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MINISTRY OF THE WORD

CERTAINLY I WILL BE WITH THEE

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SCRIPTURE READING: **EXODUS 3:9-22**

Exodus 3:12-13, And he said, **Certainly I will be with thee**; and this shall be a token unto thee, that I have sent thee: When thou hast brought forth the people out of Egypt, ye shall serve God upon this mountain. **13**: And Moses said unto God, Behold, when I come unto the children of Israel, and shall say unto them, The God of your fathers hath sent me unto you; and they shall say to me, What is his name? what shall I say unto them?

1. BACKGROUND

- a. Please refer to the July 22, 2018 Evening Message for the Background

2. INTRODUCTION

- a. Please refer to the August 5, 2018 Morning Message for the Introduction.

3. SIX POINTS TO THE MESSAGE

- e. Now therefore, behold, the cry of the children of Israel is come unto me.

1. **Exodus 3:9-11**, **Now therefore, behold, the cry of the children of Israel is come unto me**; and I have also seen the oppression wherewith the Egyptians oppress them. **10**:

*Come now therefore, and I will send thee unto Pharaoh, that thou mayest bring forth my people the children of Israel out of Egypt. **11:** And Moses said unto God, Who am I, that I should go unto Pharaoh, and that I should bring forth the children of Israel out of Egypt?*

2. It is amazing to look at the attitude of Moses before and after.
3. Before God took him to the back side of the desert for forty years and trained him, Moses was cocky and arrogant. As a matter of fact, he slew that Egyptian. He thought he could, by himself, deliver Israel out of the hand of those that oppressed them.
4. When we find out we are weak and cannot do the job, God will step up and do the job through us. That is depending on God my friend. That is stress-free living if you will.
5. Moses asks, **“Who am I”** Men and women who have been called by God need to sometimes ask the question, who am I and realize we are not sufficient for the job. Job found out the hard way. **Job 38:4**, *Where wast thou when I laid the foundations of the earth? declare, if thou hast understanding.*
6. When God wants a job done He will equip us to do that job to excellence.
7. Elijah the prophet was brave enough to walk right into the court of Ahab and Jezebel and tell them there would be no rain or dew for the years that are to come. **1 Kings 17:1**, *And Elijah the Tishbite, who was of the inhabitants of Gilead, said unto Ahab, As the LORD God of Israel liveth, before whom I stand, there shall not be dew nor rain these years, but according to my word.*
8. He was not as brave as he seems, but God put him in the desert where He trains His men. Elijah drank from the brook. The brook was dried up from the drought. He watched the brook grow smaller and smaller every day. He says his life

is no more than a dried-up brook. **1 Kings 17:7**, *And it came to pass after a while, that the brook dried up, because there had been no rain in the land.*

9. This is the same Elijah that spent numerous time eating out of an empty flour barrel that God kept on replenishing. He found out that there was nothing that God was unable to do. He realized that God would use him if he would do what God called him to do. He faced the prophets of Baal and brings down fire from Heaven. **1 Kings 17:14**, *For thus saith the LORD God of Israel, The barrel of meal shall not waste, neither shall the cruse of oil fail, until the day that the LORD sendeth rain upon the earth.*
10. This is the same God who took care of things in the wilderness for the lad when Hagar's water was spent.
11. It was the apostle Paul in **2 Corinthians 12:10** who said, *Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong.*
12. Paul tells us there is no infirmity, reproaches, persecution or distresses that should take us off the field where God has called.
13. When Moses learned he could not deliver the children of Israel himself; he was ready to listen to God and depend on Him.
14. All of the training that Moses had did not equip him to do the job that God wanted him to do. God had to train him.
15. God cannot use a person who is prideful and strong. When we think we are strong in our own right then that is when God will not use us. **1 Corinthians 1:27**, *But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty;*
16. Moses now recognizes his limitations and his weakness.
17. Every pastor must realize their limitation and weaknesses. None of this is about us; it is about the Word of God going

forth in power, simplicity and in truth. It is about the WORD pricking the hearts and lives and people who are unsaved sitting under the message of the Gospel and find all of a sudden that they are lost and need to come to Jesus.

