

EXODUS AND THE LIFE OF MOSES

Who Is The Lord - Part 2

Exodus 7:14-18,10:21-29

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Prayer & Introductions

1) **Background**

Series is about Exodus, Moses and how it applies to us today.

2) **Review**

1. Days of Darkness: Moses is Prepared. The inscrutable God. Moses' birth; adoption to Pharaoh's daughter; kills an Egyptian; flees to Midian. Moses is a Prince of both cultures (Egypt and Israel).
2. The Turning Point. Ex 2:24 God heard their groaning...remembered His covenant with Ab, Is and Jac. God Saw the people of Israel ... God Knew. God listens to and hears our prayers yet is in control and has a preordained plan.
3. God. Ex 3:1-14. God is real and can be known. Blaise Pascal relates his experience in 1654 ... "Fire!". His name is the verb "to be". God is personal, not a force. Fire can be sensed with all 5 senses.
4. Who Is the Lord Ex 7 – Pharaoh asks "Who is the Lord that I should obey Him?"(Ex 5:2) "I am the unique Lord of all the earth and "...there is none like me in all the earth."(9:14)

3) **Readings:**

Exodus 7:14-18, 10:21-29

"There is no one like the Lord our God." Ex 7:5, 7:17, 8:10, 8:22, 9:14, 9:29, 10:2.

4) **Contemporary Significance:** [Keller Audio 8:50 – 23:10]

A. Pharaoh asks "Who is the Lord that I should obey Him?"(Ex 5:2)

B. Three answers the plagues give us for why we should obey God:

1. He is the Unique Lord of All the Earth (this was covered last week) – The plagues show us that God is the unique Lord. Not like other gods. "There is no one like the Lord our God." Ex 7:5
 - a. Pharaoh (like most modern people) was a pluralist. You've got your god and I've got my god,
2. He is the Natural Lord of All the Earth – [Audio 8:50-24:55]
 - a. One of the things Bible scholars have noticed is how Natural the plagues are. In a way, not very miraculous. Could almost be attributed to some strange natural disaster or phenomenon.
 1. Nile to blood
 2. Frogs
 3. Gnats/lice
 4. Flies
 5. Livestock pestilence
 6. Boils
 7. Hail
 8. Locusts
 9. Darkness
 10. Killing of firstborn children
 - b. Exodus 5-10 is an undoing of the creation presented in Genesis 1 and 2.
 - c. God is essentially saying that *My law is not an arbitrary naked expression of power and control. It is utterly natural. I created the World and you and to disobey Me is to oppose your own nature and cause disorder and disintegration in your life.*
 - d. Like a doctor's orders, God's law reflects the nature of our being.
 - e. God created us and knows what we need and the purpose of our creation. His law reflects wisdom of how we were created.
 - f. Violating God's law makes us return to dust. It creates disorder and disintegration in our lives.
 - g. The law of God is medicine. "The hands of the King are healing hands..." It leads to complete flourishing.

3. He is the Saving Lord of All the Earth – [Audio 24:55 – 38.05] Ex 3:2
- a. Even if we believe His law is Natural, we still won't get it because we will still only be believing and obeying Him out of fear. Fear of consequences.
 - b. God seems to be pulling his punches. He tells Pharaoh to get his cattle and farm hands out of the fields before the hail storm.
 - c. The plagues judgement but they are sent to save the Hebrews, but he also sends the plagues to save the whole earth: “,,, that my name may be proclaimed in all the earth.” Ex 9:16 He is not just trying to save one ethnic group.
 - d. The plagues were even designed to save the Egyptians.
 - e. Pharaoh hardened his heart AND God hardened Pharaoh's heart. Salvation through judgment. This is why He is unique. Like no other god or religion.
 - f. Jesus is judged to save us. The ultimate exodus on the cross ... darkness ... blood/water Jesus came to bear judgement so we don't have to...in our place.
 - g. Every other religion says “here are the standards. Obey them or face judgement.” Christianity is TOTALLY different. The judge was judged for us. We sin and he takes the blame.
 - h. Therefore, we should obey the Lord because of what he has done for us...He saved us. Grace.

Next Week: Exodus 12 The Passover