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Moses

I. Moses- A man to reveal God's holiness

- A. [Exodus 1:7]- The children of Israel flourished because of the blessing of Abraham and not because of their character.
- B. A ruler rose up that knew not Joseph and started oppressing the Israelites, but they prospered all the more.
- C. God's grace abounds when the enemy attacks. When the enemy attacks you then God's grace is ready to abound towards you.
- D. [Exodus 2]- Moses is born- Moses- drawn or taken out.
- E. [Ex. 2:3]- He was put in an ark of bulrushes. This is the 2nd ark mentioned in scripture. It is a type of Christ and salvation from judgment.
- F. [Ex. 2:11]- God did not choose Moses because of his ability, power, wisdom, or strength. God can and will use our knowledge and skills when they are submitted to his way and timing.
- G. Moses tried to do God's work in his flesh. He tried to bring deliverance with his own strength. This only messed things up and delayed God's plan. Our own attempts to do God's plan our way only delays God's plan.
- H. [Ex. 2:15]- Moses flees to Midian. Midian means judgment. God sends Moses to a land called judgment to show that flesh and self deliverance is rejected and judged by him.
- I. Moses marries Zipporah- This marriage never works. She is outside of the covenant and she leaves him later. He has a child by her called Gershom- means outcast
- J. [Exodus 3:1]- Moses tended sheep for 40 years in the wilderness. He got to know the land in which he would bring out God's people very well. God even uses our times in the wilderness to His purpose and for our good!
- K. At Mt. Horeb [Mt. Sinai] God reveals himself to Moses by a burning bush. The fire represents judgment and wrath. Through Moses he would reveal His holiness and law.
- L. This is why he tells Moses to take off his shoes because he was standing on holy ground. God is revealing his holiness through Moses and the Law.

- M. The bush that was not consumed by the fire represents Jesus. Jesus was in the bush not consumed by fire. Jesus took the fire of God and was not consumed. He rose from the fire victorious for us and as us. Those who endure the wrath of God outside of Jesus are consumed. God is a consuming fire.
- N. God calls Moses to be His instrument. God wanted Moses in the place where he trusted Him
1. [Ex. 3:11]-Who am I that I should go before Pharaoh? Before Moses thought he was someone important that could stand before Pharaoh. Certainly I WILL BE WITH YOU!
 2. [Ex. 3:13]-God wanted Moses to know Him. What is your name? Moses name is no longer important! God is I AM. Whatever you lack and need God IS!
 3. [Ex. 4:1] What if they will not believe me? Ex. 3:18- God said they would heed him. God wants to show him redemption. God wanted Moses to know what God could do and on what basis He does it. He gives him three examples of His redeeming power. Three speaks of God's redemption. 1) wood rod becomes a serpent. The rod represents the cross. By the cross Jesus became a curse- serpent on the pole. It then is returned from a serpent to a symbol of salvation by resurrection. 2) Hand in bosom and becoming leprous shows how Christ became sin for us. He took on sin from man's bosom. He in resurrection came forth without sin. 3) Water turned to blood speaks of Jesus on the cross shedding his blood for us. The spear was thrust through and water come forth and then blood upon the ground. These three pictures show God's redemption from Satan and sin by the blood of Jesus.
 4. God wanted Moses to learn the power of His word. [Ex. 4:10]- Moses said that he had never been eloquent. This is not true. [Acts 7:22]- He was mighty in words. God wanted him to trust the ability of God's word and not Moses words. I will be with your mouth.
 5. Moses tells him to send someone else. This is where God gets angry. Moses is focused on himself and not God. We can go to two extremes. We can trust in our own positives or focus on our negatives. Both anger the Lord and call for his disapproval because it is focus on self. Pride is not found only in self exaltation but also in putting oneself down. Shyness is a sign of pride. It is focus on self.

Not wanting to be in front of others because of fear of people comes from self focus.

6. The rod is a type of the cross. By the rod you will do signs. [**Ex. 4:17**]- By the finished work on the cross God signs and wonders are performed. We pray and see miracles because of the cross, not because of our own holiness. It is Christ's holiness that brings miracles. The church at Galatia had to relearn this. The Spirit does miracles because of faith in the finished work of the cross.
- O. [**Ex. 4:24**]- God shows up to kill Moses! God sent Moses to deliver His people but Moses needs deliverance from God! Moses failed to circumcise his son.
1. God made a covenant of grace with Abraham. Gen. 12, 15. He was saved by grace through faith
 2. Later God made a second covenant with Abraham and gave him circumcision. [**Gen 17**]. This was a type of the Law. God commanded Abraham to walk blameless in this covenant.
 3. God is starting to reveal His law to and through Moses. God's judgment comes upon Moses for not obeying God in circumcising his son.
 4. Circumcision was to teach of our need for a new heart. The Law tells us to make our heart new. This takes a supernatural act of God's grace though.
 5. Zipporah circumcises their son and throws the foreskin at him and calls him a bloody husband and she leaves him!
- P. Exodus 5- Moses appears to Pharaoh
1. **Vs. 4**- They say they need to go out three days journey and sacrifice lest they be judged. Judgment is stayed from God because of sacrifice not good works.
 2. Pharaoh does not believe them and adds work to the Israelites
 3. **Vs. 21**- The people murmur against Moses. They are not judged for this.
 4. **Vs. 22**- Moses complains to God- He is not judged for this
- Q. [**Exodus 6**]- Moses goes again to the people but they do not believe him. They are not judged for this.
- R. [**Exodus 7**]- Moses appears again to Pharaoh and performs the miracle of the rod into a serpent. The magicians do the same thing, but Moses rod eats up all the other one's. This speaks of man's ways of salvation

outside of God's. They will all come to an end because of the cross. Moses starts 10 plagues. 10 speaks of trial and judgment. Moses strikes the river with the rod and it becomes blood. God starts judging the gods of the Egyptians. They worshipped the Nile. He turned it into blood.

- S. [**Exodus 8**]- Plagues of frogs, lice, flies, [**Exodus 9**]- pestilence on livestock, boils, hail, Exodus 10- locust, blots out sun, Exodus 12- then the firstborn.
- T. [**Exodus 11**] he instructs the people to ask for valuable items. He will kill all the firstborn. This was to show that death and judgment were exacted upon the firstborn. This was to picture Jesus dying for us.
- U. [**Exodus 12**]- God tells the people to kill a lamb and place the blood on their doorposts. This death would protect them from judgment. It was to be roasted by fire- wrath and judgment.
 - 1. Feast of unleavened bread is instituted- Because of the death of Christ we are freed from sin.
 - 2. The Passover is instituted. We are to rest from our self efforts and labors and trust in God.
- V. [**Exodus 13**]- The firstborn is consecrated to God. The firstborn represents Jesus and His work. That is what causes us to be consecrated to God. Our firstfruits also represent Jesus and His work. Vs. 18- God lead Israel out into the wilderness to test them. When they went out they went out with great possessions and not one feeble was among them. Ps. 105:37