# HOPE HERALD

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# Study Guide

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# We Believe

- 1. There is only One True Holy God.
- 2. The Bible is the Self-revelation of God to mankind.
- 3. The Triune God is the Creator of all things, visible and invisible.
- 4. Jesus Christ, the Son of God, was born of the Virgin Mary.
- 5. The Holy Spirit was sent at Pentecost.
- 6. The Church is composed of all who truly repent of sins.
- 7. The Christian Life is total commitment to the Lordship of Christ.
- 8. There is a personal Devil who is the arch-enemy of God.
- 9. There will be a bodily return of Jesus Christ.
- 10. There will be a final Judgment.

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# A Word with Arlin

#### AN OVERVIEW OF EXODUS



Thank you for joining us on our journey through Exodus. It's 40 chapters, and Moses is usually recognized as the author. Exodus roughly divides into two sections. The first 18 chapters follow the children of Israel as they leave Egypt and Journey to Mt. Sinai. From chapter 19 to the end, we are with the children of Israel at Mt. Sinai. As we go through Exodus, notice God's faithfulness, redemption, and holiness.

This story takes place about 850 years after the flood and the children of Israel had been in Egypt 200 years since Joseph had his family brought to Egypt. Moses came on the scene, and God works in his life, so he is not killed. Instead, he is raised by Pharaoh's daughter. He spends 40 years in the desert as a shepherd and is shaped by God and experience. Somewhat unwillingly, he returns to Egypt to lead his people, the children of Israel. God's faithfulness is evident in each of these steps. His Word is fulfilled exactly as He said, and even when Moses is hesitant to lead, God continues to work, and His plan is accomplished. God was faithful then, and He still is.

One of my favorite stories from Exodus is the account of the 10 plagues and the children of Israel leaving Egypt and crossing the Red Sea. The details of this story are incredible, and only God could orchestrate His plan in such an amazing way. The Israelites leave Egypt and escape the army of Pharaoh at the Red Sea. This remarkable story of redemption turns out to preview another redemptive plan God had in store for His people. The blood of a lamb was needed to spare the oldest son of the Israelites; in this, we see the foreshadowing of another Lamb whose blood is needed to redeem all of us. God will redeem ALL things, and we see a small part of this plan accomplished in Exodus.

The last portion of Exodus can be tedious with all the details and measurements, but don't lose sight of the bigger picture. God is holy and deserves all worship and praise. Don't be bogged down with the specifics, be impressed that God is not a man. He is not safe! Yet, He desired to live among the nation of Israel. Our God is not like the gods of the nations. He alone is supreme, and He has chosen the Israelites to be His people.



One last thought before you begin your study. In Exodus 19:16, the children of Israel hear a trumpet. This is a reminder of another trumpet all of us will hear. 1Thessalonians 4 tells us, "For the Lord Himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, and with the trumpet of God." Let's use our time wisely to get ready for that day when our Savior comes for us.

# From the Editor



Why study Exodus? What can we learn there for today? Timeless truth is always timely, always useful. God's Word is timeless. The book of Exodus in the Old Testament prepares the way for the New Testament.

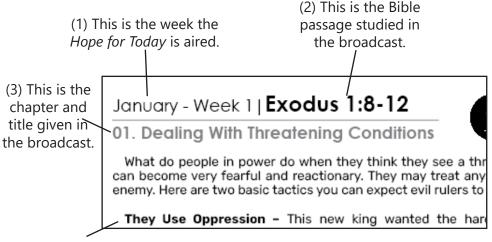
The Law given to Moses required unattainable perfection. So it also required blood to be shed for the forgiveness (remission) of sins. Jesus Christ, the perfect, sinless Son of God, gave His own life for that purpose. The Law also required a mediator between God and man, a high priest. Christ fulfills that role today, interceding on our behalf at God's right hand. The book of Hebrews explains this in great detail.

In the back of the Hope Herald, we offer one free book. *The Law and The Gospel* is a commentary on the book of Galatians. If you have trouble understanding Galatians, read Hebrews. It explains the importance of following Christ instead of the Law of Moses, known as "the circumcision."



Start with this study of Exodus and compare it with the book of Hebrews. To study further, request *The Law and The Gospel* using the coupon. I trust these resources will help you understand both the Old and New Testaments. The message? God wants us to be free from sin, and to live with Him forever.

- Eric Druist



(1 & 3) These bold phrases are the main points in the sermon.

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#### 01. Dealing With Threatening Conditions

What do people in power do when they think they see a threat? They can become very fearful and reactionary. They may treat anyone as an enemy. Here are two basic tactics you can expect evil rulers to use.

**They Use Oppression –** This new king wanted the hard-working Israelites to stay, but he didn't want them to side with his enemies, so he forced them into hard labor. *Was this effective? v12, and Psalm 62:9-12* 

**They Use Suppression –** The king, seeing his "enemies" strengthened, decided to do away with them, genocide. He ordered all boys to be killed at birth, infanticide. *Do people promote this today? Also: Matthew 2:16-18* 

**Responding to Fear –** How did the midwives respond? What did they fear more, God's justice or an evil king's wrath? *Whom did they obey*?

#### **Choices:** What if you face trouble for doing right? Read 1 Peter 3:14-17.

# January - Week 4 | Exodus 2:1-10



#### 02. Dare To Do Right!

Some people like to blend in, no matter the cost. Others will choose to do right, no matter the cost. Some choose comfort with people over peace with God. Will you dare to do right, as this mother did for her son?

**The Secret –** She hid her child from the evil king. She knew the risk, but she made a plan to do right anyway. *How might you keep your children from evil? When is it good to keep a secret? When is it wrong?* 

**The Scheme –** She prepared to obey both God and this king as much as possible. She prepared a boat for the baby to float when she put it in the river. He had a chance. *How can you prepare a child to live in this world?* 

**The System –** She trusted God enough to give her son to the king's daughter. God granted her desire to raise her son awhile longer. *What might you dare to ask of God? What steps might He ask you to take?* 



#### 03. Don't Assume Too Much

Sometimes in our zeal, we may go beyond what we should. Do we know where to stop? Have we taken on a task that is not our own? Have we broken the law in our good intentions? What are the results of this?

**Premature Action –** Moses saw an Egyptian beating a Hebrew. What was he to do? Did he have authority to kill the Egyptian? *Why do you think he did it? Was he acting too soon? Acts 7:23-29* 

**Positive Reaction –** Moses had killed a man unjustly. It was just for the king to avenge him. To live, Moses had to humble himself and run. *Have you recognized the results of pride? How should you show humility?* 

**Primitive Satisfaction –** In Midian, Moses encountered more troublemakers. *How was his response different? What were the benefits of becoming a shepherd? How is God working in your circumstances?* 

#### Authority: How should we relate? Romans 13:1-2; Acts 4:19, 5:29

# February - Week 2 | Exodus 2:23-3:6



#### 04. Listen When God Speaks

How does God speak to us? In what ways did God speak to Moses? How do we know if it is God? Take time to listen carefully. Test it against established truth, His printed Word. Read it to learn God's voice.

