

God's Great And Precious Promises

Exodus 3:9-12

I'm Saved

I'm Saved, I'm Saved, I'm Saved By the blood of Jesus Christ I'm saved I'm Saved, I'm Saved, I'm Saved And I will rise on the judgement day To see my Savior's holy face And see all the nations bow down I'm Saved, I'm Saved, I'm Saved Oh praise Jesus I am saved

- This is where we left Moses last week
 - Can you hear Moses shouting
 - God has not forgotten me or my people
 - God found me on the backside of this mountain
 - God has revealed Himself to me
 - > God knows me, accepts me, restored me as one of His people
 - God has given me a new identity no longer an Egyptian failure but a covenant Hebrew
 - God is rescuing His people and bringing us into the land promised to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob
 - Can't we as born-again children of God declare these in our lives as well

- But Moses was not prepared for God's next statement to him and neither are we at times
 - Exodus 3:11 NIV, "So now, go. I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people the Israelites out of Egypt."
 - "Excuse me!", "You talking to me, God?", "Did I hear you correctly, God?"
- Immediately Moses returns to the mindset of an Egyptian failure
 - Exodus 3:12 NIV, But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?"
 - This is the place we start out from so often

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 - Right question but wrong perspective, wrong focus
 - Who am I?
 - > A murderer under the threat of death, I can't go back there
 - > A failure the last time I tried that, don't see that changing
 - Untrained, ungifted, unworthy, uncommitted

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 - Who is Pharoah?
 - ➤ He is everything I'm not
 - > Just the most powerful ruler in the world, some believe he is deity
 - > One of the most gifted, talented, and educated rulers of the world
 - One still wounded by my rejection of all he provided

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 - The right perspective "Who is God?"
 - ➤ When you find yourself walking through the "valley of the shadow of death", who is God?
 - ➤ When you find yourself facing horrible tragedies, who is God?
 - > When God calls you to release all your preconceived ideas, who is God?
 - > If God calls you to teach preschoolers or middle schoolers, who is God?

- Moses had a very limited understanding of the characteristics of God
 - "Am I supposed to do this on my own?"
 - "Will God leave us again like it appeared while in Egypt?"
 - "Is my God stronger than the Egyptian gods?"
 - "This has always been a desire upon my heart but, how?"

- What did Moses need?
 - He knows the direction, the command of God
 - Does He need to become something he is not
 - Mighty warrior
 - Strong confident charismatic personality
 - > A master at governing
 - > To master the Jedi mind trick

- What did Moses need?
 - He needs promises from a promise keeping God
 - God has already proven to Moses He is a covenant keeping God, He keeps
 His promises
 - Exodus 3:6 NIV, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob."
 - Exodus 3:8 NIV, "So I have come down to rescue them from the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land into a good and spacious land, a land flowing with milk and honey—the home of the Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites."

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 - Moses, I promise to be in this with you
 - You will never be alone, hopeless, powerless because all of Me will be with you, trust Me Moses
 - Moses, I promise you will bring My people out of Egypt, and you will worship
 Me on this very mountain
 - Moses' mountain of failure will become God's mountain of praise and worship
 - Once again, can't we as born-again children of claim these promises as well

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 - Moses, I leave my token (sign) of this day to you through your memory of this burning non-burning bush and My voice
 - A deposit is our token today that our full and complete intent is to fully pay the debt owed
 - God has deposited into Moses the memory of the burning non-burning bush and His voice
 - When you get weary Moses, remember this bush
 - When you question the path or your decisions Moses, remember my voice

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 - Look forward to the promise Moses and not back to the failure or inward to the lack
 - Remember my promises to you Moses
 - This was the only thing that will keep Moses moving forward
 - He still had questions, but the decision was made to leave failure behind and walk toward God's promises

- God has told us the same thing He was telling Moses
 - 2nd Peter 1:3-4 NIV, 3 His divine power has given us everything we need for a godly life through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness. 4 Through these he has given us his very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature, having escaped the corruption in the world caused by evil desires.
 - Let's pretend Moses was hearing these verses
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 - Moses, you access this devine power through your knowledge of Me
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 - Now, replace Moses' name with yours
 - Randy, My divine power has (past tense) given you everything you need
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 - ➤ If this doesn't spring up in you the desire to shout, "I'm Saved, I'm Saved, I'm Saved, I'm Saved" then you need to check your salvation or your feeler

- Can you hear God's voice in your spirit this morning verifying these statements to you
- Your burning non-burning bush happened when you accepted Jesus as your personal Savior
 - On that day there seemed to be a fire in your heart
 - On that day God spoke to your heart
 - On that day God gave you faith to believe
 - On that day God transferred your sin (failure, corruption) to Jesus on the cross so God would be justified to transfer you into His family
 - Colossians 1:13-14 NIV, For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, 14 in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Bruce Carroll, "The Great Exchange"

Once upon a time, upon a hill far away
An unfair proposition before a righteous man was made
Could've changed His situation but instead chose to obey
At the great exchange

An eternity He traveled to be there at that place
The chosen destination to show mankind God's grace
His longing to redeem us could only be explained
At the great exchange

At the great exchange
Even then, He knew me and He bore such pain
And He did it all for love
An undeserving servant who'll never be the same
Since the great exchange

- Vs. 12, "you will worship God on this mountain."
 - Word worship is the same Hebrew word used for slavery in Exodus, 2:23 NIV, "The Israelites groaned in their slavery and cried out, and their cry for help because of their slavery went up to God."
 - It is also the same word as servant
 - God is telling Moses that Israel will be saved from their slavery to Egypt to become servants of the Most High God (El 'Elyon or Elohim)
 - We are saved from our slavery of sin and corruption to become servants of God Almighty
 - Ephesians 2:10 NIV, "For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do."
 - What are those works?

- Matthew 25:34-40 NIV, 34 "Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. 35 For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, 36 I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.'
 - 37 "Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? 38 When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? 39 When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?'
 - 40 "The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."

- What are the works our Heavenly Father has given us?
 - Sowing His kindness, grace, mercy, peace, salvation, love and His smile to this lost and desperate world
 - Everything we have received from Him we are to share with those around us
 - "Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."



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