

WEEKLY WORSHIP GUIDE



Exodus 3:16-4:9--August 11th, 2024

Sermon Recap:

Messages & Miracles

I. A Message to Israel

- Moses is told, "Go."
 - God has revealed himself to us through his Son and through his Word and we must do something with that. We must respond practically.

a. Past

- V.16a- He is the God of the eternal covenant who established a personal, saving relation with his people. He know their name and he has a history of caring for them.
- We are prone to forget God's past faithfulness.

b. Present

- V.16b- There is a sovereignty of God and responsibility of man balance happening here. "Yes, I see what has been done you; you have been victimized by Egypt, but you are there by my hand."
- God is presently and providentially working to deliver them unto that salvation.
- It is easy to forget God's sovereignty when our heart is hurting. But God is still good and he is still working.

c. Future

- V.17- They aren't just being saved **from** bondage, but **to** a land flowing with milk and honey.

II. A Message to Egypt

- They want to meet with their God. They want to go worship. They are asking Pharaoh (who believes himself to be a god) for religious liberty.
- God knows Pharaoh's response because he has decreed this response in order to display his might through the plagues.
- Egypt is plundered:
 - In fulfillment to the promise (Gen. 15:13-14)
 - To provide the means to build the tabernacle (to glorify God)
 - To commemorate God's faithfulness for generations
- Sons and daughters would remember this because many (including Moses) would die in the wilderness. God's plan, his sovereignty, his providence does not always happen according to our time table.

III. Signs to Validate

Still concerned, questioning his credibility, Moses still questions if they would believe. God provides three signs:

a. Miracle of the Staff

b. Miracle of Leprous Hand

c. Miracle of Water to Blood

- These three miracles are really simply designed to point not to Moses but to God, not to the messenger but to the God who speaks by the messenger. Miracles in the Bible are used to validate the message.
- There will be no more signs or wonders after the resurrection. This sign validates God's Word, his faithfulness, and his love.

Discussion Questions:

- What is Moses commanded to do?
- How do you see the message of God being changed today?
- What is the responsibility of the messenger?
- How does remembering God's past faithfulness aid the believer today?
- What is Moses' message to Pharaoh?
- What is Pharaoh's response?
- How does this response lead to the fulfillment of God's promise (Gen. 15)?
- How are the nations plundered today?
- What is the significance of placing the silver and gold on their sons and daughters?
- What is the purpose of miracles/signs/wonders in Scripture?
- Are signs needed today? Why or why not?

Application:

- How has God told/called/commissioned you to "Go?"
- How has God been faithful to you the past? How does that help you today? Tomorrow?
- How are you tempted to forget God' goodness and faithfulness when he does operate on your timetable?
- How can you trust his faithfulness more?
- How are or can you plunder the nations?
- Do you find yourself looking for signs or miracles to validate God's Word? Where does that tendency come from? Where do we look?

