

Life-Study of Exodus Summaries – Messages 1-5

MESSAGE 1 – An Introductory Word

The book of Exodus presents a **clear** picture of **redemption**, the matter of the Lord's **care** for His people, the Lord's **leading**, the revelation and building of God's **dwelling place**, the line of **corporate experience**, and God's **glory manifested** among His people.

The general sketch of Exodus firstly shows how the children of Israel were enslaved in Egypt, then how they were redeemed and saved, led by the Lord in the wilderness, and the building of the tabernacle for God's habitation.

The central thought of Exodus is that God's chosen people are to be **built up together** into one entity, the tabernacle, where God and man may mutually **meet**, communicate, and **dwell**. In Christ we and God, God and we, are built together, meet together, and dwell together. (Life-Study of Exodus, 1).

MESSAGE 2 – Israel Under Slavery

Chapter one of Exodus is a detailed record of the activities of God's people in their situation of **death** in Egypt. Forced to labor as slaves of Pharaoh, they were already in death and yet they were **daily being killed**. **Egypt signifies the world of enjoyment, the world of pleasure**. This world usurps the people whom God created and chose for His purpose, to the **enslavement** of Pharaoh who typifies Satan. Pharaoh sought to utilize the **midwives** to **kill** the male life, but God used them to keep **alive** the life that is for God and for God's purpose. Praise the Lord for the midwives, for the female life that **turns to God** for the fulfillment of His purpose! (Life-Study of Exodus, 2).

MESSAGE 3 – Preparation of the Savior

For the carrying out of His economy today, the Lord needs many **mothers, daughters, female slaves**, and **royal princesses** to make the preparations for the deliverance of His people so that they can fulfill His purpose. Naturally, through his Egyptian education, **Moses** became highly cultured and received the highest learning of the world. Spiritually speaking, he was disciplined until he realized that he had nothing. In the church life today, we need both the various kinds of female life and the **mature male life** for the Lord's economy. If we have both the female life and the proper male life, God will be able to **raise up** something and to **perfect** what He has raised up in order to rescue His people and to gain them for the **fulfillment of His purpose**. In this way He will be able to **turn the age**. (Life-Study of Exodus, 3)

MESSAGE 4 - The Life Useful to God

The life useful to God is the female life. Both the **preservation of the people** and the **preparation of the savior** were accomplished only through the female life. In the Bible the concept of a "male" is rich in meaning. It refers, of course, to a man, but it also indicates an independent life. Although the married brothers are husbands in shadow with respect to their wives, in actuality they are females with respect to the Lord. Man should not be a male, but a "female," one who lives a life of **dependence** on God. (Life-Study of Exodus, 4)

MESSAGE 5 – God's Calling of the Prepared One (1)

The **motivation** of God's calling of the prepared one was the cry of the children of Israel. In every age God has desired to do something. The **problem** has not been on His side; it has always been on the side of His people. The cry of the Israelites was desperate and the eagerness of God was great, but the **growth of Moses was slow**. At the age of **eighty**, in the eyes of God Moses was **fully prepared and qualified**, and at the precise time He came to him. God's calling takes place at the **back side of our life** in the world, on the **mountain** of God, and in a place where there is **no human interference**. Furthermore, we are called by God in the **glory** of His holiness from within the midst of a burning thorn-bush. (Life-Study of Exodus, 5)