

Sermon Notes – March 2, 2025

Review

- ⇒ As we have traveled with Israel through this story of redemption, we have now arrived at Sinai. The people are waiting at the foot of the mountain as God meets them there.
- ⇒ The last two weeks, we saw that Yahweh spoke “Ten Words” (often called the “Ten Commandments”) to Israel, revealing who He is and how He is to be worshiped.

Today’s Text: Exodus 19:4-6; 1 Peter 2:9-10

This morning, we will take a step back to review where we’ve been in the Exodus narrative and reflect on the theological themes emerging from this story. At the center of it all is a God who acts mightily *to bring His people to Himself*. In doing so, His heart to bless is on full display as He executes His self-proclaimed mission “that My name may be proclaimed in all the earth” (Ex. 9:16).

God is a God who Acts to Deliver His People

“You have seen what I did...and how...I brought you to myself” (4)

- ⇒ **2:23-24:** As the people cry out, God “heard,” “remembered,” “saw,” and “knew” (cf. 3:6-10; 6:1-8). Even in a dark season, God is never _____. He is _____ executing His good plan.
- ⇒ **6:1:** In His grace, God not only tells us who He is, but He _____ us who He is in action. What a gift—to “see” God’s faithfulness!
- ⇒ God’s actions in Exodus emphatically answer the question of Pharaoh, “**Who is Yahweh that I should obey His voice?**” (5:2).
- ⇒ A greater mission appears: God desires—not only His people—but everyone, everywhere to _____ Him for who He is.

His People	Egypt & the Nations
4:5 “that they may believe...” (c.f. 4:31)	7:5,16; 8:10, 22; 9:14; 9:29; 14:4, 18 “and the Egyptians shall know that I am Yahweh when I stretch out my hand...”/ “you shall know there is none like Yahweh”
6:7 “then you will know that I am Yahweh your God who brings you out from under the burden of the Egyptians”	9:16 “for this purpose I have raised you up, to show you my power, so that My name may be proclaimed in all the earth ”
Result	Result
14:31 “Israel saw the great hand which Yahweh had used against the Egyptians; and the people feared Yahweh, and they believed in Yahweh...”	14:25 “so the Egyptians said, “Let us flee from Israel, for Yahweh is fighting for them against the Egyptians.”

⇒ 19:4: God defines His position on the basis of who He is and what He has done. Noticeably missing is any mention of human faith or good behavior.

Who Claims His People for His Own

“Now therefore...obey my voice and keep my covenant” (5)

- ⇒ We must be careful not to lose the _____ factor in what is taking place at the foot of this mountain: The God Who Is, for no reason other than His own volition, adopts unworthy people into a special, familial relationship.
- ⇒ God is committed, despite their grumbling, to _____ His people.
- ⇒ There is a clear _____ change conducted by God. The Hebrews are no longer oppressed slaves; they are treasured children.
- ⇒ Have you ever experienced a true sense of belonging? God Himself is the ultimate _____.
- ⇒ There is no greater blessing than belonging to Him.
- ⇒ The call to obedience and promise-keeping is a call to _____. True obedience is an expression of love and loyalty that flows out of the heart.

Who Sets His People Apart for His Purposes

“You are a chosen race...that you may proclaim the excellencies of him” (1 Peter 2:9)

- ⇒ 19:6 “And you shall be to me...”
 - “a kingdom of priests”
 - The people of God represent Him before others
 - Christians bear the name of Christ before a watching world
 - “a holy nation”
 - God’s people are “set apart” for a special purpose
- ⇒ Identity is a big topic these days. If you want to know WHO you are, you must understand WHOSE you are. (Dr. Carmen Imes, *Bearing God’s Name*)

Responding in Faith and Obedience

- ⇒ Where do you place your identity? Do you define your life by the things of this world that will soon fade away? If you are in Christ, you are *chosen* and *belong* to God’s family forever. Spend some time reflecting on this truth.
- ⇒ A rhythm to consider: Remember and Give Thanks. When you wake up, remember how God has worked in your life and then commit your day to Him in grateful service, that “whatever you do, whether word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, giving thanks to God the Father through Him” (Col. 3:17).

Worship Next Sunday: March 9, 2025

*** Special: Apologetics Sunday ***

Guest Speaker Stefan Gustavsson & Pastor Jay