

WEEKLY WORSHIP GUIDE



Exodus 5:1-3--September 1st, 2024

Sermon Recap:

Grudge Match

I. Who is the Lord?

- V.1-In one sense, that is the calling of every believer in here; to be in this position: to stand before the world, before an enemy, a skeptic, an unbeliever, and declare, "Thus says the Lord."
- A.W. Pink, "the Gospel is not an invitation, it is a declaration of what God demands of the sinner."
 - "Follow me" is not a invitation, but a command. "Repent, believe, take up your cross and follow me...thus says the Lord."
 - And many cry back with the same question that Pharaoh ask here, "Who is the Lord?"

a. Ignorance

- Pharaoh is a self-proclaimed atheist, "Who is the Lord," and professing ignorance, "I do not know the Lord." This is not curiosity, but smugness.
 - This is a theological argument, "Who is the Lord? Yahweh or Pharaoh? Christ or me?"

b. Defiance

- Ryken, "Disobedience has a way of perpetuating ignorance."
 - Pharaoh's ignorance is a symptom of a defiant heart.
 - The head finds reasons to disbelieve when the heart is unwilling to surrender.

II. A God Who is Worthy...

The exodus was an educational experience that would teach Israel, Pharaoh, Egypt, and the world the answer to the question, "Who is the Lord?"

a. To Be Known

- God's purpose in multiplying his wonders (blood, frogs, gnats, flies, boils, etc.) in Egypt was to make known his name and his power in such a way that he would be glorified by Israel, by Egypt, and eventually by the nations.
 - Exodus 6:6-7- Israel will know...
 - Exodus 7:5; 8:22; 9:14- Egypt will know....
 - Exodus 9:16- The world will know that Yahweh is the Lord.

b. To Be Glorified

- The goal is not just that the name of the Lord would be known, but that he would be glorified in Israel's redemption and Pharaoh's defeat (Exodus 14:4; 17-18).

c. To Be Worshiped

- It is not just that God would be known or that God would be glorified, but ultimately that God would be worshiped.
- When you proclaim his name among the nations (home, family, community, world), proclaim his glory, tell of his reputation, when you share the good news of what God has done, people respond in faith, hope, joy, worship, and proclamation and we find ourselves in this continuous cycle.
- We are created to worship.

Discussion Questions:

- What is Moses message to Pharaoh?
- What is the danger of making the Gospel an invitation instead of a command?
- What is Pharaoh's response? What does this reveal about his heart?
- In a post-Christian world, what is the common response to the Gospel?
- Which comes first: disobedience or ignorance?
- Who is the Lord?
- What was the purpose of God prolonging the suffering of Israel?
- What was the purpose of the plagues?

Application:

- How have you responded to the Gospel?
- What Gospel do you preach to yourself? To the world?
- What command has the Gospel provided?
- Who is the Lord? What implication does that answer have on your life?
- How do you glorify the Lord?
- How do you worship the Lord?

