

Silver Creek Fellowship NOTES

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EXODUS THE GREAT CLASH OF EXODUS

Exodus 1:12–14 (NIV) ¹² "But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread; so the Egyptians came to dread the Israelites ¹³ and worked them ruthlessly. ¹⁴ They made their lives bitter with harsh labor in brick and mortar and with all kinds of work in the fields; in all their harsh labor the Egyptians worked them ruthlessly."

In the original Hebrew, the word used for their labor is **avodah** (עֲבֹדָה).

Avodah is a Hebrew noun that requires three separate English words to fully capture its meaning: work, worship, and service. **The question of the Exodus is, "Who gets Israel's 'abad?"**

"What comes into our minds when we think about God is the most important thing about us" — **A. W. Tozer**

Life Point: God's ways are not restrictive rules designed to strip away our freedom; His ways are the only way for us to experience true freedom.

Exodus 9:13-14 9 (NIV) ¹³ Then the Lord said to Moses, "Get up early in the morning, confront Pharaoh and say to him, 'This is what the Lord, the God of the Hebrews, says: Let my people go, so that they may worship me, ¹⁴ or this time I will send the full force of my plagues against you and against your officials and your people, so you may know that there is no one like me in all the earth."

Exodus 29:46 (NIV) "They will know that I am the Lord their God, who brought them out of Egypt so that I might dwell among them. I am the Lord their God."

"What were we made for? To know God. What aim should we set ourselves in life? To know God." — **J.I. Packer in "Knowing God"**

Exodus 8:10 (NIV) "'Tomorrow,' Pharaoh said. Moses replied, 'It will be as you say, so that you may know there is no one like the Lord our God.'"

Exodus 7:11 (NIV) "Pharaoh then summoned wise men and sorcerers, and the Egyptian magicians also did the same things by their secret arts"

Exodus 8:19 (NIV) "the magicians said to Pharaoh, 'This is the finger of God.' But Pharaoh's heart was hard and he would not listen, just as the Lord had said."

Exodus 9:11 (NIV) "The magicians could not stand before Moses because of the boils that were on them and on all the Egyptians."

Exodus 10:21-23 (NIV) ²¹ "Then the Lord said to Moses, 'Stretch out your hand toward the sky so that darkness spreads over Egypt—darkness that can be felt.' ²² So Moses stretched out his hand toward the sky, and total darkness covered all Egypt for three days. ²³ No one could see anyone else or move about for three days. Yet all the Israelites had light in the places where they lived."

Exodus 9:7 (NIV) "Pharaoh investigated and found that not even one of the animals of the Israelites had died. Yet his heart was unyielding and he would not let the people go."

Exodus 9:15-16 (NIV) "For by now I could have stretched out my hand and struck you and your people with a plague that would have wiped you off the earth. But I have raised you up for this very purpose, that I might show you my power and that my name might be proclaimed in all the earth."

Joshua 2:11 (NIV) "When we heard of it, our hearts melted in fear and everyone's courage failed because of you, for the Lord your God is God in heaven above and on the earth below."

THE BATTLE OF THE WILLS: THE FOUR COMPROMISES

1. The Compromise of Culture: "Worship, but stay in the land"

Exodus 8:25 (NIV) 25 Then Pharaoh summoned Moses and Aaron and said, "Go, sacrifice to your God here in the land."

2 Corinthians 5:17 (NIV) "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!"

2. The Compromise of Proximity: "Go, but don't go very far"

Exodus 8:28 (NIV) 28 Pharaoh said, "I will let you go to offer sacrifices to the Lord your God in the wilderness, but you must not go very far. Now pray for me."

John 8:31-32 (NIV) 31 To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. 32 Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

1 John 2:3 (NIV) 3 We know that we have come to know him if we keep his commands.

3. The Compromise of Family: "Go, but leave the children"

Exodus 10:8-11 (NIV) 8 Then Moses and Aaron were brought back to Pharaoh. "Go, worship the Lord your God," he said. "But tell me who will be going." 9 Moses answered, "We will go with our young and our old, with our sons and our daughters, and with our flocks and herds, because we are to celebrate a festival to the Lord." 10 Pharaoh said, "The Lord be with you—if I let you go, along with your women and children! Clearly you are bent on evil. 11 No! Have only the men go and worship the Lord, since that's what you have been asking for." Then Moses and Aaron were driven out of Pharaoh's presence.

4. The Compromise of Possessions: "Worship, but leave your flocks"

Exodus 10:24 24 (NIV) "Then Pharaoh summoned Moses and said, 'Go, worship the Lord. Even your women and children may go with you; only leave your flocks and herds behind.'"

Exodus 10:26 (NIV) "Our livestock too must go with us; not a hoof is to be left behind. We have to use some of them in worshipping the Lord our God, and until we get there we will not know what we are to use to worship the Lord."

Exodus 6:6-8 (NIV) ⁶ "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. ⁷ 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. ⁸ 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.'"