

Moses, Faithful to God

Exodus 1:6-22

These things happened to them as examples and were written down as warnings for us, on whom the fulfillment of the ages has come.

1 Corinthians 10:11

God's providence in life's difficult circumstances

Pharaoh's fear produced oppression for the Israelites.

Then a new king, who did not know about Joseph, came to power in Egypt. Exodus 1:8

Pharaoh's Mistakes with the Israelites

1. He did not consider Israel's history with Egypt

Ignorance is always a fertile field for sin to grow, especially for a new Christian, or one who has never grown in the Lord.

2. He felt threatened by a different race living with them
3. He was insensitive to human rights

*So they put slave masters over them to oppress them with forced labor, and they built Pithom and Rameses as store cities for Pharaoh. **Exodus 1:11***

4. He violated the right to life

Sin's Downward Spiral

- Ignorance
- Fear
- Insensitivity
- Brutality

- Murder

Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. The one who sows to please his sinful nature, from that nature will reap destruction; the one who sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life.

Galatians 6:7

*There are six things the LORD hates, seven that are detestable to him: haughty eyes, a lying tongue, hands that shed innocent blood, a heart that devises wicked schemes, feet that are quick to rush into evil, a false witness who pours out lies and a man who stirs up dissension among brothers. **Prov. 6:16-19***

“If men who are fighting hit a pregnant woman and she gives birth prematurely but there is no serious injury, the offender must

*be fined whatever the woman's husband demands and the court allows. But if there is serious injury, you are to take life for life, eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot, burn for burn, wound for wound, bruise for bruise. **Exodus 21:22-25***

The Church as the conscience of the nation

Again, if the trumpet does not sound a clear call, who will get ready for battle?

1 Corinthians 14:8

Rescue those being led away to death; hold back those staggering toward slaughter. If you say, "But we knew nothing about this," does not he who weighs the heart perceive it? Does not he who guards your life know it? Will he not repay each person according

to what he has done?

Proverbs 24:11-12

The Hebrew midwives feared God more than Pharaoh.

The midwives, however, feared God and did not do what the king of Egypt had told them to do; they let the boys live. Then the king of Egypt summoned the midwives and asked them, “Why have you done this? Why have you let the boys live?” Exodus 1:17-18

Do you think it's ever right to lie?

The midwives answered Pharaoh, “Hebrew women are not like Egyptian women; they are vigorous and give birth before the midwives arrive.” Exodus 1:19

But Samuel said, “How can I go? Saul will hear about it and kill me.”

The LORD said, “Take a heifer with you and say, ‘I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.’ Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what to do. You are to anoint for me the one I indicate.”

1 Samuel 16:2-3

The Moral obligation to obey God rather than men.

But Peter and John replied, “Judge for yourselves whether it is right in God’s sight to obey you rather than God. For we cannot help speaking about what we have seen and heard.”

Acts 4:19-20

*So God was kind to the midwives and the people increased and became even more numerous. And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families of their own. **Exodus 1:20-21***

Then the Lord said to him, “Know for certain that your descendants will be strangers in a country not their own, and they will be enslaved and mistreated four hundred years. But I will punish the nation they serve as slaves, and afterward they will come out with great possessions.

Genesis 15:13-14

Three Lessons for us to understand about God’s Faithfulness.

1. When we hurt, God sees us.

The eyes of the Lord are on the righteous and his ears are attentive to their cry; the face of the Lord is against those who do evil, to cut off the memory of them from the earth. Psalm 34:15-16

The righteous cry out, and the Lord hears them; he delivers them from

all their troubles. The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.

Psalm 34:17-18

A righteous man may have many troubles, but the Lord delivers him from them all; he protects all his bones, not one of them will be broken. **Psalm 34:19-20**

Evil will slay the wicked; the foes of the righteous will be condemned. The Lord redeems his servants; no one will be condemned who takes refuge in him. **Psalm 34:21-22**

2. When we obey, God blesses us.

For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call upon me

and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. Jer. 29:11-13

Through It All, by André Crouch
I've had many tears and sorrows,
I've had questions for tomorrow,
there's been times I didn't know
right from wrong.

But in every situation, God gave
me blessed consolation,
that my trials come to only make
me strong.

I've been to lots of places, I've
seen a lot of faces,
there's been times I felt so all
alone.

But in my lonely hours, yes, those
precious lonely hours,
Jesus lets me know that I was His
own

I thank God for the mountains,
and I thank Him for the valleys,
I thank Him for the storms He
brought me through.

For if I'd never had a problem, I
wouldn't know God could solve
them,
I'd never know what faith in God
could do

*Through it all, through it all, I've
learned to trust in Jesus, I've
learned to trust in God.*

*Through it all, through it all, I've
learned to depend upon His Word.*

3. When we wait upon the Lord, God delivers us.

*Even youths grow tired and weary,
and young men stumble and fall;
but those who hope in the Lord
will renew their strength. They will
soar on wings like eagles; they will
run and not grow weary, they will*

walk and not be faint.

Isaiah 40:30-31

*like an eagle that stirs up its nest
and hovers over its young, that
spreads its wings to catch them
and carries them on its pinions.
The Lord alone led him; no foreign
god was with him.*

Deuteronomy 32:11-12

*No temptation has seized you
except what is common to man.
And God is faithful; he will not let
you be tempted beyond what you
can bear. But when you are
tempted, he will also provide a
way out so that you can stand up
under it. **1 Corinthians 10:13***