

/Let us begin with the third lecture on Exodus. / Exodus chapter 5 is about Moses approaching Pharaoh.

/Please read verse 1. / Afterward Moses and Aaron went to Pharaoh and said, "This is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: 'Let my people go, so that they may hold a festival to me in the desert.'"

/God told Moses to deliver his words to Pharaoh. / The LORD God told Moses to tell Pharaoh, "Let my people go." / Moses knew that he might die if he delivered God's words.

/Still, Moses obeyed God's words and went up to Pharaoh. / He said, "Let my people go." The people refer to the Israelites. / They are God's people.

/God knew his people who were suffering in Egypt and crying out to God. / It is our calling to obey God's commands and go wherever he tells us to go, whether the place is comfortable or not.

/If God tells us to go, even to a person as wicked as Pharaoh, and we obey despite our fears, God will be with us.

/God gives wisdom and power to those who obey. / We must not say that we are weak, / but become believers who obey God's calling.

/Verse 2. / Pharaoh said, "Who is the LORD, that I should obey him and let Israel go? I do not know the LORD and I will not let Israel go."

/Pharaoh told Moses, "Who is the LORD? I do not know the LORD." / Psalm 14:1 / says that a fool says in his heart that there is no God.

/Atheism and materialism are foolish teachings. / Claiming that one does not know God and denying his existence does not make less of his existence.

/Verse 3. / Then they said, "The God of the Hebrews has met with us. Now let us take a three-day journey into the desert to offer sacrifices to the LORD our God, or he may strike us with plagues or with the sword."

/They were told to say to Pharaoh, “The God of the Hebrews has met with us. Now let us take a three-day journey into the desert to offer sacrifices to the LORD our God.”

/The goal for the Israelites and Moses was to enter the land of Canaan. / It was not a lie that they would go on a three-day journey. / They already knew that Pharaoh would not allow them to do go, even if they would only be gone for three days.

/The verse teaches us that the disobedient receive plagues or the sword from God. /Whether the disobedient is a king or a wise man, regardless of what kind of person he or she is, God disciplines the disobedient.

/Verses 4-5. / But the king of Egypt said, "Moses and Aaron, why are you taking the people away from their labor? Get back to your work!" Then Pharaoh said, "Look, the people of the land are now numerous, and you are stopping them from working."

/Pharaoh told Moses and Aaron, “You are stopping the Israelites from working.” / This was the same as saying, “The Israelites’ hearts are turned to something else because they do not want to work.”

/As a result, Pharaoh ordered that the Israelites be given more work and a heavier burden.

/Verses 6-9. / That same day Pharaoh gave this order to the slave drivers and foremen in charge of the people: "You are no longer to supply the people with straw for making bricks; let them go and gather their own straw. But require them to make the same number of bricks as before; don't reduce the quota. They are lazy; that is why they are crying out, 'Let us go and sacrifice to our God.'"Make the work harder for the men so that they keep working and pay no attention to lies."

/Pharaoh commanded the foremen in charge of the Israelites. / He told them, “You are no longer to supply the people with straw for making bricks.”

/The Israelites were ordered to gather straw themselves to make bricks. / Their work became much severe and more burdening.

/Pharaoh gave this order to prevent the people from listening to the lies of Moses and Aaron. /

“Slave drivers and foremen” refer to directors and the people in charge.

/Verses 10-12. / Then the slave drivers and the foremen went out and said to the people, "This is what Pharaoh says: 'I will not give you any more straw. Go and get your own straw wherever you can find it, but your work will not be reduced at all.'" So the people scattered all over Egypt to gather stubble to use for straw.

/The Israelites worked harder and gathered straw from here and there. / Their burdens became heavier. / In 2 Timothy 3:12, it says that everyone who wants to live a godly life will be persecuted.

/We encounter more trouble when we obey God. / Persecutions come when we hold onto our faith. / Yet, we must not be disappointed. / We must know that God blesses us in times of pain and helps us in times of persecution.

/Why did God let the Israelites suffer? / God disciplined and trained them. / Another reason was so that the Israelites would have the heart to leave Egypt.

/God did this so that believers would not love the world or rely on the world. /

/Verses 13-14. / The slave drivers kept pressing them, saying, "Complete the work required of you for each day, just as when you had straw." The Israelite foremen appointed by Pharaoh's slave drivers were beaten and were asked, "Why didn't you meet your quota of bricks yesterday or today, as before?"