**God Showed Mercy –** When God's people called out for help, He heard them. He did not forget, but He remembered His promises. And He spoke through His actions. His mercy would soon be shown by supernatural justice. *Do you keep promises to help others? How merciful are you?* 

**God Used a Method –** God meets us in common places, sometimes by uncommon methods. Where are you? *What does God need to do to get your attention? Can God speak through smaller, everyday things?* 

**God Showed Himself –** God called Moses personally, by name. God knows your name. God is also holy, so He asked Moses to show reverence. *How can you learn to know God and live a holy life? Psalm 119:105* 



#### 05. Go When God Commands

How can we hear from God? How do we know it is God's voice? At times, it is only our unwillingness to obey that keeps us from understanding, so God gives promises to those who will obey Him.

**The Promise of Deliverance –** God sees the condition of humanity, our sorrow and pain; He wants to redeem us. God called Moses to lead Israel from the bondage of Egypt physically and spiritually. *Would you be free from your burden of sin?* 

**The Promise of Assurance –** Was God mistaken? How could He use a shepherd? Who made Moses a shepherd? Why? What was God preparing him for? *If God asks you to act, how might He help you? Ask, seek, knock.* 

**The Promise of Identification –** "I AM THAT I AM. That is my name." God simply 'is.' There is no one greater to whom God owes His power or existence. Go in His name and strength, and act. *Why do you hesitate?* 

#### Ask: 1 John 5:14; Seek: Jeremiah 29:13; Knock: Matthew 7:7-12

# February - Week 4 | Exodus 3:16-22



#### 06. Why Not Trust Him?

Trust doesn't come easy. Disappointments in our past, difficulties in our present, uncertainty in our future, all these can be entrusted to God by faith. We learn to trust God by learning to know Him. Here are several foundations He has given for us to learn to trust Him.

**The Foundation of Revelation –** God reveals Himself and His purpose through written and spoken word. He has clearly outlined the reward of good and evil. *How do God's promises and prophecy encourage you?* 

**The Foundation of Evaluation –** God has a plan. He knows what He's doing. God is more than competent; He is dominant. He gives value to every detail He reveals. *What is important to God that you should do?* 

**The Foundation of Authorization –** God is the final authority. Evil rulers He will discipline. And those who have suffered wrong, He will reward. *What is something you can only trust God to repay or reward?* 

March - Week 1 | Exodus 4:1-9

#### 07. Overcoming Fear

We all deal with fears, some healthy, many unhealthy. How can we overcome fears that hinder the good that God would do in and through us? Moses told God his fears. God used three ordinary objects, an object lesson, to help Moses overcome his fears.

**The Shepherd's Rod** – We don't always know the results of our actions, and obedience can lead to frightening results. *What scary things has God used to increase your faith?* If we obey once, we can again; take courage.

**The Working Hand –** What about us? Will we be able to do the whole will of God? What if we get sick or something? Even our weakness can be a wonder, a special witness. *Has your weakness glorified God? 2 Cor. 12:9* 

**The Quenching Water –** How much power does God have? Water, the life-giver of the desert, is God's to control. His messenger's words would carry the weight of life and death. *How serious is the Word of God to you*?

#### God's Favor: Aaron, Num. 16-17; Gideon, Jdg. 6:36-40; Jesus, John 1:32

# March - Week 2 | Exodus 4:10-23

08. Is God Angry With You?

Have you ever asked someone to do something? Did you offer to help them? Were there people counting on you? Did they still refuse to help? Moses said 'no' to God and angered Him, but God gave even more help.

**His Mouth -** But God, I can't talk. I can't do this or that. Regardless of our inability or excuse, God equips those He calls. He is the Creator, after all, and He gives creative solutions. *How can you speak for God?* 

**His Brother –** Moses was unwilling, but God already knew that. He was sending Aaron, after 40 years, to meet Moses. Sometimes God shows unexpected grace to accomplish His work. *How can you be an Aaron?* 

**His Rod** – Moses, here is your rod again. The task hasn't changed; I have wonders for you to do before Pharaoh. God equips those He calls, and sometimes the equipment is surprisingly familiar. *What common or uncommon ability do you have that God is asking you to use?* 





#### 09. Watch What You Say!

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Have you ever spoken and wished you had waited, or not spoken at all? What were the results? What if you talk back to God? Should you be more careful than Pharaoh? Yes! God is good. So to try to stop God is a very bad idea. Stopping good and doing evil brings very bad consequences.

**The Challenge –** "Who is the LORD, that I should obey His voice to let Israel go?" Good question, bad attitude. This request was of little threat to Pharaoh, but his heart was proud. *Have you spoken in pride against God*?

**The Charge –** Pharaoh did the opposite of the request. Have you ever done that? Pharaoh's heart was cruel, giving them more work and less time to worship. *Have you ever been cruel?* Beware the consequences.

**The Choice –** Israel had only one choice, which is no choice at all. They tried and failed to do more. Pharaoh's injustice continued, so God would judge him. *Knowing this principle, how should you endure injustice?* 

#### The Tongue: James 3:1-12. How can you be more godly in your speech?

# March - Week 4 | Exodus 5:15-23



#### 10. How Much Can You Endure?

The burdens of life come in many ways. Are you exhausted? How much can you endure? Take courage from the experiences of people recorded in the Bible. God's strength and wisdom were available to them, and they had to access it by faith, too. Will you?

**The Impossible Demand –** Faced with an impossibility, they asked the highest human in authority they could for help. Be sure that God, the ultimate authority, is your guide and comfort in this. *Who can you go to?* 

**The Impatience of Pharaoh –** Others have been where you are, misunderstood or oppressed. You may not see it, but be patient with others, or you might act like Pharaoh, too. *How can you be patient?* 

**The Implication of the Officers –** Suffering people often accuse God of being absent. We do right, but bad happens. Faith in the eternal facts, justice, heaven and hell, can be easier than faith in God right now. Remember God's faithfulness to you, or Moses. *What do you recall?* 

#### 11. God Does Not Forget!

How long does it take to put a plan into action? People need time to make choices, for or against God and His ways. God does not forget. His plan is in action. What proof do we have? Read on.

