

From Egypt to Canaan, Part 2 - First Things First

1. Christ's last command on earth
 - A. **Matthew 28:19-20** – “Go ye therefore, and teach all nations...”
 - B. **Acts 1:8** – “But ye shall receive power...”
 - C. Order in God's plan
2. Clearly portrayed in Moses' experience
 - A. Called to deliver Israelites from Egyptian bondage
 - B. Before that, he himself needed to be delivered from bondage
3. Closer look at Moses
 - A. Pharaoh's grandson – best Egyptian education and training (*PP 245.1*)
 - B. **Acts 7:22** – “And Moses was learned...”
 - C. Moses had great ability
 - 1) Killed Egyptian by himself (*Exodus 2:12*)
 - 2) Drove shepherds away (*Exodus 2:17-19*)
4. After Egyptian training, Moses not yet ready to deliver Israel
 - A. Problem: Moses was prone to trust in himself. (*PP 247.3*)
 - B. He needed to learn to trust in God.
 - C. He needed to learn to depend upon God.
 - 1) Difference between trust and dependence: airplane O₂
 - 2) Filled with Holy Spirit = constant dependence
5. God undertook his training. (*Ed 62.1*)
 - A. As follower
 - 1) To teach God's will, first do it (*PP 247.3*)
 - 2) To represent God, first reflect God (*Ed 62.3*)
 - B. As leader
 - 1) Self-control (*Ed 62.3, PP 247.3*)
 - 2) Self-denial (*PP 247.3*)
 - 3) Patience (*Ed 62.3, PP 247.3*)
 - C. As protector
 - 1) Compassion (*PP 247.4*)
 - 2) Habits of caretaking (*PP 247.4*)
 - 3) Tender concern (*PP 247.4*)
6. Did Moses learn his lessons as a shepherd?
 - A. **Acts 7:25** – “For he supposed his brethren...”
 - B. **Exodus 3:11** – “And Moses said unto God, Who am I...”
 - C. Effects of Egypt swept away in wilderness (*Ed 63.1*)
 - 1) Waste of time (*PP 247.4*)
 - 2) Human training could not substitute for experience. (*PP 247.4*)
7. Note difference in preparation
 - A. Man's training prepares to do man's work
 - B. God's training prepares to do God's work
 - C. God's purpose accomplished in manner to pour contempt on human pride (*PP 251.2*)

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8. Ready to go, but plan almost aborted
 - A. **Exodus 4:24** – “And it came to pass...”
 - B. **Acts 1:8** – “But ye shall receive power...”
 - C. After Upper Room comes Jerusalem
 - D. Moses had neglected to take care of his own family (*Exodus 4:25-26*)
 - E. Family first missionary field (*FE 65.3, ChS 206.6*)
9. Temptations to this mission field
 - A. Church work
 - 1) Gave up all offices
 - 2) Pressured to take offices
 - 3) God never gives work that requires neglecting our first mission field (*AH 246.1*)
 - 4) Give it back to Satan (*AH 246.3*)
 - B. Country living
 - 1) Time consuming
 - 2) Daughter didn't know me
 - 3) Remember your priorities
10. Jerusalem before Judea
 - A. Well-ordered family more powerful than all the sermons that can be preached (*ST, 12/11/1901*)
 - B. Judgment question: “Where are the children that I gave you to train for Me?” (*CG 561.1, AH 353.4*)
11. Before ministering to anybody, must be filled with Holy Spirit
 - A. **Acts 1:4** – “And, being assembled...”
 - B. Cannot share what you do not have
12. Are we ready to deliver Israel?
 - A. **Luke 22:32** – “When thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren.”
 - B. First things first
 - C. Here I am, and the children you have given me.
 - D. Then go.