/The Israelite foremen were beaten by Pharaoh's slave drivers. / They said, "Why didn't you meet your quota of bricks yesterday or today, as before?" / The Israelites' suffering increased.

/Verses 15-16. / Then the Israelite foremen went and appealed to Pharaoh: "Why have you treated your servants this way? Your servants are given no straw, yet we are told, 'Make bricks!' Your servants are being beaten, but the fault is with your own people."

/The Israelite foremen cried to Pharaoh. / "How can you tell us to meet the daily quota of bricks without giving us the straw we need?" / "Your servants are being beaten, but the fault is with your own people."

/Verses 17-19. / Pharaoh said, "Lazy, that's what you are-- lazy! That is why you keep saying, 'Let us go and sacrifice to the LORD.' Now get to work. You will not be given any straw, yet you must produce your full quota of bricks." The Israelite foremen realized they were in trouble when they were told, "You are not to reduce the number of bricks required of you for each day."

/“Lazy, that’s what you are,” Pharaoh told the Israelites. / We worship God by keeping the Lord’s Day and by praying. / Because of our faith, we do not work like the people who do not believe in Jesus.

/The seventh day of the week is the Sabbath Day, a day where we rest completely. / We cannot compromise our time of prayer. / Also, we need time to practice our faith.

/The world may look at us and tell us that we are lazy. / They hate us because we do not entertain ourselves, drink, and work like they do. / The Israelites became angry.

/Verses 20-21. / When they left Pharaoh, they found Moses and Aaron waiting to meet them, and they said, "May the LORD look upon you and judge you! You have made us a stench to Pharaoh and his officials and have put a sword in their hand to kill us."

/The foremen met Moses and Aaron as they came out from meeting Pharaoh. / They blamed Moses and Aaron saying, “You have made us a stench to Pharaoh.”

/They were being persecuted because they were obeying God. Yet, they blamed Moses. / The sufferings they encountered came from God, yet, they consider Moses to be at fault.

/The first thing we need to avoid when we encounter troubles is that we do not blame others. / In 1 Corinthians 10:10, / it says that one of the sins that the Israelites committed in the wilderness was the sin of grumbling.

/God appointed Moses, and so would God’s works turn out well if Moses was blamed? /There are things we need to avoid and these are blaming, complaining, condemning, and criticizing.

/If these things enter the church, it will become a mess and Satan will use these to tempt the believers. / Moses prayed to God.

/Verses 22-23. / Moses returned to the LORD and said, "O Lord, why have you brought trouble upon this people? Is this why you sent me? Ever since I went to Pharaoh to speak in your name, he has brought trouble upon this people, and you have not rescued your people at all."

/Moses cried out, "God, you have sent me, and the Israelites are now suffering like this." / "Why did you send me?" / God hears us when we pray.

/It says in Psalm 50:15, / "and call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you will honor me." / We believers must not stop praying in both good times and bad times.

/James 5:17-18 says, /Elijah was a man like us, but when he prayed, it did not rain on the earth for three years and six months, and when he prayed again, the sky poured rain.

/God's people who passed through the wilderness needed to be people who prayed, and believers in this generation should be believers who pray. / Instead of being discouraged and blaming God, we must pray.

/Chapter 6 is about Moses receiving a calling from God.

/Please read verse 1. / Then the LORD said to Moses, "Now you will see what I will do to Pharaoh: Because of my mighty hand he will let them go; because of my mighty hand he will drive them out of his country."

/God is not God whose plans and salvation fail. / God told Moses, "I will be with you with my mighty hand." / God's mighty hand refers to his power.

/God would stop the enemies who interfered and opposed of God's works. / We must not doubt God's works because his works never fail.

/We begin God's work while knowing that the result is success. / If so, the process would be important, and the process includes obedience.

/Verses 2-3. / God also said to Moses, "I am the LORD. I appeared to Abraham, to Isaac and to

Jacob as God Almighty, but by my name the LORD I did not make myself known to them.

/God appeared as God Almighty. / God is God of power. / God is God Almighty. / He is God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

/He is a living God. / God said, “by my name the LORD I did not make myself known to them.” / God’s name is LORD.

/In Genesis 12:8, / it says that Abraham called on the name of the LORD. / Also, in Genesis 26:25, / Isaac built an altar in Beersheba and called on the name of the LORD.

