, we praise You for revealing Yourself to us as the faithful Covenant Keeper. Thank You for the assurance that Your promises are sure and span all generations. Help us to hold tightly to the truth of Your character, trusting that You are always working for our good. May we live in the confidence of Your unchanging nature. In Jesus' name, Amen.

# **Thursday: The Promises of Deliverance**

## **Scripture Reading: Exodus 6:6-7, ESV**

"I will bring you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians, and I will deliver you from slavery to them. I will redeem you with an outstretched arm and with great acts of judgment. 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."

## **Devotional:**

In this powerful declaration, God outlines His comprehensive plan for Israel's deliverance. Each "I will" is a direct promise from God, emphasizing His proactive role in the liberation and redemption of His people. These promises are not passive; they are active commitments to bring about change and relief from suffering.

This passage is a cornerstone for understanding God's nature as a deliverer who is intimately involved in the details of His people's lives. He is not a distant observer but a dynamic, present force fighting on their behalf. The phrases "I will deliver," "I will redeem," and "I will take you to be my people" illustrate the multifaceted nature of God's salvation, encompassing physical, social, and spiritual liberation.

Reflecting on these promises, we are reminded of the complete and holistic salvation that comes through Jesus Christ, who fulfills and expands these deliverances in His work on the cross. Through Christ, we are brought out from under the burdens of sin and death, delivered into freedom, redeemed by His sacrifice, and brought into a new covenant relationship with God.

## **Reflection Questions:**

How do the specific promises of God in Exodus 6:6-7 resonate with your current life circumstances?

What does it mean to you that God promises to be your God and take you as His people?

How does the fulfillment of these promises in Jesus Christ deepen your understanding of salvation?

## **Closing Prayer:**

Dear God, thank You for Your promises of deliverance and redemption. Help us to see Your active hand in our lives as You free us from the burdens we carry. May we fully embrace our identity as Your people, redeemed and loved by You. Strengthen our faith in the complete work of Jesus Christ, our Redeemer and Lord. In His precious name, we pray, Amen.

# **Friday: The Challenge of Belief**

## **Scripture Reading: Exodus 6:9, ESV**

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

## **Devotional:**

The response of the Israelites to Moses' announcement of God's promises is a poignant reflection of how despair can deafen us to hope. Despite hearing of God's intentions to liberate them, their crushed spirits and the harsh reality of their bondage made it difficult to believe in the possibility of change. This

scenario is a powerful illustration of how physical and emotional exhaustion can cloud our perception of God's promises.

This passage invites us to examine our own responses to God's promises, especially in times of suffering. It challenges us to ask whether our spirits are open to God's voice or if we have allowed life's hardships to harden our hearts. The story of the Israelites reminds us that the capacity to hope and believe is itself a gift of grace, one that we need to nurture and protect.

In times when we find ourselves doubting, like the Israelites, we must remember the role of community and the encouragement of fellow believers. Just as Moses continued to speak God's promises to the Israelites, we too need to support one another in faith, reminding each other of God's faithfulness and the surety of His promises.

## **Reflection Questions:**

How have your own experiences of hardship affected your ability to trust in God's promises?

What practical steps can you take to nurture hope and faith in your life during tough times?

How can you help others in your community who are struggling to believe in God's promises?

## **Closing Prayer:**

Father, in times of despair, help us to hear Your promises clearly. Lift our spirits and strengthen our faith, that we might cling to the hope You offer. Guide us to be bearers of hope to others, sharing the light of Your faithfulness in our community. Help us not to be swayed by circumstances but to be anchored firmly in Your Word. In the name of Jesus, Amen.

# **Saturday: God's Assurance and Our Response**

## **Scripture Reading: Exodus 6:10-12, ESV**

"So the Lord said to Moses, 'Go in, tell Pharaoh king of Egypt to let the people of Israel go out of his land.' But Moses said to the Lord, 'Behold, the people of Israel have not listened to me. How then shall Pharaoh listen to me, for I am of uncircumcised lips?'"

## **Devotional:**

Moses' hesitation to confront Pharaoh again highlights a common human experience: doubt in our abilities and the effectiveness of our efforts, especially after initial failures. This Scripture captures the essence of faithful obedience—not grounded in our own abilities, but in God's command and His assurance of backing.

God's command to Moses to return to Pharaoh despite the odds is a profound lesson in persistence and faith. It teaches us about God's nature as a commander who does not relent in His purposes and who sees beyond our limitations and failures. This directive from God challenges us to keep stepping forward in faith, even when past efforts seem futile and current obstacles seem insurmountable.

As we reflect on this passage, we are encouraged to consider our own responses to God's callings. Are we willing to persist in obedience, trusting not in our own success, but in the God who calls us? This moment in Moses' life urges us to keep moving forward, to continue speaking truth and pursuing justice, empowered not by our own strength but by God's promise and presence.

## **Reflection Questions:**

In what areas of your life is God calling you to persistent obedience, despite apparent lack of progress or success?

How can you cultivate a mindset of trust in God's backing rather than your own abilities?

What does Moses' example teach you about responding to God's commands, even when faced with repeated challenges?

## **Closing Prayer:**

Lord, remind us that our strength and success come from You alone. Encourage us to persist in obedience to Your will, even when the path is difficult and the outcomes uncertain. Help us to trust in Your word and to act in faith, knowing that You are with us every step of the way. May our lives reflect Your power and faithfulness, as we serve You and Your kingdom. In Jesus' name, Amen.