



# EXODUS

SALVATION FROM THE LORD

## Dover Daily Devotionals:

Sunday's sermon focused on the early life of Moses and examined crucial moments that helped shape him into the leader he was destined to become. We discussed his impulsive decision to kill an Egyptian in defense of his Hebrew brethren. Although this act was motivated by compassion and a desire for justice, it led to unintended consequences and forced him into exile. However, this period of exile in Midian was not a punishment but a divine preparation. Moses learned humility, service, and the essence of true leadership under God's watchful eye. His encounter with the burning bush was a transformative moment that marked the beginning of his direct calling by God to deliver the Israelites from slavery. This story reminds us that God's preparation in our lives often comes in unexpected ways and that our actions, even when well-intentioned, must be guided by prayer and aligned with His will. As we navigate the injustices of our world, let us seek to act with wisdom, guided by a heart attuned to God's purpose and ready to say, "Here I am," when He calls.

## Monday: Trusting God's Signs of Assurance

### Scripture Reading:

Exodus 4:2-5

### Devotional Thought:

In Exodus 4:2-5, God performs a miracle with Moses' staff, turning it into a serpent and back again. This sign wasn't just a display of divine power but also a personal assurance to Moses of God's presence and support. The staff, representing Moses' past life as a shepherd, transformed into a symbol of God's authority and power. This moment invites us to reflect on the everyday tools God can use in our lives as testimonies of His sovereignty and grace. When we feel overwhelmed by our circumstances, God asks us

to trust in Him, offering signs of His presence in our lives, no matter how ordinary or simple they may seem.

God's interventions are often unexpected and come in forms that we might initially fear or run from, just as Moses ran from the serpent. However, when we obey God's commands, as Moses did when he picked up the serpent, we witness His power to transform fear into faith. This teaches us that our participation in God's plans involves a trust in His guidance, even when it leads us beyond our comfort zones.

Reflecting on this passage, we see that God's signs are not just for our reassurance but are also meant to equip us for the mission He has called us to. Like Moses, we are often given tasks that seem beyond our capability, but God provides us with the assurance and the tools we need to fulfill His call.

## Discussion Questions:

1. Have there been moments in your life where God's guidance seemed frightening or confusing at first?
2. How can we become more attentive to recognizing God's signs in our daily lives?

## Prayer:

Heavenly Father, thank You for the powerful reminders of Your presence in our lives, even through the simplest of means. Help us to trust in Your power and guidance, especially when You call us to step beyond our fears. May we be attentive to Your signs and obedient to Your word. In Jesus' name, Amen.

# Tuesday: Overcoming Doubt with Divine Proof

## Scripture Reading:

Exodus 4:6-7

## Devotional Thought:

In this passage, God provides Moses with a second sign by turning his hand leprous and then restoring it completely. This miraculous act serves not only as proof of God's power but also as a metaphor for spiritual renewal and transformation. Leprosy in biblical times represented impurity and exclusion, yet God was able to instantly cleanse Moses' hand, illustrating His ability to purify and restore. This sign holds a promise for us: no matter the impurities or failings in our lives, God's grace is sufficient to cleanse and renew us.

Just as Moses' hand was restored, we are invited to trust in God's power to heal and renew our own lives spiritually. The immediacy of Moses' healing reminds us that God's redemptive power is not only effective but also immediate when we turn to Him in faith. This miracle encourages us to bring our weaknesses and failures to God, trusting in His power to transform them. It invites us to live not in fear of

our inadequacies but in the joy of God's ability to use even our imperfections for His glory. By doing so, we testify to the world not of our own sufficiency but of the sufficiency of Christ in us.

## Discussion Questions:

1. In what areas of your life do you need to experience God's cleansing and renewing power?
2. How does the story of Moses' leprous hand challenge your views on your own weaknesses and failings?
3. What steps can you take to more fully trust in God's ability to transform your imperfections?

## Prayer:

Lord God, thank You for the reminder that You are always ready to cleanse and renew us. Help us to bring our failures and weaknesses to You, trusting in Your power to transform us. May we live as testimonies of Your grace, showing others how You turn our imperfections into opportunities for Your glory. In the name of Jesus, we pray, Amen.

# Wednesday: The Power of God Over Nature

## Scripture Reading:

Exodus 4:9

## Devotional Thought:

The third sign God gives Moses—to turn water from the Nile into blood—demonstrates His supreme control over the natural world. This act is a direct challenge to the Egyptian deities and a reassurance to the Israelites of God's mighty power and protection. It highlights that the true source of life and sustenance comes not from the Nile or any earthly entity, but from God Himself.

This powerful sign reminds us that God is sovereign over all creation and that our dependence should be on Him alone. In times of uncertainty or when faced with seemingly insurmountable challenges, this sign reassures us of God's ability to provide and protect His people in miraculous ways.

By turning the Nile's water into blood, God not only asserts His dominion but also prepares His people for the coming liberation from Egypt. This sign foreshadows the ultimate salvation through the blood of Christ, emphasizing the theme of redemption that runs throughout Scripture. It invites us to trust in God's supreme power and His providential care in our lives.