**The Appeal to Remembrance –** God remembers; He remembers even when we forget. Here, God reminded them of His covenant, His promises, to show them He was about to act. *What promises have you forgotten?* 

**The Proposal of Redemption –** Bad things happen. Will things ever be right again? Yes. God will deliver. He knows you, and none can stop Him. Do you know Him? *When justice is complete, will you be free?* 

**The Progress of Reaction –** People lose faith in God. But God remains faithful, 1 Timothy 2:13. *Whom do you trust the most, faithless people or faithful God? Who has the last word?* God. The last word is God's Word.

#### God Remembers: What did their faith result in, looking back later? Psalm 105

# April - Week 1 | **Exodus 7:1-13**

### 12. You Can't Stop God

Hope does not mean we ignore the conditions. Hope means to rise above them. It means to trust in One who controls all conditions. There is no hope except in God's Word and in faith in God, unstoppable and good.

**The Promise –** When God promises, He has a plan. He called Moses and Aaron to deliver His words to Pharaoh. God's Word is sure, even when predicting bad news. *How do you respond to bad news?* 

**The Plan –** When God promises, He has a plan. And He often gives instructions to help us accomplish His will. *Have you left anything out? His instructions have a gracious purpose. Does it show in you?* 

**The Promotion –** God will confirm His Word. First, His sheep know His voice; they know the difference, John 10. Even powerful people will know His authority. *Do you trust God to speak through you? Mathew 10:16-20* 





### 13. When Water Turned To Blood

There is one great truth we need to keep before us. There will be a time of judgment. God has promised and predicted the time of judgment, and we must remember this as we watch the events in our world today.

**The Prediction of Judgment –** God is not an unknowable, fearsome tyrant. When He judges evil, He gives warning, an opportunity to repent, to change our ways. He does not seek a quarrel but our welfare, our good. *What lies have you been told about God? How will you address Him?* 

**The Execution of Judgment –** God will be glorified above all gods. All we seek that is corrupt, will be judged. God is unchanging, incorruptible, good. God is unstoppable, unwavering justice. *Will you seek good things?* 

**The Imitation of Judgment –** God gives us free choice; He allows the wicked the choice to deceive themselves, by making themselves as God. That is a very sad, just end. *Will you study God's Word to avoid deception?* 

#### Why Obey? John 15:9-10; 1 John 5:1-5. Obey Whom? Romans 6:16-18

# April - Week 3 | Exodus 8:1-15

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What is it that makes God unique? How is it that there are no other gods like Him? He is no insecure, petty, or powerless 'god,' and He proves this by how He worked with Moses and Pharaoh.

**The Choice of Obedience –** Whether someone is a sinner or a saint, God still gives them a choice. You have a choice. Some would force you to obey. God will not. He allows us to make bad choices. *Who will you serve?* 

**The Desire of Entreaty –** God wants to hear from us, our entreaty or appeal. God is merciful. Here, God asked Pharaoh to set a time for God to do what Pharaoh could not. *What does God want you to ask of Him?* 

**The Prayer of Moses –** God gives us choices and mercy, but He also has the power to do what He wills. Pharaoh's men could make frogs, but they couldn't kill them all. God could. *What can God do that you cannot?* 



#### 15. There Is A Difference



What is the difference? Some differences are more obvious than others. Some frauds, false gods, are easier to detect. But there is one God who is true, and He has made a distinction between His people and others.

**The Verdict of the Magicians' Power –** Imitations have limitations. God Almighty can act, and He can prevent acts. He stopped Pharaoh in his tracks. *How did God set apart Moses? How has He set you apart?* 

**The Vindication of God's People –** At times, there is a separation between those who receive God's justice and those who receive His mercy. Those who choose God find mercy. *Have you experienced mercy?* 

**The Violation of Pharaoh's Promise –** God faithfully kept His promise, but Pharaoh did not. There was a difference. Pharaoh did not show good, godly character. *Are you faithful? Have you lied like Pharaoh?* 

#### Compare: Psalm 12 and Psalm 31. Who is to be trusted?

# May - Week 1 | Exodus 9:1-12



#### 16. God Preserves His People

Blessed are those who trust in the Lord. Those who deny and defy Him will find Him stronger than they would have believed. As we look at more plagues, it reminds us of the actions God will take to preserve the faithful.

**The Description of the Coming Event –** Those who receive God's Word, and obey it, God's people, are preserved. Pharaoh chose otherwise and was not preserved. *What trouble might God's Word keep you from?* 

**The Infliction of the Coming Event –** God's judgment affects whom He chooses, and no further. And He knows when to act. *Have you seen God's miraculous timing in your life? Have you been spared something?* 

**The Affliction upon the Particular People –** God is especially angry with those who lead out in causing harm to His people. Leaders bear more responsibility. *Knowing this, how will you be more careful with your influence? Who are you following? What are the consequences of that?* 



### 17. God Uses The Wicked To Glorify Him

Who manages history? Does God have any say? Don't the wicked run the world? Every man has a choice, but God has ultimate power. God may turn the wicked devices of man against him, for His glory.

**The Intent of God –** God will have all glorify Him, and He wants them to do it by choice. But proud Pharaoh must be rebuked. Even this would bring God glory. *How does God show His glory in your life?* 

**The Extent of the Plague –** How far can you predict the weather? God controls the weather. He set bounds on it. Those who sought shelter found His protection. Pharaoh's folly gave Egypt this chance to exercise faith in God. *Are you ready? Have you taken God's Word seriously?* 

**The Contempt of Pharaoh** – How terrible to give God glory as the object of His wrath! Yet the wicked keep making that choice, holding God in contempt. *Have you ever lied to God? Is it a good idea?* 

#### Who Rules? Psalm 2; A Heathen King Praises God: Daniel 4

# May - Week 3 | Exodus 10:1-10



#### 18. You Can't Bargain With God

Can you manipulate God? Or does He operate honestly? There is no bargaining. His judgment is sure, but His grace is free. To offer our righteousness, filthy rags, for riches untold, is dishonest, foul robbery. And when the unashamed wicked fight God, it is worse than vain.

*How Long Will You Refuse* to humble yourself before me? God, who is above all, asked Pharaoh this. He may ask this of you and me. Pride alone is the reason we think we have something to bargain with. *Read it again.* 

**How Long Shall This Man** be a snare unto us? Wrong question. The wicked often complain about the righteous. They fight against the solution because they are the problem. *Are you fighting against God*?

**How Many Will Go? –** How much should I give? Will you relent? Can I give less than my all? Pharaoh was not surrendered, nor would he ever. Beware lest your stubbornness lasts forever. *Do you surrender all*?



#### 19. There Is A Point Of No Return

Have you ever been in a situation where there was no turning back? Sometimes warnings were missed; wise counsel may or may not have been followed, but the rest was in God's hands.

