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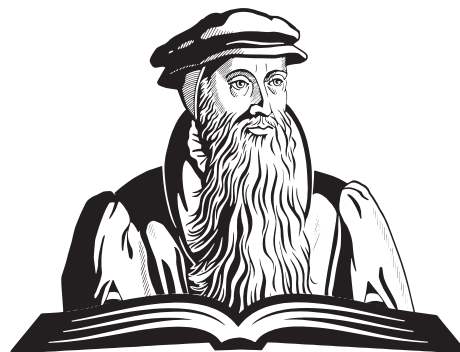
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40 LESSONS

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Lesson 28

God Heard Their Cry

Exodus 1 – Exodus 2

Memory Verse

And it came to pass in process of time, that the king of Egypt died: and the children of Israel sighed by reason of the bondage, and they cried, and their cry came up unto God by reason of the bondage. And God heard their groaning, and God remembered his covenant with Abraham, with Isaac, and with Jacob.

Exodus 2:23-24

Joseph Forgotten

Joseph had done much good for Egypt. Seeing that God was with Joseph, Pharaoh had respect for Joseph. Seeing how Joseph was a blessing to Egypt, Pharaoh did not hesitate to allow all of Joseph's family to come and settle in the land of Egypt. However, the Pharaoh who knew Joseph died. As the memory of Joseph faded, the treatment of the descendants of Jacob suffered cruelly under the hand of a new Pharaoh. They were oppressed.

God's people are often afflicted in this life by the people who have forgotten the mighty hand of the Lord in preserving, protecting and providing for them. They turn their back against God and despise His people. Did we not see how Cain despised Abel?

The terrible treatment that God's people endure is indeed sad. It is sad that people forget God. It is sad that the righteous, for whom God spares many, are persecuted by those who benefit from their presence. However, the theme of Exodus is not a sad theme. Rather, it is a theme full of encouragement and comfort. It is a story of remembrance. Pharaoh may forget the God of Joseph, but the God of Joseph never forgets His people. It is a story of faithfulness. God's faithfulness.

Doing Right

The cruelty of people, who know not God, can be boundless. When the love for God waxes cold, is it any wonder that the heart of man grows cold toward his neighbor? In the twentieth century, the coldness of a godless heart was apparent again and again – Adolf Hitler, Joseph Stalin, Pol Pot. In the narrative before us, we have Pharaoh.

Pharaoh's heart was cold and hard toward a people created in the image of God. First, he placed them in bondage. Then, when that would not satisfy, he commanded that the newborn male children should be torn from their mothers and cast into the river.

What was to be done? Was there none who would defy the order of Pharaoh? Yes, we read of two – Shiphrah and Puah. Two who would not follow the command of Pharaoh. Two who feared God rather than men. God has given men to have the rule over us. However, when the rule goes against the Word of God, then God must be obeyed.

God Sees Their Affliction

We read of Shiphrah and Puah and how they delivered many sons. God, however, draws our attention to one of the sons of the Hebrew women – Moses. Seeing the affliction of His people, God chose Moses as the man that would deliver them.

When we think of God choosing Moses to deliver His covenant people, our thoughts may be lifted higher. We may think of the Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth, whom the Father chose (gave) to deliver His sinful people from the bondage of sin and iniquity – "...he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised" (Luke 4:18).

Questions

1. True or False: The afflictions that the children of Israel endured, in Egypt, occurred after the death of the Pharaoh who knew Joseph but before the death of Joseph himself.
2. What were the names of the two midwives mentioned in Exodus 1?

3. Why did the two midwives not carry out the command of Pharaoh, to kill the newborn male children?

4. According to the command of Pharaoh, every male child born to the Hebrews was to be
 - a. sold into slavery
 - b. cast into the river
 - c. educated in the Egyptian schools
 - d. buried alive
5. Both of Moses's parents were from the family of _____.
 - a. Simeon
 - b. Judah
 - c. Naphtali
 - d. Levi
6. Moses's mother hid him _____ months before placing him in an ark of bulrushes.
 - a. three
 - b. six

- c. nine
- d. twelve

7. Why did Moses flee Egypt?

8. Moses's father-in-law was priest of _____.

- a. On
- b. Amun
- c. Midian
- d. Dastur

9. True or False: Moses's wife's name was Zipporah.

10. Moses had a son, whom he named _____, which means "a stranger in a strange land."

- a. Gad
- b. Gershom
- c. Gehazi
- d. Gaius

Discussion Questions

1. Reflecting upon Romans 8:31, "If God be for us, who can be against us?" explain how this can be seen in the experiences of the Hebrew children in Exodus 1.

2. Is lying sinful? Explain. Discuss lying in view of the actions of Shiprah and Puah.

3. Explain how God's care was over Moses when he was found in the river by Pharaoh's daughter.

4. Moses had escaped Pharaoh. He had found a wife. He started a family. One would think he should be very happy. However, in naming his son Gershom – “a stranger in a strange land” – he reveals something about himself. With all that he had, why was he yet a “stranger in a strange land?” How is Moses’s feeling here a look into the heart of a Christian?

- Why was Moses a stranger? - _____

- The heart of a Christian - _____

5. What was the reason why God had “respect” (Exodus 2:25) toward the children of Israel? Why is this an encouraging reason?
