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Exodus and Leviticus Sermon Series

Supports Session 1: Seen and Heard

Sermon Title: “The One Who Prepares, Sees, and Hears” (Exodus 2:1-25)

Connection to Session 1

In this text, we see that God was raising up Moses to be a deliverer. However, Moses needed to be a deliverer who does things God’s way, not his own. Moses saw the injustice of his fellow Jews and reacted impulsively, violently, and sinfully. This is not God’s way. As we look at this text, we will see that God is the God who prepares, knows, remembers, and hears.

Introduction/Opening

These are the words of Moses from Numbers 32:23b: “Be sure your sin will catch up with you.” Moses fully knew what these words meant. Years after the events in Exodus 2, Moses led the people through the wilderness and prepared them to enter the Promised Land. Moses reminded the Israelites that if they failed to remain faithful to the Lord, their sin would catch up with them. When Moses spoke these words in Numbers 32, was he thinking of the Egyptian man he buried in the sand? It would take Moses years to learn that, despite his sinful actions, God was preparing him to lead His people.

Outline

I. **The God Who Prepares (Ex. 2:1-22)**

God was preparing Moses to be a leader; however, Moses acted in a way that was contrary to God’s commands. Moses’s sin drove him to another country where God confronted him and call him to lead.

- a. God spared Moses
 - i. Despite pharaoh’s evil plan, God spared Moses’s life.
 - ii. Pharaoh’s daughter raised Moses.
- b. Moses learned the Egyptians’ way
 - i. In the New Testament, Stephen says of Moses, “So Moses was educated in all the wisdom of the Egyptians and was powerful in his speech and actions” (Acts 7:22).
- c. Moses’s sinful act of deliverance
 - i. Moses went out to view the burdens of his people. However, he tried to deliver his people in his own way. He killed an Egyptian who was beating one of the Jews.

- ii. Stephen says of this, “He assumed his people would understand that God would give them deliverance through him, but they did not understand” (Acts 7:25).
- iii. Moses acted in a sinful way by killing this man. He tried to take God’s deliverance into his own hands. He fled to Midian.
 - i. Application: How might you not be trusting God today and trying to do His job in your way?
- iv. Moses is once again confronted with injustice; this time shepherds were harassing Jethro’s daughters. Moses seemed to have learned from his mistakes, and instead of killing the shepherds, he ultimately saved Jethro’s daughters.
- v. While in Midian, God provided a family for Moses.
 - i. Moses named his son Gershom, which means “stranger.” Moses realized that Egypt was not his final home.

II. **The God Who Hears, Remembers, and Knows (Ex. 2:23-25)**

While God was preparing Moses to lead His people out slavery in Egypt, we are given a glimpse into what was taking place in Egypt. While Moses was starting a family, learning how to be a shepherd, and navigating the wilderness, Israel was still enslaved in Egypt. These verses serve as a turning point in Exodus.

- a. The Israelites’ cry
 - i. While things were going well with Moses, God’s people were suffering in Egypt.
- b. God hears
 - i. The peoples’ cries and groaning were heard by God. They would not be stuck in slavery forever.
 - ii. Their cries did not fall on deaf ears. God was at work.
- c. God remembers
 - i. Not only did God hear their cries, but He remembered. This word for “remembered” is a covenant term.
 - ii. Remembering does not mean that God forgot. It means that He was going to take the next step in their deliverance. He was holding fast to His covenant and His faithfulness.
- d. God knew
 - i. God saw the people and their suffering, and He knew. This phrase suggests a relationship. God knew His people. He knew their sufferings, and He knew the promise of deliverance He had made.

Conclusion

The same God who made the covenant with Abraham was the same God who heard, remembered, saw, and knew. This same God would one day send Jesus to fulfill His covenantal promise of salvation. God remembered that He had promised a Redeemer to free us from slavery

to sin. This Redeemer would faithfully never sin, so that He might take the punishment for our sins. God knew. He knew one day He would send Jesus to deliver His people. Jesus would truly know and identify with our suffering. In fact, He would suffer in our place so that all who trust in Him would be declared righteous. What sin are you hiding from God? Repent of it and turn to Jesus by faith. If you belong to God by faith through Jesus Christ, then you will be heard, remembered, seen, and known by God.

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