

Making Somebody Out of Nobody

Chapter 11

Audio Lesson: Old Testament Survey lesson eleven



Objective: To understand how God used Moses and how He can also use us.



The Lord said, "I have indeed seen the misery of my people in Egypt. I have heard them crying out because of their slave drivers, and I am concerned about their suffering. 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."

—Exodus 3:7-8

The big problem in the book of Exodus is the problem of slavery. The solution is deliverance. God called Moses to be the deliverer that Israel needed. Just as the book of Exodus is an illustration of deliverance, or salvation, the life of Moses is one great big illustration of how to be a deliverer.

In the first forty years of Moses' life as he was raised in the palace of the Pharaoh, Moses learned that he was somebody special. Then God taught Moses that he was really a nobody by sending him to the other side of the desert. When God appeared to Moses again, He taught Moses that he really was somebody important when God was with him. God taught Moses humility in order to use him as a deliverer for His people.

An important truth we learn from God through Moses can be summarized; "It is the plan of God to use the power of God in the people of God to accomplish the purposes of God, according to the plan of God." God wants to use His people to accomplish His purposes.



Choose one best answer unless instructed otherwise.

1. True or false? Moses gave the people of God both everything they wanted and what they needed.

2. True or false? Salvation is really deliverance from sin, not only of sin's penalty, present and future, but also of sin's power in our lives now.
3. True or false? Without God's Word we do not know how to worship God.
4. True or false? In the Bible we read that God only uses the man who is the most qualified.
5. True or false? God does not expect us to be the instrument through which other people are delivered from the bondage of sin.
6. Why did Moses kill an Egyptian?
 - a. He hated Egyptians.
 - b. He saw an Egyptian beating a Hebrew and had compassion for the Hebrew.
 - c. God told him to deliver His people by killing Egyptians.
 - d. It was an accident.
7. Which characteristic of Moses was most important to God?
 - a. his long record of leadership
 - b. his compassion for his fellow Hebrews
 - c. his desire to deliver
 - d. his humility
8. Who delivered Israel?
 - a. Moses alone
 - b. God alone
 - c. God using Moses
 - d. God using Pharaoh
9. Who delivers people from their bondage of sin?
 - a. Pastors and evangelists alone
 - b. Any believer alone
 - c. God alone
 - d. God using Jesus, His Son
 - e. God using Pharaoh
10. How do you feel about the fact that God wants to free His people? (circle any that apply)
 - a. thrilled – I need that.
 - b. apathetic – It does not really matter to me.
 - c. frustrated – I am glad He wants to, but I do not believe He will.
 - d. confident – God can and will deliver me.
 - e. suspicious – Just because He did that a long time ago does not mean He wants to free people now.
 - f. enthusiastic – I will do whatever He says to have freedom.



Does your attitude make you someone God can use? What one obstacle might be in your life that needs to be removed before God uses you as His instrument to deliver others?



Thank God that He sees and knows your needs and of those around you and for the miracle of salvation and deliverance. Ask God if you are in the wrong place spiritually. If you are, ask God to deliver you as He delivered the nation of Israel from the bondage in Egypt.



Going Deeper

1. What great ideas did God wrap in the life of Moses? _____

2. Moses lived 120 years, in three distinct periods of 40 years each. In the first 40 years God taught him that he was nobody; in the second period, that he was somebody. Then God showed Moses, and millions of us for thousands of years, what He can do with somebody who has learned he is nobody. Where was Moses in that process when he met God at the burning bush? _____

3. Concisely and precisely what did God say to Moses at the burning bush? (Exodus 3: 3-10) _____

4. Moses responded with the question “Who am I?” When you realize that some of the answers to that question were that he was a murderer, public enemy number one in Egypt, a Hebrew, an ungrateful adopted son and a shepherd, an occupation the Egyptians hated more than they hated Hebrews, why do you think that God chose Moses to be the deliverer of the children of Israel? _____

5. What are four spiritual secrets that God shared with Moses at the burning bush? _____

6. Relate and apply those spiritual insights to your life and to what God is calling you to be and do for His glory. _____

7. Summarize the greatness of Moses by describing four things he contributed to the work and the people of God. _____