**The Darkness in the Land –** Sometimes, there is physical evidence of no return before the event. Here, physical darkness brought a sense of dread. *Has disobedience ever led to a sense of dread? Did you repent?* 

**The Darkness of the Mind –** Some still try to argue their way out of consequences. They no longer see God clearly. Their disobedience has corrupted their understanding. *Do you try to bargain with God, or obey?* 

**The Darkness of the Heart –** Hard hearts are dark hearts. A heart where God cannot work is heading for destruction. We can choose our own destruction or God's salvation. *Will you turn to Him today?* 

#### Be Aware: Romans 1:18-2:11; Beware and Prepare: 2 Timothy 3:1-4:5

### June - Week 1 | Exodus 11:1-10



20. The High Price Of Self-Will

"I did it my way." Confidence or defiance? There is a high price for selfwilled defiance against God. All people have a choice. But when our confidence is in ourselves and not God, our choices become destructive.

**The Last Plague –** One last chance: choose mercy or destruction. What will it be? There needs to be a final choice, or choice is pointless. This choice had eternal consequences. *Where will you go when you die?* 

**The First Born** – The most important people or things in your life may be harmed by decisions you need to make. *Can you put others first? How much are you willing to lose? What are you giving up? Why? Why not?* 

**The Final Difference –** When judgment is final, the distinction made is just as significant. Day or night. Life or death. Joy or grief. Good things are here for you to choose. *Why do you and I choose badly at times? Will you ask God for help?* The best things are eternal. Choose those. Col. 3:2



#### 21. Protection Under The Blood

Do you feel safe? Safe from what? God's judgment was coming. Both the Egyptians and God's chosen people had a choice. Faith in action brings God's protection; unbelief brings God's wrath, to anyone.

**The Careful Outline of Details –** How do we please God? Will we do what He says? What if it doesn't make sense? Who are we trying to please? If God says it is good to do, why complain? We are very blessed when He gives us clear details. Do you want to seek His blessing? What has He asked of you?

**The Complete Outcome of Deliverance –** When final judgment falls, there will be either complete deliverance or complete destruction. Final, complete. *Have you sought the protection of Him who judges the world?* 

**The Commemorative Outset of Directives –** This was a celebration, a triumph for believers. *How can you share God with the next generation?* 

#### Free from Sin: Romans 6:23; Acts 4:12; Romans 10:9-10; John 10:27-29

### June - Week 3 | Exodus 12:29-42

#### 22. Free At Last



When will you be free? Free from what? Free to do what? Israel would soon be free to worship God. They would be free to possess a land all their own. Free to do right, but also free to choose wrong. Captivity would now be of their own choosing. But God would provide a way of blessing.

**Judgment –** The oppressor will be judged by God. Whether that be Satan or some other earthly power, they will be punished. Every knee will bow. *Do your leaders bow to God now? Do you pray for their salvation?* 

**Emancipation –** To be set free. Freedom demands emancipation of the oppressed. As Israel was freed from Egypt physically, we can be free from sin spiritually. *Would you be free at last? Romans 10:13; John 8:36.* 

**Emigration –** Go! There must be a separation. Pharaoh and Egypt, or Satan and sin, must have no more dominion over you. 2 Corinthians 6:14-18; 1 Corinthians 7:12-16. You may need new friends. *What changes need to be made?* 

#### 23. Remember Your Day

What are the most important days of the year to you? Why? What do they mean to you? Did someone teach you about them? How can you pass it on? Was it a happy occasion, or sad? Is it good to celebrate, or not?

**Remember the Day of Deliverance –** Here is a remembrance worth celebrating! They had freedom. They were headed for the Promised Land; more promises were coming. *What freedoms or promises bring you joy?* 

**Remember the Law of the LORD –** Some remembrances are more solemn. We have been given the Word of God. We are called to live it out and tell it to others. *What are some creative ways you can pass it on?* 

**Remember the Saving of the Firstborn –** Some remembrances are happy and sad. Some people survived; others did not. *How can hardship bring us closer to God? 1 Peter 1:7; Romans 5:3-5* 

#### Memorize God's Word! Psalm 23; Isaiah 55; Matt. 5-7; Luke 2; John 3

# June - Week 5 | Exodus 13:17-22

#### 24. Go Where God Leads

"Follow me." What simpler command could there be? A pillar by day or night. Jesus, the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Where is He leading today? How can you know? Here are some helpful directives.

**Follow in His Path –** The way we might choose isn't always God's way. Many times, we don't find clear direction because we refuse to take "no" for an answer. Follow; don't lead. *What step will you take in faith*?

**Carry Out His Prophecy –** Sometimes we have an example of faith, like Joseph, that we can build on. Here, they had the opportunity to honor him upon the fulfillment of his prophecy. *How can we honor the legacy of a godly person? What truth has been passed on to you?* 

**Delight in His Presence –** Who are you traveling with? Does God give good gifts to His children? Isn't He full of wonders? Look at God's Word. Do you delight in God? Read Psalm 119 to lift your heart to God.





#### 25. Keep Faith In God

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From experience, we know that we all need help to keep hope bright and vibrant. Faith is the foundation of hope. All of us have uncertainties that test our faith. It can be hard work to keep our faith in God alive.

**Precaution –** God knows before us and goes before us. He warns and alerts us. We know the cost of leaving Egypt and sin. We know the world hates God. John 15:18-20; 16:33b. *Do you believe His precautions?* 

**Pursuit –** The enemy is fast approaching. You know what evil they are capable of. 1 Peter 3:13-17. *Do you know what good God is capable of? Romans 8:18-39. What good can God do in your situation?* Ask Him.

**Protest –** 'I don't want to be here. Someone made a mistake. I can't fix it. I blame you.' We have a choice. *Do we exercise our faith, like a muscle, or do we stop when it hurts? Is God growing your faith? Romans 5:3-5* 

#### Eternal Hope: 1 Cor. 15:51-58; Job 19:25-26; Rom. 14:8; Phil. 1:21-26

# July - Week 2 | Exodus 14:13-31

# 26. God Can Deliver



Is there any way out? Or is there a way through? It may look desperate, but do not despair. Never give up on God. God is able to do abundantly above all that we ask or think. Ephesians 3:20.

