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Searching for God

LESSONS FROM THE LIFE OF MOSES



This is God's Word for my life in this Place and at this Time. Today I am a new creation in Christ, I am God's very own, and I KNOW He has a purpose for my life.



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.”



God also said to Moses, “I am the LORD. 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.



I also established my covenant with them to give them the land of Canaan, where they resided as foreigners. Moreover, I have heard the groaning of the Israelites, whom the Egyptians are enslaving, and I have remembered my covenant.



“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.’



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.



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.””



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Exodus 6:1-9



“Without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.” Hebrews 11:6



EARNESTLY

serious intention, purpose, or effort; sincerity of feeling



“You will seek me and find me when you seek
me with all your heart.”

Jeremiah 29:13



Moses and Aaron brought together all the elders of the Israelites, and Aaron told them everything the LORD had said to Moses. He also performed the signs before the people, and they believed. And when they heard that the LORD was concerned about them and had seen their misery, they bowed down and worshiped. Exodus 4:29-31



When they left Pharaoh, they found Moses and Aaron waiting to meet them, and they said, “*May the LORD look on you and judge you! You have made us obnoxious to Pharaoh and his officials and have put a sword in their hand to kill us.*” Exodus 5:20-21



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Searching for a PAIN-REDUCING God

What happened to the predictable life?



People want God's power but not Sacrifice



[Jesus] said to them all: *“Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me.”* Luke 9:32



“Faith is not the belief that God will do what you want. It is the belief that God will do what is right.” — Max Lucado



Pharaoh quickly summoned Moses and Aaron and said, “I have sinned against the LORD your God and against you. Now forgive my sin once more and pray to the LORD your God to take this deadly plague away from me. Exodus 10:16-17



“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.” Then Moses left Pharaoh and prayed to the LORD, and the LORD did what Moses asked. The flies left Pharaoh and his officials and his people; not a fly remained. But this time also Pharaoh hardened his heart and would not let the people go.”

Exodus 8:28-31



Searching for a PROSPERITY-PRODUCING God

What happened to the privileged life?

People want God's blessings but not OBEDIENCE



“Again I tell you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.” Matthew 19:24



*“If you find God with ease, perhaps it is not God
you have found.”* Thomas Merton



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