

Lesson 6

1. Deliverance
2. Read Exodus 1-18 and Psalm 105
3. Exodus 1-4 (the oppression of the Israelites and the call of Moses).
 - a. The Israelites' understanding of who they were, who God is, and how God acted in history was shaped by the Exodus experiences.
 - b. The Resurrection influences and shapes the life and faith of Christians.
 - c. The court records and secular history of Egypt contain no information about the Israelites, not a word.
 - d. How do you account for this phenomenon? "When people build a nation on the backs of others the "others" usually get little recognition.—look at slavery in the Unites States."—Angela Thompson. (this was a written comment in my book when I studied this before)
 - e. In Exodus 4:21 God "hardened the heart" of the Pharaoh. What does that mean? It means willful resistance to God's intentions makes a person calloused. God allows us to resist the word. When we make that choice, it is the beginning of a heart closed to God. A resistant heart, as it continues to encounter the Word of God, becomes even more resistant.
4. Exodus 5-7 (Moses confronting Pharaoh, beginning of the plagues)
 - a. The Israelites were caught in an oppressive social system. Think about people today who are caught in oppressive social systems. How do such systems come in to being? How can we change them?
 - b. Most of us have seen the "Ten Commandments". In the movie Moses does all the talking and miracles but the bible says that Moses commanded and Aaron was the one to perform the miracles.
5. Exodus 8-11(remaining plagues)
 - a. Notice Moses is getting more confident.
6. Exodus 12-14 (explanation of Passover, death of the firstborn, escape from Egypt)
 - a. Jesus is the lamb-without sin, shed his blood to save us, no bones were broken when he was crucified; he was given vinegar (bitter herb) to drink.
7. Exodus 15-18 (song of Moses, experiences in the wilderness); Psalm 105 thanksgiving for God's faithfulness)
 - a. Even Moses could use some advice.
8. Log Sheet Question: Who did Moses get good advice from?
9. Christians hear and obey God's call to be bearers of God's message of salvation. Horse Sense: Ride for the brand.