

MOSES – LIFE OF DESTINY #11 “The Process of God’s Will”

Exodus 7:1-5

Moses story reveals that there is a process involved in seeing God’s will accomplished.

Exodus 7:1-5 So the Lord said to Moses: “See, I have made you as God to Pharaoh, and Aaron your brother shall be your prophet. ² You shall speak all that I command you. And Aaron your brother shall tell Pharaoh to send the children of Israel out of his land. ³ And I will harden Pharaoh’s heart, and multiply My signs and My wonders in the land of Egypt. ⁴ But Pharaoh will not heed you, so that I may lay My hand on Egypt and bring My armies and My people, the children of Israel, out of the land of Egypt by great judgments. ⁵ And the Egyptians shall know that I am the Lord, when I stretch out My hand on Egypt and bring out the children of Israel from among them.”

I. THE PROCESS OF GOD’S WILL

A. In life/ministry - God speaks to us and reveals His will

1. **Exodus 3:10** ¹⁰So now I am sending you to the king of Egypt. Go! Bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt!”

a. In our minds – it’s a done deal: It should happen immediately

2. But rarely does God will happen instantly: *It usually takes time*

a. **Habakkuk 2:3** *It is not yet time for the message to come true, but that time is coming soon; the message will come true. It may seem like a long time, but be patient and wait for it, because it will surely come; it will not be delayed.*

B. The will of God involves a **process**: *A series of actions or steps taken in order to achieve a particular end.*

1. Things have to happen – in order for God’s will/promises to come to pass

a. **Mark 4:28** *By itself the earth produces grain. First the plant grows, then the head, and then all the grain in the head.*

2. Esther: Haman’s plan to kill the Jews; *They call a fast and pray...*

a. *The King had insomnia b. He called for boring records to be read c. They chose one that told of Mordecai’s help*

II. STEPS IN THE PROCESS

A. God has to overcome the powers of hell

1. The contest between Moses/Pharaoh was a **supernatural** contest *10 plagues were judgments on 10 gods of Egypt*

a. Demon powers Egyptians worshipped – they involved these demons into their lives

2. We see that the powers of Egypt fought back/resisted God’s will of freedom

a. **Exodus 7:11** *But Pharaoh also called the wise men and the sorcerers; so the magicians of Egypt, they also did in like manner with their enchantments.*

3. But the OT story is a visible picture of the supernatural battles we face

a. **2 Corinthians 4:4** *The devil who rules this world has blinded the minds of those who do not believe. They cannot see the light of the Good News—the Good News about the glory of Christ, who is exactly like God.*

b. **Matthew 12:29** ²⁹*Or how can one enter a strong man’s house and plunder his goods, unless he first binds the strong man? And then he will plunder his house.*

B. God has to change human hearts

1. People have a will: They can say **no** to God/God’s will

a. **Exodus 8:15** *when Pharaoh saw that there was relief, he hardened his heart and did not heed them, as the LORD had said.*

2. There can be **internal** reasons why people resist

a. *Pride/self-interest/rebellion/perversion/addictions*

3. There can be **supernatural** reasons why people resist

a. Demonically blinded: Witchcraft/false religion

1. **Acts 13:8** ⁸*But Elymas the sorcerer (for so his name is translated) withstood them, seeking to turn the proconsul away from the faith.*

a. *I had a friend: The moment he stepped foot in church – he got blinding headaches*

III. COOPERATING WITH THE PROCESS

A. We have a part to play in God’s will being worked out

1. **We have to trust God:** What God says is often the opposite of what is happening

a. It looks as though God’s will cannot happen – will never happen

1. Focus on God/His word: *Not on the circumstances*

2. Praise God: **Romans 4:20-21** ²⁰*He did not waver at the promise of God through unbelief, but was strengthened in faith, giving glory to God, ²¹and being fully convinced that what He had promised He was also able to perform.*

2. **We have to keep doing right:** **Exodus 9:1** *go in unto Pharaoh...*

a. We win supernatural battles in prayer: You have to pray that God’s will comes to pass

1. **Matthew 16:19** ¹⁹*I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.”*

b. