

“I Will”  
Exodus 6:6-8  
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I’m supplying these notes for the benefit of busy pastors who may be engaged in bi-vocational work, feeling the pressure of preparing to preach twice on the Lord’s Day while trying to balance full-time secular work as well as caring for their families. While the notes of another man are no substitute for personal study, I pray that these may aid in the process of preparing to preach.

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1. As we’ve seen Moses bewailed the way the chain of events had unfolded. He had gone before Pharaoh just as God told him and commanded Pharaoh to let God’s people go. Not only did Pharaoh not let God’s people go, he greatly increased their burden.
2. Moses and Aaron then came and plead their case before God –  
**Exodus 5:22-23** – “And Moses returned unto the LORD, and said, Lord, wherefore hast thou so evil entreated this people? why *is* it *that* thou hast sent me? <sup>23</sup> For since I came to Pharaoh to speak in thy name, he hath done evil to this people; neither hast thou delivered thy people at all.”
  - A. “Why did you even send us. Since we came to Pharaoh it has gone from bad to worse. We’ve done exactly as you commanded and nothing but bad has come from it.”
  - B. Moses was probably recalling how he didn’t really want to go in the first place.
3. **Chapter 6** records God’s answer to Moses  
**Exodus 6:1** – “Then the LORD said unto Moses, Now shalt thou see what I will do to Pharaoh: for with a strong hand shall he let them go, and with a strong hand shall he drive them out of his land.”
  - A. Actually, it is no answer at all. Moses asks, “Why *is* it *that* thou hast sent me? Instead of answering Moses’ complaint God reaffirms his purpose.
  - B. God demonstrated great longsuffering with Moses. God is patient when we are feeling hurt and dejected. He is patient with us. The one thing God does not tolerate, however, is rebellion. There is a definite difference in the way God deals with Moses and the way He deals with Pharaoh.
    1. Moses is hurt, dejected, and confused but he goes to God.
    2. Pharaoh defies God  
**Exodus 5:2** – “And Pharaoh said, Who *is* the LORD, that I should obey his voice to let Israel go? I know not the LORD, neither will I let Israel go.”  
“I don’t know the LORD and even if I did I will not let Israel go.”
  - C. God speaks graciously to His servant. God gives him words of great comfort and encouragement.  
Last week we saw two things that serve as the basis of comfort as God’s people go through crisis –
    - We find comfort in God’s name – **Verses 2-3** (YAHWEH & GOD ALMIGHTY)
    - We find great comfort in God’s covenant – we are His chosen people. In spite of the difficulties we experience along the way God will sustain us until the end.

4. God is repeating for Moses His message of deliverance.  
In **Verses 6-8** God swears to be their Redeemer by way of covenant. He states this emphatically. He says “I will” seven times in these verses. In the Book of Exodus we find it over 100 times. God is working His purpose. He says in **Verse 2** “I am the LORD.” Salvation is found in Him.  
Jonah’s words ring forever true, “Salvation is of the LORD.”
  5. God is working in His time for His glory. God is the deliverer. If God had delivered Israel the first time Moses gave the command to Pharaoh Moses would have received all the credit. Instead the mission backfired and Moses received all the blame. They knew that Moses was unable but they would learn that God is able.
  6. Exodus is a God-centered book about a God-centered deliverance from a God who demands a God-centered life.
  7. In **Verses 6-8** God gives four promises regarding the salvation of His people.
- I. God promises liberation – **Verse 6**  
“I will bring you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians”  
“I will rid you out of their bondage”
- A. For over 400 years they had dwelled in Egypt. Their condition grew worse and worse. They were forced to hard labor.
    1. In **Chapter 1** we read:  
**Exodus 1:13** – “And the Egyptians made the children of Israel to serve with rigour:”
    2. In **Chapter 5** we read:  
**Exodus 5:9** – “Let there more work be laid upon the men, that they may labour therein”
    3. All of this generation of Israel had been born in bondage. It was a cruel relentless bondage. They were trapped with no way to escape
    4. Israel’s bondage in Egypt has long been seen as a type of the bondage of the unregenerate man and their liberation from Egypt foreshadows the sinners’ deliverance in Christ.
  - B. The unregenerate man is under an inescapable bondage
    1. He is under bondage to sin  
**John 8:34** – “Jesus answered them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin.”
      - a. The lost man can only sin – This doesn’t mean that he sins against his will. It means that his will is bound to sin. Sin grips him like iron fetters
      - b. He is in love with his sin
    2. He is under bondage to Satan
      - a. Satan’s kingdom is a kingdom of darkness and every one of its inhabitants stumble around as blind men – we were born into that kingdom
      - b. Satan has this world ensnared by his lies and deceits
  - C. God has promised liberty to His people  
“I will rid you out of their bondage”

1. Jesus has come to accomplish what no one else could accomplish  
**Luke 4:18** – “The Spirit of the Lord *is* upon me, because 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”
2. Jesus has delivered His people from their chains  
**Ephesians 4:8** – “Wherefore he saith, When he ascended up on high, he led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men.”

