

***Intro:***

Vs. 23: “many years”. Acts 7:23: Moses 40 when left; Ex. 7:7: 80 when sent back. Long time before they cried out.

EP: Through years of bondage, God causes His covenant people to earnestly ask for deliverance in Him; when they do, He hears, sees, and begins to prepare their rescue.

HP: *Cry out to God.*

***Move 1: God never forgets you.***

“Hebrews” to Egyptians. To God, “children of Israel” Vss. 23, 25 (Gen. 46:8; Ex. 1:1). Prayers are received by God (vs. 23); He hears (vs. 24) and sees (vs. 25) trials. Why? He remembers His covenant [promise] to their Patriarchal parents (foundation of God's people); didn't forget: anthropopathism; He set up in context of covenant (Gen. 15:12-14). So “had respect unto them”: Heb., “knew them”.

***Move 2: And so He causes you to remember Him.***

They sighed for a while to selves (vs. 23). Then cried/groaned to God (vss. 23-24): *Then* God heard/responded. Cause/effect: He heard *once* they cried; saw *once* they asked Him to look. Were comfortable w/ Egypt/their idols; God had to make them uncomfortable: Ezekiel 20:5-11 (Lev. 18:1-4; Num. 32. Vs. 23: change of power; they hope for better days in Egypt. God makes them hope for Promised Land and ask for it. James 4:2-3; Psalm 146:3-6; Ps. 94:12-13; Psalm 119: 67, 71, 75.

***Conclusion:***

*Cry out to God.*