

## From Egypt to Canaan, Part 4 - Breaking the Bondage

1. Israelites accepted Moses as their deliverer
  - A. **Exodus 4:29-31** - Moses and Aaron gathered together all the elders, the people believed, they worshiped
2. Obstacles to breaking the bondage
  - A. Preparation
  - B. Consecration
  - C. Moderation
3. Preparation: Recognize the problem
  - A. **Exodus 5:18** - no straw, deliver the bricks
  - B. **Exodus 5:20-21** - made us abhorrent to Pharaoh
  - C. They were not yet prepared for deliverance {PP 260.2}
    - 1) had little faith in God
    - 2) unwilling patiently to endure their afflictions until He should see fit to work for them
    - 3) content to remain in bondage rather than meet the difficulties attending removal to a strange land
    - 4) many were unwilling to leave
  - D. God needed to contrast what they had with what they could have
    - 1) develop tyrannical spirit of king
    - 2) reveal Himself to His people
    - 3) they would choose to leave Egypt
    - 4) **Exodus 10:1-2** - hardened his heart, I may show these signs, tell mighty things I have done, know that I am the LORD
  - E. They complained about God's solution
  - F. Today: Living in known sin?
    - 1) God shows us the problem
    - 2) Hardship and trials
    - 3) Do we complain?
    - 4) Do we want to leave Egypt?
4. Consecration: Everything for God
  - A. **Exodus 10:8-11** - Leave wife & kids
    - 1) keep women and children as surety {PP 271.4}
    - 2) Plagues of locusts and darkness (Exodus 10:12, 21)
  - B. **Exodus 10:24** - Leave flocks
    - 1) **Exodus 10:26** - livestock shall go, we do not know with what we must serve the LORD
  - C. Today: Everything given to God?
    - 1) Willing to give earthly possessions to God?
    - 2) Religion and business separate matters?
    - 3) Is religion a family affair?
    - 4) Do we leave our families to do God's work?
5. Moderation: Don't go too far
  - A. **Exodus 8:25-27** – sacrifice in the land
    - 1) Do what God wants, but not the way He instructed
  - B. **Exodus 8:28** – don't go too far
    - 1) Moderation

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- 2) Passover? {PP 278.2}
- C. Today: Don't be a fanatic?
  - 1) Lose your influence?
  - 2) None will follow your God unless you follow
  - 3) Moderation is bad when it comes to obedience
- 6. Have I removed excuse to stay in Egypt? Remain in bondage to sin?
  - A. Cannot remove excuse; doesn't exist
  - B. Problem is the DESIRE to sin
  - C. Without desire, excuse is irrelevant
- 7. Do you WANT to break free from the bondage of sin?
  - A. **Preparation:** Necessary hardships
  - B. **Consecration:** Give all to God – you, family, stuff
  - C. **Moderation:** Go all the way, whatever it takes