**He Defended His Own –** God cares about you. He wants you to be safe with Him forever. He wants to defend you today. *Will you ask for help?* 

**He Divided the Sea –** Israel was trapped in a dead-end alleyway. God made a door. *How real is God to you?* 

**He Destroyed the Enemy –** Any power that exalts itself against God is inviting its own destruction. *Is God greater than your enemy? 1 Cor. 15:26* 

**He Delivered His People –** When God has a plan, it can't be stopped. This plan involved saving Israel. *Do you believe He can do that for you?* 

### 27. Who Is Like God?

Which religion is best? Is your God a personal God? Does He have a personal interest in you and help you? The most outstanding facts in my religion are the claims the Bible makes about God. Is He indeed above all other gods? How can we know? Let us examine His historical narrative.

**His Glorious Triumph –** How did Israel escape Egypt's armies? God intervened; God overcame. There was no other way, but it was amazing. *What are the most amazing stories you have heard about God?* 

**His Glorious Power –** God the Creator of heaven and earth, opened the sea to allow safe passage to Israel. That same power was turned against Israel's enemies. *Can your God do anything? How powerful is He?* 

**His Glorious Holiness –** God's perfect goodness is shown by His mercy to Israel and His justice for them. But man can be unjust and cruel. *How can you show mercy and sound judgment? Matthew 7:1-6* 

#### Who Is God? How Does He Work? Psalms 94-96; 103-105; 107

# July - Week 4 | Exodus 15:22-27



Have you experienced the leading of God in the ordinary things of life? Life is made up of common things. We ought to thank God for these also, not just the amazing things. But how does God lead in common things?

**Moses Brought Israel from the Red Sea –** Israel was moving. By faith, they walked. And God guided. God can't guide those at ease in Egypt. He guides those who obey. *In what simple way can you obey?* 

**Moses Cried unto the Lord** – Israel had a basic need and complained. But one man prayed, and God heard. God showed him a practical solution and gave a miraculous result. *Do you pray, or complain? Do you look for solutions? Do you believe God can provide a solution?* 

**And They Came –** In their greatest need, God provided. God may test our faith to show His power. But God is also good, so He showed His generosity: even better water. *Have you experienced surprise blessings?* 





#### 29. Don't Talk Back To God

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How often do we forget God's goodness? How often do we complain about smaller and smaller things? Food is important but less so than water. God provided water generously. But they complained even more.

**The Complaint of a Distressed People –** They had already forgotten their troubles in Egypt. They would trade their freedom for bread. What they wanted could destroy them. *Is there something you want that might do you more harm than good? What should you be thankful for?* 

**The Care of Divine Providence –** To receive from God's hand means we need to trust Him. God wants to take care of our daily needs, but He needs to prove that we will trust Him. *How can you show trust in God?* 

**The Confirmation of Divine Presence –** God's blessing is tied to His leading. God blessed them with provisions from the direction in which they were to travel. *Would you offend God's grace by talking back or turning back?* 

#### God Is Our Sustainer: Luke 4:3-4; Deuteronomy 8:3; James 1:17

# August - Week 2 | Exodus 16: 13-21

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#### 30. God Does Provide

What do you have that you were not given? What have you been able to gain or do without those gifts? Where do good things come from? Were it not for God's mercy, we would very soon be consumed. Yet God provides.

**The Heavenly Bread -** How did God send it? It came with the dew, as if they were living on air-truly miraculous. Simple but substantial, it kept them healthy for over forty years. *What does all this tell you about God*?

**The Daily Bread –** The Lord's Prayer speaks of this provision in Matthew 6:9-15. When we walk daily with the Lord, we can expect a daily supply. We may have a little work involved with the raw materials, but the supply is there every day. *Will you seek God's provision every day?* 

**The Sufficient Bread** – How much is enough? God knows. Sometimes we hold onto His provision longer than we should. Here, the extra rotted and stank. *Are you satisfied with His supply? Are you keeping too much?* 

# August - Week 3 | Exodus 16:22-35

### 31. The Holy Sabbath



Should we rest once out of every seven days? Why? What is the point? Here is what God ordained for His chosen people to observe. It follows the pattern from Genesis 2:1-3, and we can apply these principles today.

**The Sabbath Provided a Rest** – We need rest. God, who needs no rest, rested on the seventh day of Creation. We can follow that pattern for our own benefit. That's how good He is. *How can you take time to rest?* 

**The Sabbath Provided a Reminder –** God's goodness is no excuse to take Him lightly. Those who did not believe in His goodness the next morning were rebuked. *Is it ever wise to doubt God's goodness?* 

**The Sabbath Provided a Remembrance –** God is our provider and He is merciful. The manna brought fresh awareness to this as they kept the Sabbath. And a never-stale pot of manna would remind them of this for generations. *Will you remind yourself of these attributes as you rest?* 

#### Faithfulness: Psalm 90:2; 108:3-6; 117; Hebrews 11; 2 Timothy 2:11-13

# August - Week 4 | Exodus 17:1-7



32. God Can Overcome Your Problems

God is good. He can demonstrate this by solving problems. No test is too great for His grace. Difficulties provide opportunities. Where there is a need, God can provide. Where there is a wish or want, God will decide. God knows what is best for us, and that includes trials of our faith. 1 Peter 1:7

**Their Difficulty –** We want what we want, and we want it now. The need may be very real, but so is God, the Giver of every good and perfect gift. *Why do we treat Him with contempt and unbelief?* 

**Their Discontent –** The more we focus on our problems, the smaller that God seems to us. When we do not go to God with our problems first, discontentment just grows. *How will you remember God first, next time?* 

**Their Deliverance –** When we ask God's direction and His help, we have His assurance. No matter the problem, when we take God's course of action, He will bless it. Ask God: *What is His direction for you today*?

September - Week 1 | Exodus 17:8-16

#### 33. God Overrules History

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Promises by men are frail; promises by God cannot fail. And His promises regarding history will come to pass. God is concerned about us. God is the ruler of history, and He will have the faithful triumph.

**The Call to Battle –** God's people have enemies. Here, their own cousins, very skilled warriors, were attacking them. *How would they defend themselves? In what way did Moses show confidence in God?* 

**The Conquest in the Battle –** Moses stood interceding, a literal prayer warrior, between God and the Israelite army. They only lost when the staff, the symbol of God's authority, was lowered. When God's authority is not over us, we are powerless in spiritual battle. *How will you win?* 

**The Memorial of the Battle –** Remember the battles that God has fought for you. Remember Who overrules history. Know that with God, nothing is done in vain; without God, everything is in vain. *How will you remember this in the next battle, and the one after that?* 

#### Help Others: Rom. 13:8-10; Hebr. 10:24-25, 12:12-17; 1 Thes. 5:14-15

# September - Week 2 | Exodus 18:1-12



#### 34. A Father-In-Law Can Help

Have you had good, godly examples in your life? Here's one to consider. What is the proper response of a father-in-law to God's working in a sonin-law's life? Jethro gives us an excellent example, regarding Moses.

**Gather Information –** Keep an interest in the lives of your children and their spouses. Find out how you can help. Matthew 19:5 does define some separation, but you can assist. *How can you be the most helpful?* 

**Go, Make a Visit –** Visit regularly if you can. Many reject the wisdom of older folks because they have little exposure to it. See what you can do to bring the family together. *When will you visit the young or the old next?* 

**Give a Declaration –** Bless what God has blessed. "Children are an heritage of the LORD." Psalm 127:6a See what God is doing in their lives and encourage them in that. *What is God doing in your family's life?* 

September - Week 3 | Exodus 18:13-27



#### 35. Wise Men Accept Counsel

Do you take advice from anyone? What kind of advice do you give? How do you know if it is good advice? How can it be put it into practice? Moses and his father-in-law did well at this. Let's see what we can learn.

**Make a Careful Observation –** The first point has to do with giving advice. You need to look carefully. You also need to have their best interest in mind. *Is the advice you've given or gotten like this? Does it line up with God's Word? Does it help to serve God and others better?* 

**Plan a Comprehensive Exhortation –** Based on what you've seen, what is the best course of action? How might new information change that plan? Is your plan a complete one? How practical can you make it?

**Design a Complete Implementation –** Moses knew the advice was good. So he got to work. This advice involved getting people to help him with his job. *Do you need to do this? What advice do you need to act on?* 

#### Turn To God: Isaiah 55:6-9; Ezekiel 18:30-32; Rom. 8:13-14; Col. 3:1-17

# September - Week 4 | Exodus 19:1-8



#### 36. God's Choice Of A People

Who is the Creator of the world? God is. He gives every one of us a choice. And He makes choices, too. How did Jesus, our Savior, come into this world? Through the people that God chose to do His work, the Jews. If God chooses you to do something, how should you respond? Let's see.

**God's People Consider What God Does –** What has God done in your life? Who else has experienced His help? What did God do in their lives? We need to give serious consideration to what God does for us.

**God's People Consider What God Decrees –** What does God want you to do? What is written in God's Word? How surrendered are you? Where can you grow in obedience to God? "Be ye holy, for I am holy." 1 Peter 1:16

**God's People Consider What God Desires –** What does God want? What are His plans? When we surrender to the basics revealed in God's Word, the question comes, what next? What is His will? Matt. 5:14-16 October - Week 1 | Exodus 19:9-25

#### 37. How To Meet God

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Quick! Clean up. Company is coming! What about God? Are you ready to meet Him? Many people pass away while heaven and earth remain. They meet their Maker every day. So let me make this plain. Are you ready?

**Clean Up –** *Clean what*? Hebrews 10:22 speaks of the baptism of both the body and the inward man. How are we cleansed? 1 John 1:7 says that Christ's blood, His act of sacrifice, can cleanse us. *See bar after lesson 21.* 

**Look Up** - "Stand in awe and sin not." Psalm 4:4a. Is anyone equal to God? Who is like the LORD? The people stood to meet God in fear and anticipation. *What is your position before Almighty God? What should change?* 

**Come Up –** Some are called to greater responsibility and accountability before God. Moses did not resist the call of God. He spoke for God, even when repeating what was already known—nothing less and nothing more. *If God has called you, will you go up? Will you speak God's message?* 

#### Compare: Hebrews 12:18-29; Contrast: Isaiah 46:5; Worship: Isaiah 40:25

# October - Week 2 | Exodus 20:1-17



#### 38. Being God's People

Too many want to be God's people without paying the price. To be God's people, certain lines of conduct are required; they cannot be sidestepped. Matthew 22:37-40 summarizes these Ten Commandments well.

**Area of Worship –** Who is first? Who ought to be loved above all else? The LORD God. Should we use His name in vain, abuse it in word or action, and bring slander and shame to Him? No. *Will you love and honor God*?

**Area of Work –** It is important that we work, and rest. It is important that we take time to be silent before God and let Him work. This is God's gift to us. *Do you take time to rest each week, even if you are a pastor?* 

**Area of Well-Being** – Love your neighbor as yourself. How do we treat our family, our neighbors, truth of character, and possessions? How can we grow in love, sound judgment, and character? Build on your love for God with a love for others. *Why and how can you do this?* 1 John 4:7-21 October - Week 3 | Exodus 20:18-26

#### 39. Hearing God Speak

Our God is an awesome God. In light of His greatness and holiness, there is much for sinners to fear. But He has a purpose in our trembling. Repentance opens us to be cleansed and changed. We hunger and thirst after righteousness. Watch how God reconciles all things unto Himself.

**Their Fear Was Experienced** – God's glory is displayed through His creation, and even a mountain, in His presence, smoked, and thunder and lightning flashed about. *Do you think men or idols stand a chance?* 

**Their Fear Was Explained –** God wants our fellowship, but He will test us so that we fear Him and do not sin. Isaiah 1:16-17 admonishes us to "... cease to do evil; Learn to do well..." *Do you have a healthy fear of God?* 

**Their Fear Was Expiated –** How can we please God? John 4:24 tells us to worship Him in spirit and in truth. Have no other gods, only Him, truly Him. *Have you given God your undivided allegiance, your heart*?

#### The Fear of the Lord: John 3:16-21; Romans 2:6-11; 11:17-24

# October - Week 4 | Exodus 23:20-33

#### 40. Doing God's WIII

How can we know God's will? What direction can we find from His Word? Sometimes our course of action is very clear; other times, not so much. Are we obedient when God's will is revealed? What are His promises?

**The Promise of Secure Control –** The more we know, the more we are responsible for. Yet we should not be willfully ignorant to try to justify disobedience. God knows what we know. God knows best about where we ought to go and what we ought to do. *Do you trust God's guidance?* 

**The Promise of Secure Constraint –** There are things in this world that will come between God and us if they are not removed. Disobedience can limit blessing. *Do you trust God's restrictions and provisions?* 

**The Promise of Secure Conquest –** Are you seeking victory over sin, and an inheritance incorruptible? There are reasons some blessings do not come all at once. *Do you believe God when He says they are coming?* 





November - Week 1 | Exodus 24:1-8

#### 41. Becoming God's People

Moses had a special calling, a special responsibility above that of Israel's other leaders. Those leaders had a God-ordained calling above that of the people. The Israelites had a calling and responsibility that other nations did not have. See how God initiates this covenant.

**The Invitation from God –** "Come up unto the LORD." When God calls, it is a personal call. Leaders are personally responsible to God, and they are called to a deeper relationship. *How serious is this? Hebrews* 13:17

**The Mediation of the Sacrifice –** How does a holy God relate to an unholy people? He calls for complete sanctification: the burnt offering. Goodwill: the peace offering. A covering for their sin: the blood of the sacrifices. God is holy, good, and gracious. *Will you be reconciled to God*?