18. I can tell you there is no salvation in any other. **Acts 4:12**, *Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.*
19. God is willing and able; He knows exactly how to deliver the children of Israel. Moses did not have that kind of knowledge.

f. Certainly I will be with thee.

1. **Exodus 3:12-13**, *And he said, Certainly I will be with thee; and this shall be a token unto thee, that I have sent thee: When thou hast brought forth the people out of Egypt, ye shall serve God upon this mountain. 13: And Moses said unto God, Behold, when I come unto the children of Israel, and shall say unto them, The God of your fathers hath sent me unto you; and they shall say to me, What is his name? what shall I say unto them?*
2. This is a good question that Moses is asking.
3. Many times, we are sent on a mission and we don't have a clear understanding of that mission.
4. When we get a clear understanding of the mission, we are to stay where God has placed us.
5. I have said before that we need to bloom where we are planted. **Allow no one to take you out of the will of God. Allow no one to take you off the field regardless of what their attitude might be.**
6. **If God calls you, then God equips you and then God gives you the staying power in order to stay there.**
7. **We must always be in the center of God's will.**

8. God knew that the job for Moses would not be easy. It reminds me of **Jeremiah 1:8**, *Be not afraid of their faces: for I am with thee to deliver thee, saith the LORD.*
9. Moses' question is, when they ask me *"What is his name? what shall I say unto them?"*

g. And God said unto Moses, I AM THAT I AM.

1. **Exodus 3:14**, *And God said unto Moses, I AM THAT I AM: and he said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, I AM hath sent me unto you.*
2. This is quite a statement that God is revealing to Moses that He is who He says He is.
3. He is the Creator, He is the Saviour of the world; He is the provider, the sustainer and the one who equips us in order to do God's will.
4. I object to the new versions that have tampered with the word "Jehovah" in the Old Testament.
5. I believe Jehovah is a sacred name, a Holy name for the Lord Jesus Christ, God the Father, and God the Holy Spirit; which are ALL God.
6. He used the word "I am." I am reminded of **Psalms 135:13**, *Thy name, O LORD, endureth for ever; and thy memorial, O LORD, throughout all generations.*
7. The name Lord is a very good translation. It simply means that we must hold Him in high esteem.
8. Notice what God said to Moses, *"say unto the children of Israel, I AM hath sent me unto you."*

h. And God said moreover unto Moses.

1. **Exodus 3:15**, *And God said moreover unto Moses, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, The LORD God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, hath sent me unto you: this is my name for ever, and this is my memorial unto all generations.*
2. That certainly fits with the aforementioned verse in Psalms.

3. God wants us to know clearly, it was not Moses coming in his own name, power or strength, but God Himself sent Moses.
4. Who is God? None other than the Lord Jesus Christ. He appeared unto Abraham, Isaac and Jacob and now God is sending Moses to lead them out of the land of Egypt.

i. Go, and gather the elders of Israel together.

1. **Exodus 3:16-20, Go, and gather the elders of Israel together,** and say unto them, *The LORD God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, of Isaac, and of Jacob, appeared unto me, saying, I have surely visited you, and seen that which is done to you in Egypt: 17: And I have said, I will bring you up out of the affliction of Egypt unto the land of the Canaanites, and the Hittites, and the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites, unto a land flowing with milk and honey. 18: And they shall hearken to thy voice: and thou shalt come, thou and the elders of Israel, unto the king of Egypt, and ye shall say unto him, The LORD God of the Hebrews hath met with us: and now let us go, we beseech thee, three days' journey into the wilderness, that we may sacrifice to the LORD our God. 19: And I am sure that the king of Egypt will not let you go, no, not by a mighty hand. 20: And I will stretch out my hand, and smite Egypt with all my wonders which I will do in the midst thereof: and after that he will let you go.*
2. Not only does God equip Moses to do the job but He also gives him staying power.
3. He tells them, the mission was sanctioned by God, but Pharaoh was going to resist.
4. Notice, they were not asked to release them all together; they were to go three days journey into the wilderness. *"three days' journey into the wilderness"*

5. They were to make sacrifices to the Lord. *"that we may sacrifice to the LORD our God."*
6. The Lord knew Moses would be resisted. Moses had to not be short tempered, nor have an attitude problem, but he had to have staying power. He had to know God would work through him. **1 Corinthians 15:58**, *Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.*
7. It bothers me sometimes when saints are so impatient with God. We are reminded in **Isaiah 40:31**, *But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.*
8. God is about to open a campaign against the gods of Egypt. When Pharaoh refuses to let Israel go, God will move on their behalf.
9. There is no question, He is going to bring them out of the land of Egypt. Just like there is no question that you and I have salvation. Sometimes people question their salvation, "I hope so, maybe so; at one time I was..." If you were saved at one time you are still saved my friend. You have to make sure you come God's way.
10. The modifications men make with respect to the plan salvation and how to get to God are not Biblical. Jesus emphatically says in **John 14:6**, *Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.*
11. This was not Moses' plan; this was God's plan. God says, *"And I am sure that the king of Egypt will not let you go, no, not by a mighty hand. 20: And I will stretch out my hand, and smite Egypt with all my wonders which I will do in the midst thereof: and after that he will let you go."*
12. It reminds me of our own personal salvation. God says that He will bring us through, He is going to give us a brand-new

nature and that nature saves the soul and then afterwards, one of these days God will redeem the body and give us a glorified body likened unto His.

13. The children of Israel are going to come out of the Egypt. There will be obstacles when they come out, sometimes they are going to find no water, they are going to gripe, and they are going to complain but Moses was to be steadfast.
14. God parted the Red Sea and brought them across on dry land. **Yes, He is an amazing God.**

j. **And I will give this people favour in the sight of the Egyptians.**

1. **Exodus 3:21-22, And I will give this people favour in the sight of the Egyptians:** *and it shall come to pass, that, when ye go, ye shall not go empty: 22: But every woman shall borrow of her neighbour, and of her that sojourneth in her house, jewels of silver, and jewels of gold, and raiment: and ye shall put them upon your sons, and upon your daughters; and ye shall spoil the Egyptians.*
2. Notice God is going to give them favor. Lest you come to a false conclusion, I want you to also notice, *“every woman shall borrow of her neighbour.”*
3. So many back wages have been owed to these people and God is now giving them favor. If God's people would understand to get our priorities in order and do it right, the Bible says in **Matthew 6:33, But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.**
4. Certainly, God gives the believer favor. **Psalms 37:23, The steps of a good man are ordered by the LORD: and he delighteth in his way.**
5. Does the believer have favor with God? Absolutely. But we must stay with the Preserved Word of God and we must walk in His perfect will.

6. God even gives us favor when it comes to salvation because none of us are worthy to be saved. Doing the best, we can, religion, keeping the Ten Commandments and living by the Golden Rule, cannot save us. These are man-made methods, none of which provide salvation.
7. **The only thing that can save an individual is the precious blood Christ.** Has that blood been applied to your heart? If it has not, then you need to understand you are lost.
8. There are only two categories of people on earth; the saved and those who are lost.
9. Would you come to the side of the Living Saviour today?
10. Yes, God did favor the Israelites; yes, God does favor a person who tries to come to Christ. The Holy Spirit will prick our heart; draw us to the side of the Living Saviour. **John 14:6**, *Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.*

4. CONCLUSION

- a. It is a level playing field.
- b. **Romans 3:23**, *For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;*
- c. **Romans 3:10**, *As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one:*
- d. **Romans 10:9-10**, *That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. 10: For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.*
- e. Always remember redemption is out of something into something.
- f. **1 Thessalonians 1:9**, *For they themselves shew of us what manner of entering in we had unto you, and how ye turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God;*
- g. Would you please stand?

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