

Exodus 18:1-27

I. Meeting with Jethro

- A. Out of order
- B. A happy reunion (see Exodus 3:1; 18:1)
- C. Courtesy and affection (vv. 7-9)

II. Greater knowledge of God

- A. We already know that Jethro was a priest of God
- B. God's existence and attributes are knowable through creation. (Romans 1:19-20)
- C. God wants mankind to grope (search in the dark) for him (Acts 17:22-27)
- D. God accepts deeply imperfect searching for him (Hebrews 11:6)
- E. Incomplete knowledge completed
- F. Jethro rejoices in God's work.

III. "Now I know"

- A. Jethro's conclusion
- B. Blessed be the Lord
- C. Jethro is confessing faith in the true God. (see parallels in Psalms 58:1; 82:1, 6; 86:8; 95:3; 96:4; 97:7, 9; 135:5; 136:2; 138:1; also 1 Kings 17:24; 2 Kings 5:15)
- D. Jethro sacrifices to the true God.
- E. Jethro aids Moses in his work

IV. Confronted with God's works

- A. The Gospel is the knowledge of God's great works of redemption. (see Luke 9:28-31)
- B. The Gospel gives radically deeper knowledge of the God you already know. (see 1 Corinthians 2:1-9)
- C. There are two ways to deal with the Gospel (Judges 4:11; 1 Samuel 15:6)
- D. There are two ways that the Gospel can deal with you
- E. What'll it be?