**The Confirmation of the Covenant** – It takes dedication on our part. We must learn what God expects of us. And we must accept Christ's blood shed for our sins, the fulfillment of the old covenant. *Will you?* 

#### Wonders Regarding Jesus: Luke 2:8-20; 3:21-22; 9:28-36

# November - Week 2 | Exodus 24:9-18



When God reveals Himself, He does so with purpose. To show the importance of the Law being given to Moses, God revealed a portion of His Divine Person to them. Behold your God! This is Who you are serving.

**He Disclosed His Divine Splendor –** God's feet, and under them, a 'pavement of clear blue crystal.' Truly, the earth is but a footstool. *Do you see how excited they were just to see His feet, and what He stood on?* The stammering repetition of the writer should teach us this.

**He Disclosed His Divine Speech –** God is holy, and so is His Word. His presence glorified His Word. His Word is also clear. He spoke directly to Moses. *Do you understand God's Word as direct, glorious instruction?* 

**He Disclosed His Divine Spectacle –** Few saw the blue pavement; all saw the fiery cloud upon the mountain; all were in awe. It was more than enough. *What does it take to convince you of His glory? John 20:29* 







### 43. Preparing For God's Dwelling

When God sets people to a task, He is teaching them more than the task itself. Here, they were building a tent of meeting, a visible witness of God dwelling with them. God was teaching them more than tentmaking.

**The Condition of the Offerer** – God called everyone to contribute. For God to dwell with them, He must have He gifts from willing hearts. It was not a tax, but a gift of devotion. *How much to do want to give God today?* 

**The Condition of the Offering –** If we are willing to give, God does require one thing: quality over quantity. Worthless gifts are an insult to God. What is the best gift you can give to God? Think back to the last section. *What will be the results of that gift, good words and deeds, or mere show?* 

**The Condition of the Offer –** This tent needed to bring glory to God and facilitate His interaction with His people. *How much care do you put into your interaction with God, in prayer, church, etc?* 

#### Meeting With God: Matthew 6:5-13; John 4:19-26; 1 Kings 19:8-13

# November - Week 4 | Exodus 25:10-22



#### 44. The Meeting Place

Before Christ came, God established numerous places to meet with His people. Abraham, Moses, and Elijah all built altars as meeting places with God. For the innermost, most sacred part of the tent of meeting, God ordered a mercy seat to rest upon and to cover the ark of the testimony.

**The Definitions –** The ark was not large, sufficient to carry what God ordained to be put inside. God's Law was to be placed inside and carried with them wherever they would go. *How can you do this? Psalm 119:11* 

**The Dedication –** What was the purpose of the mercy seat? It was a picture of atonement, a sacrifice covering the law. Cherubim watched over this sacred place in the Holy of Holies. *How sacred is God's Word?* 

**The Designation –** What was it designated for? "...there I will meet with thee, and I will commune with thee from above the mercy seat, from between the two cherubim." *Do you desire communion with God*?

November - Week 5 | Exodus 25:23-30



#### 45. The Table Of Fellowship

Bread-food-is a necessity. Fellowship with God is a necessity. "Man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD." Deut. 8:3b. God ordained a place for this to happen.

**The Dimensions –** 1 Meter long, 0.5M wide, 0.75M high. Small and light, it was recognizable as a symbol, a real table calling people to fellowship with God. *Does your church call people to fellowship with God?* 

**The Design –** It could be carried on staves (staffs), run through rings attached to the sides. This was so God's symbol of fellowship could go with them wherever they went. *How is this observed today? 1 Cor. 11:26* 

**The Dishes –** This table was meant to be eaten from. As both a symbol and a real table, the construction of it and the dishes on it were both glorious and practical. *Who got their daily bread from this table?* 

#### Fellowship: 1 John 1:5-7; Hebrews 10:24-25; 1 Corinthians 11-14

# December - Week 1 | Exodus 25:31-40



#### 46. The Lampstand

"And God said, Let there be light: and there was light. And God saw the light, that it was good: and God divided the light from the darkness." Gen. 1:3-4. "God is light, and in him is no darkness at all." 1 John 1:5b.

**The Branches –** One piece of pure gold: one candlestick with six branches, seven flames total. God is holy, and this light was to be bright and beautiful. *How can you show others the glory of God? Matt. 5:14-16* 

**The Bowls –** This symbol of God's presence on earth took fuel. Could God keep this lamp burning by Himself? Absolutely: look up Hannukah. But God still gives us humans a responsibility in important things. *Why? What happens if we let God's light go out on our watch? Matt. 25:1-13* 

**The Bearing –** What was it to accomplish? The tent was dark without this God-ordained light, so are our hearts, and so is this world. *What is the final expression of this light? Revelation 21:23* 

December - Week 2 | Exodus 26:1-30

#### 47. The Tent To Meet God

In the New Testament, God's presence is so direct that His Holy Spirit dwells within each believer. 1 Corinthians 3:16. This continues the work of Christ, Whose own body was called "this temple" in John 2:19-21. But in Sinai, God was establishing the first meeting place, a special tent.

**The Materials –** Have you ever built a house? Were there any special instructions? This tent showed God's holy presence, so He asked for finequality materials. *Does He want believers to be holy? 1 Peter 1:15-16* 

**The Measurements –** You can start with good intentions, but if you never measure, the building will fail in a big way. *What do you think will happen if we do not build our lives with God's instructions? Matt. 7:24-29* 

 The Meaning - What was the meaning of some details God gave?
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#### God's Dwellings: 1 Kings 6; Ezra 3-6; Isaiah 66:1; John 2:13-22; Rev. 21

### December - Week 3 | Exodus 26:31-37

#### 48. Barriers To God

What is the purpose of barriers? At Sinai, they were not to touch the mountain, to approach a holy God as an unholy people. This tent was to be similar, with veils (curtains) marking the separation.

**The Division –** There is separation between holiness and unholiness, as light and darkness. Among the people, yet most separate and holy, was the ark of the testimony and the mercy seat. *What is most sacred to you?* 

**The Decoration –** The veil was glorious, not common, for it hung in a holy place before a holy God. The inner veil was more glorious than the outer veil, with angelic illustrations. *Is anything more glorious than God?* 

**The Deterrent –** When holiness meets sin, it will not mix. No, holiness, like a fire, will destroy sin. God is holy, yet approachable, so a veil, opaque but permeable, was made. *How do we violate God's holiness at times? Are there things we should not do in a church gathering?* 





December - Week 4 | Exodus 27:1-8

#### 49. The Altar Of Sacrifice



The altar was where an unholy people met a holy God, giving of the best of their livelihoods, their cattle, a blood sacrifice, as a covering for sin.

