

Everything In God's Time

Purpose: to encourage the listeners to be patient, because God does everything in His time.

God sent Moses to perform one of the most amazing tasks in history – to deliver a nation out of slavery. In chapters 3 through 5 of the book of Exodus have been looking at how God has been preparing Moses.

Here are the titles of the messages that we have considered so far:

- Stop trying to fix it yourself (Exodus 3) – Moses learned that he could not do God's will in his own strength
- 5 responses of Moses (Exodus 3, 4:17) – Moses learned that God would be with him and would work through him
- Do it the right way (Exodus 4:18-31)– Moses learned that he had to do everything that God told him to do, the right way
- Opposition (Exodus 5:1-23) –Moses learned not to be discouraged when being opposed

In order for Moses to do this great task:

- God had to shape Moses and make him into the man that he needed to be to perform the task.
- God had to convince Moses to do His will
- God had to teach Moses to do things exactly the way that He wanted him to do them.
- God had to encourage Moses to be strong in the midst of opposition

Now Moses is just about ready (Exodus 5:22 -6:13)

Here are the last exhortations from God before the action begins:

- *Now You shall see what I will do to Pharaoh.*
- *I am the LORD*
 - They understood El Shaddai, the God that is All-sufficient, that he provided for them and looked after them, but they did not know Him as the All-existent one who fulfils promises made long before.
- *I have established...*
 - It has already been done, long ago
- *I have heard...*
 - There is nothing that God does not already know
- *I have remembered...*
 - He remembered to do something about it
- 7 I wills:
 1. I will bring you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians (v. 6)
 2. **I will** rescue you from their bondage (v. 6)
 3. **I will** redeem you with an outstretched arm and with great judgments (v. 6)
 4. **I will** take you as My people (v. 7)
 5. **I will** be your God (v. 7)

6. **I will** bring you into the land which I swore to give to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob (v. 8)
 7. **I will** give it to you as a heritage (v. 8)
- 3 I AM's
 1. **Exo 6:2** - *And God spoke to Moses and said to him: "I am the LORD.*
 2. **Exo 6:6** - *Therefore say to the children of Israel: 'I am the LORD;*
 3. **Exo 6:7** - *I will take you as My people, and I will be your God. Then you shall know that I am the LORD your God*

What is God trying to do in your life?

- Are you still trying to fix it yourself?
- Do you still feel inadequate for the task?
- Are you doing it the right way?
- Are you facing opposition?

Be patient. God will do whatever He promises to do in His time!