

DEFINING THE RELATIONSHIP: YAHWEH OUR SAVIOUR

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Genesis 15:13–14 (NLT)

Then the LORD said to Abram, “You can be sure that your descendants will be strangers in a foreign land, where they will be oppressed as slaves for 400 years. ¹⁴ But I will punish the nation that enslaves them, and in the end they will come away with great wealth.

Exodus 1:11 (NLT)

So the Egyptians made the Israelites their slaves. They appointed brutal slave drivers over them, hoping to wear them down with crushing labor. They forced them to build the cities of Pithom and Rameses as supply centers for the king.

Exodus 2:23–25 (NLT)

Years passed, and the king of Egypt died. But the Israelites continued to groan under their burden of slavery. They cried out for help, and their cry rose up to God. ²⁴ God heard their groaning, and he remembered his covenant promise to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. ²⁵ He looked down on the people of Israel and knew it was time to act.

GOD IS A GOD WHO HEARS OUR CRIES FOR HELP!

Exodus 3:1–15 (NLT)

One day Moses was tending the flock of his father-in-law, Jethro, the priest of Midian. He led the flock far into the wilderness and came to Sinai, the mountain of God. ² There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a blazing fire from the middle of a bush. Moses stared in amazement. Though the bush was engulfed in flames, it didn’t burn up.

³ “This is amazing,” Moses said to himself. “Why isn’t that bush burning up? I must go see it.” ⁴ When the LORD saw Moses coming to take a closer look, God called to him from the middle of the bush, “Moses! Moses!” “Here I am!” Moses replied. ⁵ “Do not come any closer,” the LORD warned. “Take off your sandals, for you are standing on holy ground. ⁶ I am the God of your father—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.” When Moses heard this, he covered his face because he was afraid to look at God.

⁷ Then the LORD told him, “I have certainly seen the oppression of my people in Egypt. I have heard their cries of distress because of their harsh slave drivers. Yes, I am aware of their suffering. ⁸ So I have come down to rescue them from the power of the Egyptians and lead them out of Egypt into their own fertile and spacious land. It is a land flowing with milk and honey—the land where the Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Hivites, and Jebusites now live. ⁹ Look! The cry of the people of Israel has reached me, and I have seen how harshly the Egyptians abuse them. ¹⁰ Now go, for I am sending you to Pharaoh. You must lead my people Israel out of Egypt.” ¹¹ But Moses protested to God, “Who am I to appear before Pharaoh? Who am I to lead the people of Israel out of Egypt?” ¹² God answered, “I will be with you. And this is your sign that I am the one who has sent you: When you have brought the people out of Egypt, you will worship God at this very mountain.”

¹³ But Moses protested, “If I go to the people of Israel and tell them, ‘The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,’ they will ask me, ‘What is his name?’ Then what should I tell them?” ¹⁴ God replied to Moses, “I AM WHO I AM. Say this to the people of Israel: I AM has sent me to you.” ¹⁵ God also said to Moses, “Say this to the people of Israel: Yahweh, the God of your ancestors—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob—has sent me to you. This is my eternal name, my name to remember for all generations.

HE IS YAHWEH!

GOD IS A SENDING GOD!

Exodus 14:13–14 (NLT)

But Moses told the people, “Don’t be afraid. Just stand still and watch the LORD rescue you today. The Egyptians you see today will never be seen again. ¹⁴ The LORD himself will fight for you. Just stay calm.”

Exodus 14:29–31 (NLT)

But the people of Israel had walked through the middle of the sea on dry ground, as the water stood up like a wall on both sides. ³⁰ That is how the LORD rescued Israel from the hand of the Egyptians that day. And the Israelites saw the bodies of the Egyptians washed up on the seashore. ³¹ When the people of Israel saw the mighty power that the LORD had unleashed against the Egyptians, they were filled with awe before him. They put their faith in the LORD and in his servant Moses.

GOD IS A SUPERNATURAL HERO!

Psalms 18:16–18 (NLT)

He reached down from heaven and rescued me; he drew me out of deep waters. ¹⁷ He rescued me from my powerful enemies, from those who hated me and were too strong for me. ¹⁸ They attacked me at a moment when I was in distress, but the LORD supported me.

-The exodus from Egypt was a foreshadowing of how Jesus would come to earth to save his people...

-Through Moses, God gave physical salvation from slavery to Egypt.

-Through Christ, God gives us spiritual salvation from slavery to sin!

-Jesus came to free us from the bondage of a ruler bigger than Pharaoh - He came to save us from Satan, the ruler of this world!

John 8:34–36 (NLT)

Jesus replied, “I tell you the truth, everyone who sins is a slave of sin. ³⁵ A slave is not a permanent member of the family, but a son is part of the family forever. ³⁶ So if the Son sets you free, you are truly free.

God didn’t just save you from something - He saved you for something!

1. God saved us for relationship

Exodus 6:6–7 (NLT)

“Therefore, say to the people of Israel: ‘I am the LORD. I will free you from your oppression and will rescue you from your slavery in Egypt. I will redeem you with a powerful arm and great acts of judgment. ⁷ I will claim you as my own people, and I will be your God. Then you will know that I am the LORD your God who has freed you from your oppression in Egypt.

Ephesians 2:13 (NLT)

But now you have been united with Christ Jesus. Once you were far away from God, but now you have been brought near to him through the blood of Christ.

2. God saved us for worship

Exodus 3:12

... when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you will worship God at this very mountain.”

Exodus 8:1 (NLT)

Then the LORD said to Moses, “Go back to Pharaoh and announce to him, ‘This is what the LORD says: Let my people go, so they can worship me.

Exodus 19:17–19 (NLT)

Moses led them out from the camp to meet with God, and they stood at the foot of the mountain. ¹⁸ All of Mount Sinai was covered with smoke because the LORD had descended on it in the form of fire. The smoke billowed into the sky like smoke from a brick kiln, and the whole mountain shook violently. ¹⁹ As the blast of the ram’s horn grew louder and louder, Moses spoke, and God thundered his reply.

We don’t assemble at an earthly mountain like Israel did in the Old Testament. No, we are coming to something greater, for we are joining with a heavenly assembly filled with throngs of angels and saints throughout the ages, and together we are giving glory to God and hearing him speak—not through thunder but through his Word. We tend to miss the significance of the church’s gathering. We come into the gathering casually because, well, this is what we do on Sundays. It doesn’t even cross our minds how awesome, mind-boggling, breathtaking, and distinct this is compared to anything else we do throughout the week. When we come together, we are joining in what God’s people have done ever since Mount Sinai: we are gathering to behold the glory of God. We are joining with angels in heaven and saints throughout the ages to sing God’s praise, to stand in awe of him, and to listen to God speak! This is why John Stott said, “True worship is the highest and noblest activity of which man, by the grace of God, is capable” – EXALTING JESUS COMMENTARY

Revelation 4:8 (NIV)

Each of the four living creatures had six wings and was covered with eyes all around, even under its wings. Day and night they never stop saying:“ ‘Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty,’ who was, and is, and is to come.”

Responding to God in worship is our first and highest calling!

Hebrews 13:15 (NIV)

Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise—the fruit of lips that openly profess his name.

1 Peter 2:9 (NIV)

But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.

Are you free to express your love and passion to God?