

God Had A Plan

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Reading: [Ephesians 1:11-14](#)

Text: [Exodus 3-12](#)

Prayer

Introduction:

- A. Last week's lesson on Moses' five excuses
 1. I can't cover all the excuses like God can
 2. "There is NO Excuse"
- B. There's another lesson that we can't over look
 1. On the sheet you've been given are listed 5 questions.
 2. These questions are based on the story set before us.
 3. They are motivated by our men's business meeting.
 4. I would like to suggest a few things:
 - a. Pray about this.
 - b. Study about this
 - c. Then proceed with this.

#1 Purpose: Deliverance & Worship 3:8, 12

- A. God's Plan was to deliver Israel and bring them back
 1. To Mt. Horeb
 2. To Canaan--a land that flows with milk and honey.
 3. To prepare them for the Messiah's coming.
- B. What is God's purpose today?
 1. It is not to deliver us from Egypt, but from EVIL!
 2. We need a purpose as well.
 3. We want you to help us set a goal for this congregation.

#2 Plan: The Ten Plagues 3:20

- A. The 10 Plagues were the method God used to deliver Israel
 1. Could it have been different?
 2. Sure--Remember Peter being loosed from Jail?
 3. Or Gideon delivering Israel with only 300 people?
- B. How Does God expect us to complete His plan today?
 1. It won't be by sending 10 plagues upon Troy, but it must in a way that does not conflict with God's word.
 2. We want you to help us figure out how to achieve our goal.

#3 Performance: 4:29-30

- A. Somebody had to act.
 1. Mt. Horeb/Sinai was not a conference about conferencing.
 2. God wasn't going to lead faithless people.
 3. Moses or "Someone" had to take the first step.
 4. "If a man won't work, neither let him eat."
- B. Last week's Last Point--Get Someone Else!
 1. Okay, you have Aaron!
 2. However, YOU are still responsible
 3. "Work out your OWN salvation" [Philippians 2:12](#)
 4. "Each of us will give account before God" [Romans 14:12](#)
- C. Who does God expect to do it today?
 1. We are not talking about "just talking about something."
 2. This plan has to be "talked then walked!"
 3. We don't simply need talkers, we need workers
 4. We don't only need captains, we need soldiers.
 5. Let us know if you are willing to help with this plan and what you are willing to do.

#4 Problems: "I will not let them go." 5:1-2

- A. Moses did not encounter success without problems.
 1. 10 Times Pharaoh said no.
 2. Several times the work load became more difficult for Israel.
- B. Will God get us through our problems?
 1. We need people who are committed to the work.
 2. We need people who don't give up at the first sign of trouble
 3. We need people who not only stand up, but stand up together!
 4. Will you be a team player?

#5 Prevail: "Israelites Plundered Egypt" 12:36, 41

- A. Exodus 12:35 The people of Israel had also done as Moses told them, for they had asked of the Egyptians jewelry of silver and of gold, and clothing; (RSV)
- B. God will grant us success.
 1. We will ALL participate in the rewards!
 2. As we begin 1997, let set a goal and then pursue it together, no matter what happens and we will bring glory to God and ourselves.
- C. WHO will follow Jesus?