/In Genesis 28:1, / Jacob prayed that things would be done according to God’s will as he called on the name of the LORD. / However, why does the verse say that God did not make himself known by the name of the LORD?

/It is because time has not come for God to fulfill the promise to them. /The actual pronunciation of the LORD is (Jehovah) YAHWEH. / It means God of covenant.

/It means that God is the God of promise, the God of covenant. / God fulfills his promise and covenant no matter what.

/It also means, God of salvation. / There are many times when we humans break promises and appointments. / We do not show up on time, / we do not pay our debts, / and we treat some of our promises lighter than others.

/However, God surely fulfills what he promises. / Everything in the world and in the universe will fade away, but God’s words will not.

/The Bible is the record of God’s words. / Everything will happen according to God’s words.

/Verses 4-5. / I also established my covenant with them to give them the land of Canaan, where they lived as aliens. Moreover, I have heard the groaning of the Israelites, whom the Egyptians are enslaving, and I have remembered my covenant.

/God heard the groaning of the people. / God hears every sound in our hearts. / There are times when we merely think about something, but do not pray about it.

/Still, God knows what is in our hearts. / There are times when we worry and become anxious, but do not pray about it. / Instead of worrying and being anxious about something, we ought to pray.

/Verses 6-7. / "Therefore, say to the Israelites: 'I am the LORD, and I will bring you out from under the yoke of the Egyptians. I will free you from being slaves to them, and I will redeem you with an outstretched arm and with mighty acts of judgment. I will take you as my own people, and I will be your God. Then you will know that I am the LORD your God, who brought you out from under the yoke of the Egyptians.'

/God told the Israelites, "I am the LORD." / God said that he would bring them out from under the yoke of the Egyptians. / God said that he would deliver them from severe labor.

/God said that he would deliver them out from heavy burdens and slavery. / He would stretch out his arm. / He would punish the Egyptians for attacking and bringing pain to the Israelites.

/God's outstretched arm would become the arm of salvation for his people, and to the enemies, it would become the arm of judgment and calamity.

/Verse 8. / And I will bring you to the land I swore with uplifted hand to give to Abraham, to Isaac and to Jacob. I will give it to you as a possession. I am the LORD."

/God told the Israelites that he would lead them to Canaan just as he promised Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. / God is God the LORD who keeps his covenant.

/Verse 9. / Moses reported this to the Israelites, but they did not listen to him because of their discouragement and cruel bondage.

/The Israelites did not listen to Moses because of their cruel bondage. / In Revelation, it says that the churches in Egypt and in Sodom and Gomorrah would receive hardships.

/The church in Egypt refers to the church that suffers. / The church that is in Sodom and

Gomorrah refers to the one that is fertile. / Both the churches in suffering and that is fertile encounter difficulty living in faith.

/Both churches have a hard time praying and obeying God's words. / We must learn to keep our faith in whatever situation we are in.

/Verses 10-12. / Then the LORD said to Moses, "Go, tell Pharaoh king of Egypt to let the Israelites go out of his country." But Moses said to the LORD, "If the Israelites will not listen to me, why would Pharaoh listen to me, since I speak with faltering lips?"

/God told Moses to tell Pharaoh, "Let my people go out of this land." / Moses replied, "If the Israelites will not listen to me, why would Pharaoh listen to me?"

/This made sense. / Moses was right, but he needed to obey God's command. / "If God's people do not listen to me, why would Pharaoh listen to me?"

/What Moses said made sense. / However, God's servants must obey God's commands as it is. / This is called faithfulness. / Those with a calling must be faithful. / 1 Corinthians 4:2.

/The wise and proficient are not more obedient / The skilled and power are not more obedient. /Obedience comes with faith.

/Verse 13. / Now the LORD spoke to Moses and Aaron about the Israelites and Pharaoh king of Egypt, and he commanded them to bring the Israelites out of Egypt.

/God promised to deliver the Israelites through Moses. / Nothing is impossible for God. / Even if we want things to be done quickly, God's time and our time are different.

/It is important that we obey and not become impatient. / Sufferings may seem endless, but God said it will come to an end. In Revelation chapter 2, it talks about suffering that lasts for ten days.

/Verses 14-15. / These were the heads of their families: The sons of Reuben the firstborn son of Israel were Hanoch and Pallu, Hezron and Carmi. These were the clans of Reuben. The sons of Simeon were Jemuel, Jamin, Ohad, Jakin, Zohar and Shaul the son of a Canaanite woman. These were the clans of Simeon.



