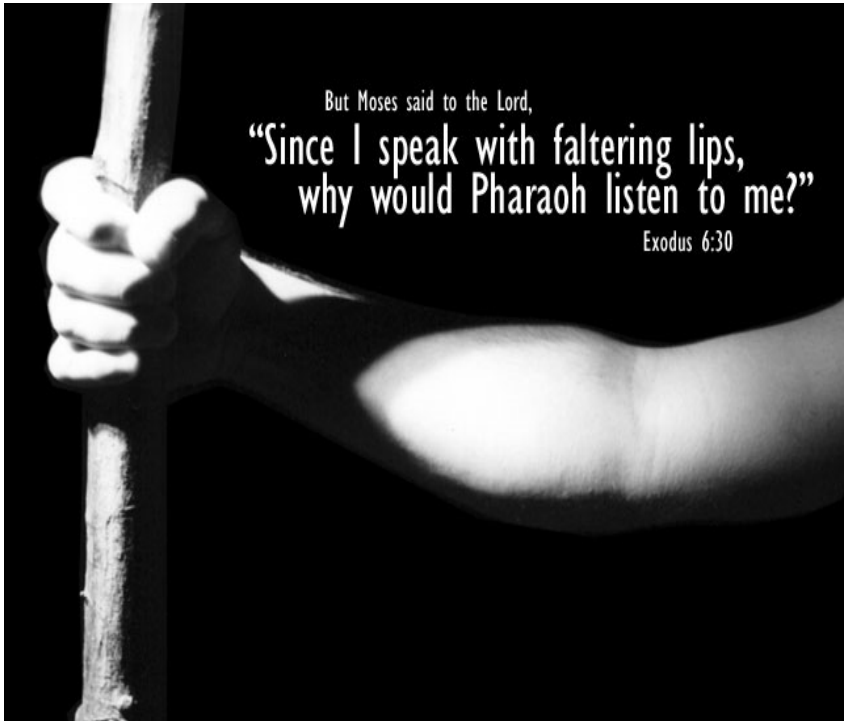




Sowing the Word



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So they read distinctly from the book, in the Law of God; and they gave the sense, and helped *them* to understand the reading.
(Nehemiah 8:8)

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With the Word Bible Commentary

Exodus 5-6

When Moses and Aaron began their work in Egypt, their first problem was with Pharaoh (5:1–9). Not only did Pharaoh refuse to let the people leave Egypt, but he made their work more difficult. That gave Moses a second problem—his own people, who blamed him for their plight (5:20–21). He had a foretaste of the criticism and rebellion he would experience for the next forty years. Often the people you help the most appreciate you the least.

Moses' third problem was with the Lord Himself (5:22–23)! God had promised success but Moses had failed. Even the Jews didn't believe him! Madame Guyon spoke of these kinds of difficulties: "In the commencement of the spiritual life, our hardest task is to bear with our neighbor; in its progress, with ourselves; and in its end, with God."

But God gave Moses the assurance that He needed (6:1–8) and told him to return to his job and stay with it. God doesn't solve every problem immediately, nor does He follow your schedule. When you think you have failed, even when you have obeyed God's will, ponder Isaiah 55:8–9 and Jeremiah 29:11.

—Wiersbe, W. W. (1997, c1991). *With the word Bible commentary* (Ex 5:1). Nashville: Thomas Nelson.

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Exodus 7-8

If men will not obey His words of warning, God must speak by His works of judgment. When God speaks, people either obey and submit their hearts or disobey and harden their hearts (Heb. 3:7–13). From the human point of view, Pharaoh resisted God's will and thus hardened his own heart. From the divine point of view, God sent the judgments and therefore caused his heart to harden. The same sun that melts the ice also hardens the clay.

The court magicians were able to imitate Aaron's miracle. Satan is a counterfeiter, and that is one way he opposes God's work today (2 Tim. 3:8–9). Some miracles are lying wonders (2 Thess. 2:9–10). Be sure you can tell the difference (1 John 2:18–27; 4:1–6).

The plagues were God's declaration of war against the false gods of Egypt (12:12). He proclaimed, "I am the Lord" (7:5). They were also a declaration that God had put a difference between the Jews and the Egyptians (8:23).

How sad that Israel saw God's wonders in Egypt and yet did not trust Him (Ps. 106:6–7). They even wanted to return to Egypt after they had been delivered! Great experiences are no guarantee that one has grown spiritually. It all depends on what happens to your heart.

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Exodus 9-10

All Moses wanted was Pharaoh's permission to take the people on a three-days' journey to a place where they could worship God. God had put a difference between His people and the people of Egypt, just as today He has put a difference between the people of God and the people of the world (2 Cor. 6:14–18).

But the world doesn't want believers to be too radical, so it offers various compromises: "Sacrifice in the land" (8:25); "Don't go too far away" (8:28); "Don't take your children" (10:8–11); and "Don't take your possessions to serve God" (10:24–26). Have you been tempted by any of these compromises lately?

God's judgments had practically ruined the land, yet Pharaoh would not give in. In so doing, Pharaoh thought he was showing great strength; actually, God was using him to display His own sovereignty (9:16; see also Rom. 9:17–18). God is greater than any ruler, so we need never fear (Dan. 4:34–37).

Pharaoh's "confession of sin" (9:27) was not sincere; he only wanted Moses to stop the plagues. True repentance involves a change of mind that leads to a change of life. Balaam (Num. 22:34), Saul (1 Sam. 15:24), and Judas (Matt. 27:4) were all guilty of insincere confession of sin.

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