## Discussion Questions:

1. How does the sign of the Nile water turning into blood challenge your understanding of God's control over nature?

2. In what ways have you experienced God's providential care in your own life?

3. How can this sign encourage you to trust more fully in God's ability to provide and protect?

## Prayer:

Lord Almighty, we marvel at Your power over all creation and thank You for the signs of Your presence and protection in our lives. Help us to trust in Your sovereign control and to depend on You alone for our sustenance and salvation. May we always remember the ultimate sacrifice of Christ, whose blood was shed for our redemption. In His precious name, we pray, Amen.

# Thursday: Facing Our Inadequacies with God's Assurance

## Scripture Reading:

Exodus 4:10-12

## Devotional Thought:

Moses' hesitation, due to his perceived lack of eloquence, highlights a common human condition—the fear of inadequacy. God's response to Moses is both reassuring and empowering: He is the creator of all, and His plans are not limited by human limitations. This passage teaches us that when God calls us, He takes full responsibility for equipping us for the task.

God's question to Moses, "Who has made man's mouth?" serves as a powerful reminder that He is in control of all things, including our abilities and shortcomings. It reassures us that our capacity to serve Him effectively does not rely on our talents but on His power working through us. This perspective frees us from the burden of self-reliance and invites us to rely entirely on God's sufficiency.

When we face tasks that seem beyond our abilities, we can find courage in the truth that God prepares and supports His servants. Moses' story encourages us not to let fear of inadequacy prevent us from stepping into the roles God has for us. Instead, we are to embrace God's call with confidence, knowing that where He guides, He provides.

## Discussion Questions:

1. Have you ever felt like Moses, inadequate and unprepared for a task God has set before you?

2. How can recalling that God is the creator of all abilities help you in times of self-doubt?

3. What are some practical ways you can lean on God's strength rather than your own when faced with daunting challenges?

## Prayer:

Heavenly Father, thank You for Your reassuring presence in our lives. Help us to remember that You are the source of our abilities and that our inadequacies are no barrier to Your plans. Equip us for the tasks You have set before us, and fill us with the confidence that comes from knowing You are always with us. In Jesus' name, Amen.

## Friday: Responding to God's Call with Courage

### Scripture Reading:

Exodus 4:10-12

### Devotional Thought:

Moses' conversation with God reveals a deep-seated reluctance rooted in self-doubt and fear of inadequacy. Despite witnessing multiple signs of God's power and receiving direct assurances from Him, Moses still hesitates. This account resonates with our own experiences when we are called to tasks that seem beyond our abilities. God's response to Moses is both a reassurance and a challenge. He reminds Moses that He created all abilities and will provide what is needed for the task at hand.

God's gentle rebuke to Moses serves as a powerful reminder to us: our focus should not be on our limitations but on God's limitless power. When called to act, our response should be one of trust and obedience, stepping out in faith even when we feel unprepared. This passage encourages us to face our assignments with courage, relying not on our own eloquence or ability but on God's promise to be with our mouths and guide our actions.

As we consider our own callings, let us draw strength from Moses' story. God does not call the equipped; He equips the called. This truth should inspire us to move forward with confidence, trusting in God's ability to work through our weaknesses to accomplish His purposes.

### Discussion Questions:

1. What fears or self-doubts have held you back from responding to God's call in your life?
2. How can Moses' experience encourage you to trust in God's provision and presence in your tasks?
3. What steps can you take to move forward in obedience to God's call, despite feelings of inadequacy?

## Prayer:

Heavenly Father, thank You for the reminder that You equip those You call. Instill in us the courage to respond to Your call with obedience, trusting that You will provide all that we need. Help us to rely on

Your strength and not our own, and to embrace the tasks You set before us with faith and confidence. In Jesus' name, Amen.

## Saturday: The Role of Companionship in God's Call

### Scripture Reading:

Exodus 4:13-17

### Devotional Thought:

Even after God's reassurances and signs, Moses feels unable to fulfill God's call on his own, leading to the introduction of Aaron, his brother, as his spokesperson. This arrangement underscores a vital aspect of God's kingdom: He often uses partnerships and community to accomplish His purposes. Aaron's strengths complement Moses' weaknesses, illustrating how God strategically uses the collective strengths within the community of believers to further His kingdom.

This partnership between Moses and Aaron reveals that in God's plan, no one is meant to serve alone. Each person's unique gifts are meant to complement those of others, fulfilling God's purposes in a symphony of collaborative effort. The church, as a community of believers, functions best when each member uses their gifts to support and enhance the gifts of others.

This account invites us to consider the 'Aarons' in our own lives—those whom God has provided to stand with us, speak for us, and strengthen us in our calling. It encourages us to value and seek out godly partnerships and to recognize the importance of community in fulfilling God's purposes.

### Discussion Questions:

1. Who are the 'Aarons' in your life who complement your abilities or support you in your calling?
2. How can you better support or partner with others in your church or community to achieve a common mission?
3. What might be preventing you from embracing the support of others in your ministry or personal life?

### Prayer:

Dear God, thank You for the gift of community and for the people you place in our lives to support and complement us. Help us to recognize and value the strengths of others as we work together to fulfill Your mission. Teach us to not only give support but also to receive it, acknowledging that we are stronger together than apart. In Christ's name, we pray, Amen.

