

BRICKS WITHOUT STRAW

Exodus 5-6:13

Big Idea: *Trust and obey, there is no easy way!*

TEXT:

⁵ “And afterward Moses and Aaron came and said to Pharaoh, ‘Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, ‘Let My people go that they may celebrate a feast to Me in the wilderness.’” ² But Pharaoh said, ‘Who is the Lord that I should obey His voice to let Israel go? I do not know the Lord, and besides, I will not let Israel go.’ ³ Then they said, ‘The God of the Hebrews has met with us. Please, let us go a three days’ journey into the wilderness that we may sacrifice to the Lord our God, otherwise He will fall upon us with pestilence or with the sword.’ ⁴ But the king of Egypt said to them, ‘Moses and Aaron, why do you draw the people away from their work? Get *back* to your labors!’ ⁵ Again Pharaoh said, ‘Look, the people of the land are now many, and you would have them cease from their labors!’ ⁶ So the same day Pharaoh commanded the taskmasters over the people and their foremen, saying, ⁷ ‘You are no longer to give the people straw to make brick as previously; let them go and gather straw for themselves. ⁸ But the quota of bricks which they were making previously, you shall impose on them; you are not to reduce any of it. Because they are lazy, therefore they cry out, ‘Let us go and sacrifice to our God.’” ⁹ Let the labor be heavier on the men, and let them work at it so that they will pay no attention to false words.”

Matthew 16:13 “Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, He was asking His disciples, ‘Who do people say that the Son of Man is?’”

Exodus 6:1-2 “Then the Lord said to Moses, ‘Now you shall see what I will do to Pharaoh; for under compulsion he will let them go, and under compulsion he will drive them out of his land.’” ² God spoke further to Moses and said to him, ‘I am the Lord.’”

APPLICATION:

1. God NEVER promises that _____ .

Exodus 3:19-20 “But I know that the king of Egypt will not permit you to go, except under compulsion. ²⁰ So I will stretch out My hand and strike Egypt with all My miracles which I shall do in the midst of it; and after that he will let you go.”

John 16:33 “These things I have spoken to you, so that in Me you may have peace. In the world you have tribulation, but take courage; I have overcome the world.”

2. God DOES promise _____ .

Exodus 6:7-9 “Then I will take you for My people, and I will be your God; and you shall know that I am the Lord your God, who brought you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians. ⁸ I will bring you to the land which I swore to give to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and I will give it to you for a possession; I am the Lord.”” ⁹ So Moses spoke thus to the sons of Israel, but they did not listen to Moses on account of their despondency and cruel bondage.”

Romans 8:18 “For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory that is to be revealed to us.”

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