

(Exodus) Exodus 4:14-24

by J. Vernon McGee

God's plan for Moses and Aaron is revealed, highlighting the importance of a unified command and obedience to God's will.

Duration: 5:05

Topics: "Expositional"

Description

In this sermon, the speaker discusses the story of Moses and his reluctance to fulfill God's command to go to Egypt and deliver the Israelites. The speaker highlights how God gave Pharaoh multiple opportunities to let the Israelites go before bringing the plagues upon Egypt. The speaker also emphasizes the importance of circumcision as a sign of the covenant between God and Abraham, and how Moses neglected this important right. The sermon concludes with the speaker addressing Moses' reluctance and the need for believers to recognize their weaknesses and obey God's call.

Transcript

And the anger of the Lord was kindled against Moses, and he said, Is not Aaron the Levite thy brother? I know that he can speak well. And also, behold, he cometh forth to meet thee, and when he seeth thee, he'll be glad in his heart. And thou shalt speak unto him, and put words in his mouth, and I will be with thy mouth, and with his mouth, and will teach you what ye shall do.

And he shall be thy spokesman unto the people, and even he shall be to thee instead of a mouth, and thou shalt be to him instead of God. In other words, this man Aaron, his brother, will be his spokesman, and God will use Aaron. But this was a great mistake of Moses, you see.

God didn't want a divided command. And you will find out that it caused problems as they went along through the wilderness. We'll discover that when we get over in the book of Numbers.

And we're going to discover that when this man made a golden calf, you'll recall. That was a terrible blunder that this man Aaron made. Now, you see, it came as a result of a divided command.

God didn't need Aaron. All he needed was Moses. But you see, Moses' reluctance.

Now, there are two things here. One is, we need to recognize our weakness. But when God calls us, we ought to move out.

This man Moses, you see, is so reluctant, holding back, that God had to put another man with him, and that was not good. And thou shalt take this rod in thine hand, wherewith thou shalt do signs. And Moses went and returned to Jethro, his father-in-law, and said unto him, Let me go, I pray thee, and return unto my brethren, which are in Egypt, and see whether they be yet alive.

And Jethro said unto Moses, Go in peace. Moses certainly got along well with his father-in-law. But frankly, we still have the question here about Mrs. Moses, about his wife here.

And you'll recall that I said we would return to this subject, and I raised some questions about Moses' home life before. Well, we're going to get a little added detail here. Let me read, beginning verse 19.

The Lord said unto Moses in Midian, Go, return into Egypt, for all the men are dead which sought thy life. Now, you see, there is a new Pharaoh in Egypt, the one that actually would have been his father by adoption is now dead, and so he can return back to the land of Egypt. And Moses took his wife and his sons, and set them upon an ass, and he returned to the land of Egypt.

And Moses took the rod of God in his hand. And the Lord said unto Moses, When thou goest to return into Egypt, see that thou do all those wonders before Pharaoh, which I have put in thine hand. But I will harden his heart, and he shall not let the people go.

Now, God says here He'll harden his heart, and that's always presented a problem. Now, in view of the fact that when we get to the plagues, we come to that again, I trust that you will permit me to wait until we get there before I go into that, because that does have, I think, a very satisfactory solution. I'm reading at verse 22.

And thou shalt say unto Pharaoh, Thus saith the Lord God, Israel is my son, even my firstborn. And I say unto thee, Let my son go, that he may serve me. And if thou refuse to let him go, behold, I'll slay thy son, even thy firstborn.

Now, you see how God was lenient with Pharaoh and with the Egyptians. When He went down, He didn't put it on this basis immediately. He told Pharaoh at the very beginning, He said, Either you let my son Israel go, or I'll slay your son.

But you see, there were many plagues that came in between. In other words, God gave Pharaoh an opportunity to save his own son, but He didn't avail Himself of that. And now I read verse 24.

It came to pass by the way in the inn that the Lord met him and sought to kill him. Now, this is a strange verse, but this reveals now the third real big objection. And this is Moses' neglect of the most important rite, which was circumcision, which was the seal of the covenant God had made at the beginning with Abraham.

And it was very important.

Audio: <https://sermonindex1.b-cdn.net/10/SID10049.mp3>

Source: <https://sermonindex.net/speakers/j-vernon-mcgee/exodus-exodus-414-24/>

Grow in Your Walk with Christ

Listen and read messages that will stir your heart for Christ and point you to deeper repentance and devotion.

- 50,000+ Sermons from speakers past and present
- 3,900+ Classic Christian Books freely readable online
- 1,200+ Bible Translations and Commentaries
- Over 450k forum posts — Join our vibrant online Christian forum

www.sermonindex.net