

Moses - Week 10

Hearing is Not Listening

Ex 5:22-6:5; 6:9-12 Moses returned to the LORD and said, "O Lord, why have you brought trouble upon this people? Is this why you sent me? 23 Ever since I went to Pharaoh to speak in your name, he has brought trouble upon this people, and you have not rescued your people at all." 6:1 Then the LORD said to Moses, "Now you will see what I will do to Pharaoh: Because of my mighty hand he will let them go; because of my mighty hand he will drive them out of his country." 2 God also said to Moses, "I am the LORD. 3 I appeared to Abraham, to Isaac and to Jacob as God Almighty, but by my name the LORD I did not make myself known to them. 4 I also established my covenant with them to give them the land of Canaan, where they lived as aliens. 5 Moreover, I have heard the groaning of the Israelites, whom the Egyptians are enslaving, and I have remembered my covenant. 6:9 Moses reported this to the Israelites, but they did not listen to him because of their discouragement and cruel bondage. 10 Then the LORD said to Moses, 11 "Go, tell Pharaoh King of Egypt to let the Israelites go out of his country." 12 But Moses said to the LORD, "If the Israelites will not listen to me, why would Pharaoh listen to me, since I speak with faltering lips?" NIV

- Pharaoh was a _____.
- The tempter's voice: "Take matters into your own hands instead of _____ and trusting God with the plan."
- The problems we face usually come when we refuse, like Pharaoh, to stop and listen and _____ what God is saying.
- Through all this _____ with Pharaoh, Moses had to learn to keep his focus on God alone.

Notice in Romans 1 three things about this calling of Moses, that is not just for Moses, but applies to every believer.

Rom 1:14 Both to Greeks and to barbarians (to the cultured and to the uncultured), both to the wise and the foolish, I have an obligation to discharge and a duty to perform and a debt to pay.

1. An _____ to discharge.
2. A duty to _____.
 - God was asking Moses to not just be committed to the plan, but to _____ to the plan.
 - Trusting and _____ are the two most difficult things God calls us to do.
3. There was a _____ to pay.

Ex 5:2 Pharaoh said, "Who is the LORD that I should obey him and let Israel go? I do not know the LORD and I will not let Israel go."

God is calling Pharaoh to surrender. Pharaoh, in response, hangs out the flag of _____.

Is there a lesson in what God is doing?

1. Circumstances that seem to work against us might just force _____ on God.

- _____ forces us into a new _____ in God.
- Pride causes us to _____ or transfer blame to others.
- God wants to keep us in the circle of His _____ and His _____.

2. Circumstances that force dependence teach us _____.

Ex 7:3 But I will harden Pharaoh's heart, and though I multiply my miraculous signs and wonders in Egypt, 4 he will not listen to you.

- The subject in question is a person who has hardened his own heart by _____ resisting the grace and _____ of God.
- God does not harden men by infusing _____ into them, but by not imparting _____ to them.
- It is just and right that God should withhold those _____ which He had repeatedly offered, and which the sinner had despised and rejected.

Pharaoh's plan is to _____ and _____.

- God is sending Moses to the school of _____.
- The school of prayer teaches us that short-term _____ is never the final _____ when God is involved.
- God soon demonstrates that His will and _____ is perfected in man's weakness.

Final thoughts:

1. Just because you have a message of truth does not mean people will _____.

2. Satan's desire is that believers will lose heart and live lives of _____.

3. _____ has a way of causing believers to _____.

4. Pharaoh teaches us disobedience in God's eyes is _____.