

Let My People Go

Exodus 5

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Unit 10 Lesson 4

Supplemental Texts

Exo 4

Focus Verse

“Thus saith the Lord God of Israel, Let my people go, that they may hold a feast unto me in the wilderness.” – Exodus 5:1

Introduction

Moses and Aaron met, and Moses told him all that God had sent him to say; he also told him the miracles that God had commanded him to perform. Thereafter, they gathered the elders of Israel together, and Aaron delivered what God had spoken to Moses, and Moses performed the miracles in the presence of the people (Exo 4:8-9). At last, the people believed that the Lord had seen their affliction, and had sent Moses; so, they bowed their heads and worshipped God.

Deeper Look

Let My People Go – Exo 5:1-14

It must have been a great deal of courage for Moses and Aaron to go unto Pharaoh and tell him what God had said: “Let my people go.” God’s demand was to have His people go into the desert to offer Him sacrifices, but Pharaoh ridiculed the demand because he knew not the God of Israel. As God said, Pharaoh’s heart was hardened (Exo 4:21). Pharaoh was upset that Moses and Aaron had kept the people from their labor; thus, he ordered their taskmasters and officials to increase their labor considerably. Having to search for straw, in addition to their work, really amplified their burden to the extent that the daily work could not be completed. As a result, the Israelite officers appointed over the people were beaten and asked why they did not force their people to finish the daily workload. What a trying time for Moses and the people of Israel!

Why Are You Doing This To Us? – Exo 5:15-23

After the Israelite officers were beaten, they turned to Pharaoh for help instead of God. They did not even consult Moses. Their cry again came up to God (Exo 2:23). Despite the cry for help, Pharaoh had no sympathy and mercy. He retorted that the Israelites were lazy, and he reiterated to them his verdict. The Israelite officers left Pharaoh, and they came to Moses and Aaron. They were displeased with Moses and Aaron because they thought both men had caused them more pain. What the Israelites did not understand was that all these were by God’s design (Exo 4:21). And Moses, out of compassion for his people, went before the Lord to supplicate on their behalf.

Questions

1. What were the issues Pharaoh had with the request Moses and Aaron brought to him? What was commendable about the attitude of Moses and Aaron?
2. How would Pharaoh have probably responded to Moses and Aaron if he knew the God of Israel? What should have frightened Pharaoh about this God as Moses and Aaron delivered God's message? Was he frightened? Why, or why not?
3. What did Pharaoh accuse Moses and Aaron of concerning the Israelites? What did Pharaoh determine to do, as a result? What feeling did Pharaoh have toward the Israelite?
4. Think about how Pharaoh felt and what he did when the Israelites asked for a leave to go into the wilderness to sacrifice unto God. How does the Devil feel and act when a sinner is considering getting saved from his bondage?
5. If you were in the shoes of the Israelites, how soon would your hope of expected deliverance fade away when you hear of Pharaoh's verdict? Explain.
6. When the Israelite officers were beaten, they cried unto Pharaoh. What did they expect from Pharaoh? What was their failure when they saw Moses and Aaron?
7. Based on his conversation with God, what was Moses' expectation of God? Was his expectation reasonable? Why, or why not?

Personal Meditation

Being in God's will is the best thing ever! Though, it may sometimes be tough. To be outside of His will, on the other hand, is terrible. At times, it is possible to feel that you are not in God's will because of what is happening around you or feel that someone is the reason why you are in a bad situation. The same is true for the Israelites. Because their labor was intensely increased, they accused Moses and Aaron of making their lives more miserable. Instead of resorting to the men of God, they resorted to the one who hated them and wanted them in perpetual bondage. They soon forgot about the miracles Moses performed before them to show that God indeed had sent him to them. They soon forgot also that they bowed down and worshipped God (Exo 4:31). What is your disposition when things around you are suggesting that God has forgotten you?

Moses, in his prayer (*vv.* 22-23), considered not what God had told him, too (Exo 4:21). God was working out their deliverance, while using their adversity to train and build up the people. God never forgets His own! Rest assured, God is working on your behalf. Be still!

DAILY STUDY

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| Monday | Exo 5:1-4 |
| Tuesday | Exo 5:5-8 |
| Wednesday | Exo 5:9-12 |
| Thursday | Exo 5:13-16 |
| Friday | Exo 5:17-20 |
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