

# **Second Baptist Church of Doylestown**

## **Bible Study Notes**

**6-24-20**

### **Exodus 6**

#### **God Calls Moses - Verses 1-8**

<sup>1</sup> Then the LORD said to Moses, "Now you will see what I will do to Pharaoh: Because of my mighty hand he will let them go; because of my mighty hand he will drive them out of his country." <sup>2</sup> God also said to Moses, "I am the LORD. <sup>3</sup> I appeared to Abraham, to Isaac and to Jacob as God Almighty, but by my name the LORD I did not make myself fully known to them. <sup>4</sup> I also established my covenant with them to give them the land of Canaan, where they resided as foreigners. <sup>5</sup> Moreover, I have heard the groaning of the Israelites, whom the Egyptians are enslaving, and I have remembered my covenant. <sup>6</sup> "Therefore, say to the Israelites: 'I am the LORD, and I will bring you out from under the yoke of the Egyptians. I will free you from being slaves to them, and I will redeem you with an outstretched arm and with mighty acts of judgment. <sup>7</sup> I will take you as my own people, and I will be your God. Then you will know that I am the LORD your God, who brought you out from under the yoke of the Egyptians. <sup>8</sup> And I will bring you to the land I swore with uplifted hand to give to Abraham, to Isaac and to Jacob. I will give it to you as a possession. I am the LORD.'"

**6:6** Small problems need only small answers. But when we face great problems, God has an opportunity to exercise his great power. As the Hebrews' troubles grew steadily worse, God planned to intervene with his mighty power and perform great miracles to deliver them. How big are your problems? Big problems put you in a perfect position to watch God give big answers.

**6:6-8** God's promises in these verses were fulfilled to the letter when the Hebrews left Egypt. He freed them from slavery, became their God, and accepted them as his people. Then he led them toward the land he had promised. When the Hebrews were rescued from slavery, they portrayed the drama of salvation for all of us. When God redeems us from sin, he delivers us, accepts us, and becomes our God. Then he leads us to a new life as we follow him.

#### **God Calls Moses - Verses 9-12**

<sup>9</sup> Moses reported this to the Israelites, but they did not listen to him because of their discouragement and harsh labor. <sup>10</sup> Then the LORD said to Moses, <sup>11</sup> "Go, tell Pharaoh king of Egypt to let the Israelites go out of his country." <sup>12</sup> But Moses said to the LORD, "If the Israelites will not listen to me, why would Pharaoh listen to me, since I speak with faltering lips?"

**6:9-12** When Moses gave God's message to the people, they were too discouraged to listen. The Hebrews didn't want to hear any more about God and his promises because the last time they listened to Moses, all they got was more work and greater suffering. Sometimes a clear message

from God is followed by a period when no change in the situation is apparent. During that time, seeming setbacks may turn people away from wanting to hear more about God. If you are a leader, don't give up. Keep bringing people God's message as Moses did. By focusing on God, who must be obeyed, rather than on the results to be achieved, good leaders see beyond temporary setbacks and reversals.

**6:10-12** Think how hard it must have been for Moses to bring God's message to Pharaoh when his own people had trouble believing it. Eventually the Hebrews believed that God had sent Moses, but for a time he must have felt very alone. Moses obeyed God, however, and what a difference it made! When the chances for success appear slim, remember that anyone can obey God when the task is easy and everyone is behind it. Only those with persistent faith can obey when the task seems impossible.

### **Family Record of Moses and Aaron - Verses 13-27**

<sup>13</sup> Now the LORD spoke to Moses and Aaron about the Israelites and Pharaoh king of Egypt, and he commanded them to bring the Israelites out of Egypt. <sup>14</sup> These were the heads of their families: The sons of Reuben the firstborn son of Israel were Hanok and Pallu, Hezron and Karmi. These were the clans of Reuben. <sup>15</sup> The sons of Simeon were Jemuel, Jamin, Ohad, Jakin, Zohar and Shaul the son of a Canaanite woman. These were the clans of Simeon. <sup>16</sup> These were the names of the sons of Levi according to their records: Gershon, Kohath and Merari. Levi lived 137 years. <sup>17</sup> The sons of Gershon, by clans, were Libni and Shimei. <sup>18</sup> The sons of Kohath were Amram, Izhar, Hebron and Uzziel. Kohath lived 133 years. <sup>19</sup> The sons of Merari were Mahli and Mushi.

These were the clans of Levi according to their records.

<sup>20</sup> Amram married his father's sister Jochebed, who bore him Aaron and Moses. Amram lived 137 years. <sup>21</sup> The sons of Izhar were Korah, Nepheg and Zikri. <sup>22</sup> The sons of Uzziel were Mishael, Elzaphan and Sithri. <sup>23</sup> Aaron married Elisheba, daughter of Amminadab and sister of Nahshon, and she bore him Nadab and Abihu, Eleazar and Ithamar. <sup>24</sup> The sons of Korah were Assir, Elkanah and Abiasaph. These were the Korahite clans. <sup>25</sup> Eleazar son of Aaron married one of the daughters of Putiel, and she bore him Phinehas.

These were the heads of the Levite families, clan by clan.

<sup>26</sup> It was this Aaron and Moses to whom the LORD said, "Bring the Israelites out of Egypt by their divisions." <sup>27</sup> They were the ones who spoke to Pharaoh king of Egypt about bringing the Israelites out of Egypt—this same Moses and Aaron.

**6:14-25** This genealogy or family tree was placed here to identify more firmly Moses and Aaron. Genealogies were used to establish credentials and authority as well as outlining the history of a family.

**6:26** To bring the Israelites out of Egypt "by their divisions" means that they would be brought out in a military fashion, organized in tribes, clans, or family groups.

**6:20-27** This passage not only tells us the ancestors of Moses and Aaron, but also some of Aaron's descendants. His sons listed here are Nadab, Abihu, Eleazar, and Ithamar; and his grandson through Eleazar, whose name was Phinehas. This portion is important because the priesthood that will eventually come from the family of Aaron will be passed down to his descendants. Therefore it was important to know exactly who his descendants were.

### **The LORD's Command to Moses and Aaron - Verses 28-30**

**<sup>28</sup> Now when the LORD spoke to Moses in Egypt, <sup>29</sup> he said to him, "I am the LORD. Tell Pharaoh king of Egypt everything I tell you." <sup>30</sup> But Moses said to the LORD, "Since I speak with faltering lips, why would Pharaoh listen to me?"**

**6:28-30** Moses' feeling may be similar to that of Isaiah in Isaiah 6:1-8. Isaiah knew that he was a sinner in God's presence, and sensed that the "center" of his sin was in his lips - as in speaking and communicating in a way that didn't glorify God. God could deal with Isaiah's unclean lips, and He is more than able to deal with Moses' uncircumcised lips. God is also perfectly able to deal with the things in our life - real or imagined - that hinder us from being used by Him.