

EXODUS: THE POWER, PRESENCE, AND PURPOSE OF GOD

Week 4: Exodus 5:1-6:27

Main idea: Biblically informed expectations allow for God-ordained difficulty and disappointment (even when we've done everything right).

I. Expect _____ (5:1-9)

II. Expect _____ (5:10-19)

III. Expect _____ (5:20, 21; 6:9)

IV. Expect _____ (5:23; 6:12)

V. Expect _____ (6:1-8)

Promise	To Israel (Exodus 6:6-8)	To Believers
Liberation	<p>"I will bring you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians."</p> <p>"I will deliver you from their bondage."</p>	<p>"Knowing this, that our old self was crucified with Him, in order that our body of sin might be done away with, so that we would no longer be slaves to sin; for he who has died is freed from sin." Rom 6:6, 7 <i>(also see Luke 4:18; John 8:36; Rom 6:17, 18; Gal 5:1)</i></p>
Redemption	<p>"I will also redeem you with an outstretched arm and great judgments."</p>	<p>"For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins." Col. 1:13 14 <i>(also see Eph 1:14; Matt 20:28; Titus 2:14; Gal 3:13, 14; 1 Peter 1:18, 19)</i></p>
Adoption	<p>"I will take you for my people."</p> <p>"I will be your God."</p>	<p>"See how great a love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of God; and such we are." 1 John 3:1 <i>(also see Rom 8:15; Gal 4:4-7; Eph 1:5)</i></p>
Inheritance	<p>"I will bring you to the land [that I promised]."</p> <p>"I will give it to you for a possession."</p>	<p>"Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade-kept in heaven for you." 1 Peter 1:3-5 <i>(also see John 14:2, 3; Eph 1:13 14; Rom 8:18-23; 2 Cor. 4:17; Rev 21, 22)</i></p>

"A great many things in God's divine providences do not look to the eye like goodness. But faith sits down before mysteries such as these and says, 'The Lord is good, therefore all He does must be good no matter how it looks. I can wait for His explanations.'" –Hannah Whitall Smith

Time to Marinate:

- Why are expectations so important?
- What has today's lesson taught you about suffering?
- What has God accomplished in and through your life through suffering that could never have been accomplished if there was an "easy button"?