/Moses and Aaron were from the tribe of Levi. / Aaron was three years older than Moses. / They also had an older sister named Miriam. / While the family line of Levi was recorded, / it followed the line of Aaron.

/Verses 16-19. / These were the names of the sons of Levi according to their records: Gershon, Kohath and Merari. Levi lived 137 years. The sons of Gershon, by clans, were Libni and Shimei. The sons of Kohath were Amram, Izhar, Hebron and Uzziel. Kohath lived 133 years. The sons of Merari were Mahli and Mushi. These were the clans of Levi according to their records.

/Among the sons of Levi was Kohath. / Aaron and his sons became priests and the high priest. / The other Levites become those who helped in doing God's works.

/Levi lived for 137 years. / The sons of Kohath are specifically mentioned. / They were entrusted with carrying the tabernacle and altar when it was transferred.

/They carried God's tabernacle on their shoulders no matter how tired they would be. /Amram was the son of Kohath, / and Moses and Aaron were the sons of Amram. /Thus, Moses and Aaron were descendants of Kohath and they were Levites.

/Verse 20. / Amram married his father's sister Jochebed, who bore him Aaron and Moses. Amram lived 137 years.

/Amram took Jochebed as his wife. / Then she gave birth to Aaron and Moses. / Moses' father lived for 137 years. / Marriage must be with the spouse chosen by God.

/Jochebed was Amram's aunt. / In Leviticus 18:12, such marriage is forbidden, / but they were married before God gave this law.

/Verses 21-25. / The sons of Izhar were Korah, Nepheg and Zicri. The sons of Uzziel were Mishael, Elzaphan and Sithri. Aaron married Elisheba, daughter of Amminadab and sister of Nahshon, and she bore him Nadab and Abihu, Eleazar and Ithamar. The sons of Korah were Assir, Elkanah and Abiasaph. These were the Korahite clans. Eleazar son of Aaron married one of the daughters of Putiel, and she bore him Phinehas. These were the heads of the Levite families, clan by clan.

/Here, the family line of Korah and Aaron is recorded in detail. / The second son of Kohath is Izhar, / and Izhar's son is Korah. / Korah was Moses' cousin.

/In Numbers, Korah opposed Moses and he was swallowed up by the land. /Aaron and Miriam rebelled against Moses as well. / Then Miriam received the punishment of leprosy.

/Like this, people who are closest can cause problems. / If believers who claim to have faith get tempted, they bring great harm to the church.

/Verses 26-27. /It was this same Aaron and Moses to whom the LORD said, "Bring the Israelites out of Egypt by their divisions." They were the ones who spoke to Pharaoh king of Egypt about bringing the Israelites out of Egypt. It was the same Moses and Aaron.

/Aaron and Moses were the ones God commanded to bring the Israelites out from Egypt. / It was the same Moses and Aaron who would go speak to Pharaoh.

/"Find another person for the job." / "Find one who is more eloquent in speech and more capable." / Anyone who is given work by God must obey God.

/In Isaiah chapter 6, / God asks Isaiah a question. / "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?" / Isaiah was moved in his heart by God.

/"You must go. You must do it." / God asked Isaiah, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?" / Could Isaiah then answer, "Send someone else"?

/"Find another person for the job." / "I am not capable." "Give this job to someone else." / It would not be right to say these things.

/God does not use only those who are skilled. / We must not forget that God gives wisdom and power to those who obey.

/Verses 28-30. / Now when the LORD spoke to Moses in Egypt, he said to him, "I am the LORD. Tell Pharaoh king of Egypt everything I tell you." But Moses said to the LORD, "Since I speak with faltering lips, why would Pharaoh listen to me?"

/God told Moses, “Tell Pharaoh everything I tell you.” / However, Moses replied, “I speak with faltering lips.”

/Moses said to God, “Pharaoh will not listen to me.” / “Why would he listen to me and do as I say?” / Maybe this was Moses’ humility. / God uses the humble.

/Yet, ultimately, we must obey. / God knows better than any of us that we are weak and lacking. / Disobedience eventually becomes sin before God.

/We must not boast about ourselves. / God does not use the arrogant. / Proper faith is saying, “Yes,” and obeying when God commands us to do something.

/Thank you.