**As to Its Structure –** It was light, durable wood overlaid with bronze. It had a grate to lay the sacrifice on, with fire beneath. It was well-equipped to do God's service. *What was special about the horns? 1 Kings 1:50-53* 

**As to Its Significance –** The altar is larger than any other piece of furniture in the tabernacle. *Do you think sacrifice is the most important?* 

Bronze, in God's Word, is often related to judgment. As a bronze altar, this was God's judgment on sin. There was also the need to offer sacrifices every day. Paul, in the New Testament, applies this to believers in Jesus Christ, the One Who fulfilled the Law. Romans 12:1-2. *How can we 'die daily' to sin, and be a living sacrifice? They had an ever-present altar. Who do believers have, ever-present, to sanctify them?* 

#### Eternal Hope: 1 Cor. 15:51-58; Job 19:25-26; Romans 14:8; Phil. 1:21-26

#### January 2024 - Week 1 | Exodus 29:1-9



#### 50. Who Will Pray For Us?

Have you ever asked someone to pray for you (intercession)? How did that work in the Old Testament? We have record of many people crying out to God, but whom did God ordain to make intercession for sin? Who fills that role today?

**The Preparation –** First, there needed to be a sacrifice to sanctify them, because they were sinners, too. Jesus, our sinless High Priest, offered Himself to be sacrificed by kings and priests for all sin, for those who would trust in His Name above all names, King of Kings. *Have you*?

**The Presentation –** Thus sanctified, they were to be given holy, glorious garments to serve God before the people. *You may dress and act like a Christian, but have you first been sanctified?* 

**The Preservation –** Aaron would die someday, for the wages of sin is death. But Jesus Christ came to fulfill that role eternally. He intercedes on our behalf before God the Father. *Who else does? Romans 8:26-27* 

January 2024 - Week 2 | **Exodus 30:1-10** 

#### 51. The Altar Of Prayer

When sin is dealt with, what remains? Prayer. A relationship has been restored, and God wants to hear from us. This altar is not one of bronze judgement, but of golden glory. The sanctified worship at this altar.

**The Production of the Altar –** It was to be made of a very common, durable wood and overlaid with pure gold. Likewise, our prayers ought to be common but sanctified—pure. This altar was also portable. *Why? What might this mean for our prayers today?* 

**The Position of the Altar –** It was placed next to the veil, near the ark of the testimony and the mercy seat. *How close should God's Word be to our hearts or hands when we pray? How important is prayer to God?* 

**The Purpose of the Altar –** How often were they to offer incense? How regularly will you pray to God? What is the nature of your closest communion with God? Is it a sweet-smelling savor?

#### Worship in Spirit & Truth: Psalm 17, 51:6; 1 Chron. 29:17; Romans 12:1-2

January 2024 - Week 3 | Exodus 30:11-21

#### 52. True Worship

True worship must recognize our position before God. We all need redemption. There is a time when we all must come to account. We all need cleansing to approach Holy God. What can we learn from it today?

**The Need for Redemption –** Who owes God? Everyone. Every man was to pay a ransom for his soul. This money was hallowed, dedicated to the service of the Lord. *How are we redeemed today? 1 Peter 1:18-19* 

**The Norm for Recognition –** Rich or poor, all men are equal in need and therefore gave equally. This points forward to one price being enough to pay for all mankind. *Who paid it? What do we owe Him?* 

**The Necessity for Regulation –** How shall we come before God? With clean hands and a pure heart. Psalm 24:4. This picture is given in the practical and principled necessity of a wash basin. *Have you come to worship God with pure motives? Have you sought forgiveness?* 

January 2024 - Week 4 | **Exodus 31:1-11** 

#### 53. Wisdom For Work

Is work a burden? Or can we find fulfillment in it? Ecclesiastes 2:24. Are you easily discouraged? How quickly do you ask for help? Do you follow instructions well? What is the purpose of work? John 6:27, 2 Thes. 3:10-13

**The Compliment for Production –** God chooses whom He uses. That ought to humble us. God equips those He calls. That should encourage us. *How has God equipped you? What opportunities do you have?* 

**The Companions for Construction –** God sends help. Sometimes He sends strength to us. Sometimes He sends people to strengthen us. *Have you asked for help? How might a very different person help you?* 

**The Completion of Instruction –** God makes good things. He knows what is needed for people, projects, and relationships to turn out well. So He provides us with those instructions. *Do you trust God as Creator? Do you trust God as your Father in Heaven? Will you leave your ways for His?* 

#### God's Judgment and Mercy: Joshua 24:19-20; 2 Chronicles 30:6-9; 7:14

# February 2024 - Week 1 | Exodus 32:1-6

#### 54. Improper Worship

As humans, we all desire to worship. Who or what do we worship? How do you worship? Do you worship God in spirit and in truth, full reality? What happens when we turn aside after other things?

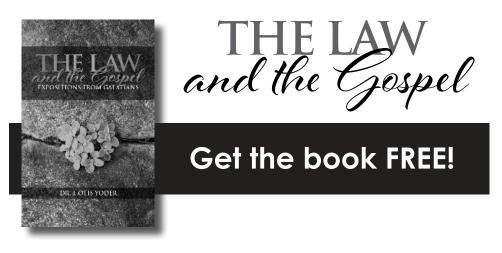
**An Unsettled People -** Are you easily unsettled by delay? Have you ever done something wrong because you were in a hurry? Here, the people were impatient with Moses—and God—and created other gods.

**An Unsafe Pastor -** Are you easily influenced by a crowd? Are you flattered or intimidated by their request for "leadership"—doing what they want? Aaron failed to call them to repentance, to point them to God. He obeyed man rather than God. Choose whom you will serve, then lead.

**An Unsuited Procedure –** How far will you go to please people? How far will you go to please God? Have you ever tried to serve two masters? Have you ever mixed the holy and profane? Choose. Joshua 24:14-15

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Mzimba	106.4FM	Sunday/Wednesday	21:30/17:45
Ntichisi	90.7FM	Wednesday	17:45
Zomba	106.4FM	Sunday/Wednesday	21:30/17:45
Micronesia	SW-11995/25	Thursday	21:02
Mozambique	MW-1170	Friday	21:30
New Zealand	SW-11995/25	Thursday	21:02
Papau New Guinea	SW-11995/25	Thursday	21:02
Samoa	SW-11995/25	Thursday	21:02
South Africa	MW-1170	Friday	21:30
Solomon Islands	SW-11995/25	Thursday	21:02
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