

Introduction to the Book of Exodus

Purpose: introduce the book of Exodus by showing 5 major things that will be seen:

- God is in control of your life
- God will lead you
- God will keep his promises
- God will shape your character
- God will make you a worshipper

We often hear Christians say that God is in control. But when it comes down to the important things in my life,

- Is God really in control?
- Can I depend on God to lead me when I really need it?
- Does God really keep His promises?
- Does God really use difficult circumstances to shape me?

The answer to each of these questions is the same – Yes!

The quick answer is that God works all things according to His will:

***Eph 1:11** In Him also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestined according to the purpose of Him who works all things according to the counsel of His will,*

Today we begin a series on the book of Exodus, which is a continuation from the book of Genesis:

In Genesis we saw:

- Because of the fall of Adam, mankind became very sinful
- God chose one man, Abraham, who had faith and made a difference
- Abraham had a son named Isaac, who had a son named Jacob (God changed his name to Israel), who had 12 sons
- One of the 12 sons, Joseph, became the chief leader of Egypt and brought his entire family to live safely with him in Egypt

5 major things that we will see in the book of Exodus:

1. God will take an entire group of people (the children of Israel) who became bitter servants in hard bondage with no weapons or training and freed them from the most powerful nation of their day.
 - a. No matter how difficult the circumstances; no matter how great the enemy; no matter how impossible the odds are, God is in full control of the affairs of men!
 - b. He knows all that is happening and will work everything for good for those who love Him (Romans 8:28)
 - c. God is in control of your life!
2. God will raise up Moses, prepare him, send him and use him to lead His people.

- a. He will always give us leadership when we need it (Psalm 32:8,9)
 - b. God will lead you!
3. God will made good the promise that he made to Abraham when He liberates the Children of Israel:
***Gen 15:13** Then He said to Abram: "Know certainly that your descendants will be strangers in a land that is not theirs, and will serve them, and they will afflict them four hundred years.*
***Gen 15:14** And also the nation whom they serve I will judge; afterward they shall come out with great possessions.*
 - a. If God makes a promise, He will keep it!
4. God will lead His people into the wilderness and allow them to struggle
 - a. He will always shape the character of His people (Romans 5:3,4)
 - b. God will shape your character!
5. God will give them specific instructions to erect a "Tabernacle" (for worship)
 - a. He will always instruct His people in the proper way to worship Him (John 4:23)
 - b. God will make you a worshipper

Conclusion - what will we see in the book of Exodus?

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