## II. God promises redemption – **Verse 6**

“I will redeem you with a stretched out arm”:

- A. God is promising to purchase His people
  1. The word here is גֹּאֵל (ga'al) the word used to describe the kinsman redeemer  
**Leviticus 25:25** – “If thy brother be waxen poor, and hath sold away *some* of his possession, and if any of his kin come to redeem it, then shall he redeem that which his brother sold.”  
**Leviticus 25:47-48** – “And if a sojourner or stranger wax rich by thee, and thy brother *that dwelleth* by him wax poor, and sell himself unto the stranger *or sojourner* by thee, or to the stock of the stranger's family: <sup>48</sup> After that he is sold he may be redeemed again; one of his brethren may redeem him:”
  2. It is best known to us in the story of Boaz serving as the kinsman redeemer for Ruth.
- B. God has come to redeem us by Jesus Christ our Kinsman
  1. We are sold into bondage  
**Romans 7:14** – “For we know that the law is spiritual: but I am carnal, sold under sin.”
  2. We were bound as servants but Jesus has come and paid the price of our freedom. He has purchased us.  
**1 Corinthians 6:19-20** – “What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost *which is* in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? <sup>20</sup> For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.”
  3. By right He has delivered us and we are his
  4. As Ruth became espoused to Boaz, we have become espoused to Christ

## III. God promises adoption – **Verse 7**

“I will take you to me for a people”

“I will be to you a God: and ye shall know that I *am* the LORD your God”

- A. God promises to make Israel His people and He would be their God
  1. He says I will be to you a God.
  2. Remember, in the law of kinsman redeemer, the near kinsman had the right of redemption. God is redeeming Israel as their near kinsman  
**Exodus 6:7** – “And I will take you to me for a people”  
 Moses was to tell Pharaoh

**Exodus 4:22** – “And thou shalt say unto Pharaoh, Thus saith the LORD, Israel *is* my son, *even* my firstborn.”

3. God’s promises to the nation Israel were conditional  
Their continuance in this relationship demanded faithfulness  
**Deuteronomy 28:1-2** – “And it shall come to pass, if thou shalt hearken diligently unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to observe *and* to do all his commandments which I command thee this day, that the LORD thy God will set thee on high above all nations of the earth: <sup>2</sup> And all these blessings shall come on thee, and overtake thee, if thou shalt hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God.”  
**Deuteronomy 28:9** – “The LORD shall establish thee an holy people unto himself, as he hath sworn unto thee, if thou shalt keep the commandments of the LORD thy God, and walk in his ways.”
  4. God’s curse would be upon them if they would not obey  
**Deuteronomy 28:45** – “Moreover all these curses shall come upon thee, and shall pursue thee, and overtake thee, till thou be destroyed; because thou hearkenedst not unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to keep his commandments and his statutes which he commanded thee:”
  5. God gave them the Law on Sinai but did not give them the full influences of the Holy Spirit to conform them to the law and bring them to Himself and hold them.
  6. They would prove themselves unwilling and unable to continue in faithfulness to God. God painted this picture clearly in His prophecy to Hosea.  
**Hosea 1:9-10** – “Then said *God*, Call his name Loammi: for ye *are* not my people, and I will not be your *God*. <sup>10</sup> Yet the number of the children of Israel shall be as the sand of the sea, which cannot be measured nor numbered; and it shall come to pass, *that* in the place where it was said unto them, Ye *are* not my people, *there* it shall be said unto them, Ye *are* the sons of the living God.”
- B. In the New Covenant, however, God promises to move upon His people with irresistible power and keep them
1. God has now placed His Spirit within us – we are adopted as His very own  
**Romans 8:15** – “For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father.”
  2. Under the New Covenant God promises to keep us as His dear children  
**Jeremiah 32:40** – “And I will make an everlasting covenant with them, that I will not turn away from them, to do them good; but I will put my fear in their hearts, that they shall not depart from me.”

#### IV. God promises possession – **Verse 8**

“And I will bring you in unto the land”

“I will give it you for an heritage: I *am* the LORD.”

- A. The land was an important part of the Abrahamic Covenant  
**Genesis 12:7** – “And the LORD appeared unto Abram, and said, Unto thy seed will I give this land:”
1. In **Verse 8** God is affirming this promise – God is a promise keeping God

2. This was God's sovereign oath to the everlasting covenant.
- B. God's ultimate fulfillment of His promise is to Abraham's true offspring  
**Galatians 3:7-9** – "Know ye therefore that they which are of faith, the same are the children of Abraham. <sup>8</sup> And the scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the heathen through faith, preached before the gospel unto Abraham, *saying*, In thee shall all nations be blessed. <sup>9</sup> So then they which be of faith are blessed with faithful Abraham."  
**Galatians 3:14** – "That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith."
1. God has promised us a land
  2. We will cross over heavenly Jordan  
 "On Jordan's stormy banks I stand I cast a wistful eye  
 To Canaan's fair and happy land where my possessions lie."

#### Conclusion:

1. This is God's work as our Savior. He is liberating, redeeming, adopting, and giving His elect people a possession.
2. Every aspect of the Exodus was performed by God and God alone. Every aspect of our salvation is being accomplished by God through Jesus Christ.  
 God says, "I will."  
 He is our Liberator and Redeemer. He is the root of our adoption and the foundation of our inheritance.
3. Salvation is about what God has done for us through Christ. Jesus has purchased us by His own blood.  
**Ephesians 1:7** – "In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace;"
4. God offers this redemption as a gift to all who receive Christ by faith .  
 For those who are in Christ God becomes our God and we become His people.  
**2 Corinthians 6:16-18** – "And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in *them*; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. <sup>17</sup> Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean *thing*; and I will receive you, <sup>18</sup> And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty."