

Moses: It's Going to Get Worse First

Ex 4:29-5:9 Week 9

Exodus 4:29 Moses and Aaron brought together all the elders of the Israelites, 30 and Aaron told them everything the LORD had said to Moses. He also performed the signs before the people, 31 and they believed. And when they heard that the LORD was concerned about them and had seen their misery, they bowed down and worshiped. 5:1 Afterward Moses and Aaron went to Pharaoh and said, "This is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: 'Let my people go, so that they may hold a festival to me in the desert.'" 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." 3 Then they said, "The God of the Hebrews has met with us. Now let us take a three-day journey into the desert to offer sacrifices to the LORD our God, or he may strike us with plagues or with the sword." 4 But the king of Egypt said, "Moses and Aaron, why are you taking the people away from their labor? Get back to your work!" 5 Then Pharaoh said, "Look, the people of the land are now numerous, and you are stopping them from working." 6 That same day Pharaoh gave this order to the slave drivers and foremen in charge of the people: 7 "You are no longer to supply the people with straw for making bricks; let them go and gather their own straw. 8 But require them to make the same number of bricks as before; don't reduce the quota. They are lazy; that is why they are crying out, 'Let us go and sacrifice to our God.' 9 Make the work harder for the men so that they keep working and pay no attention to lies."

- The elders of Israel agreed with Moses in faith and _____.
- They responded three ways:
 1. They _____
 - God had already prepared their hearts to _____ and follow.
 - They could see that no man could do those _____ he did, unless God were with him.
 2. They gave _____ to God
They also had a cheerful _____ to observe orders, and pursue the methods of their deliverance.
 3. They _____
 - As a token of their _____ to God
 - With _____ hearts
 - Ready to live in _____

The Demand

- The two brothers, Moses and Aaron, were coming off a _____.
- Sometimes _____ seems to fade away when wicked men are in charge, or think they are.
- Sometimes fulfilling the will of God is not always _____ and easy.

- Notice they did not come in a spirit of _____, but in godly strength.
- Their demand is _____ aggressive and bold.
- Moses, in speaking with the elders of Israel, is directed to call God, the God of their _____.
- In speaking with Pharaoh, Moses calls Him the God of _____.

Who is Jehovah?

- Either Pharaoh was _____ or he is pretending to be.
- God (and His will) is often _____ by those who trust their own greatness.
- The man who has no _____ of God knows very little about God.
- Today the greatest hindrance to hearing and doing the will of God is man's _____.
- Today the world rejects the words of God and many times chooses to trust their faith in _____ to rule them.
- Pharaoh and the world today have this in common: they see God as _____.
- Moses and Aaron's request is very _____ and modest.

Pharaoh's _____ Response

- *"Why are you taking the people away from their labor? Get back to your work!"*
- _____ is the platform Satan will use to drive you further into bondage.
- Sometimes the _____ tasks given to us make us even more dependent on God, or they will cause bitterness towards God.

Final thoughts

1. _____ to sin can only be broken by a real relationship with and worship of God.
2. Many times, disappointments come when our _____ are ignored.
3. God sometimes takes _____ _____ in delivering his people; He often brings them to the utmost straits when He is just ready to appear for them.

In the life of believers, you cannot have a rainbow without a little rain. Sometimes when the circumstances get worse, it causes us to seek God for what is better.

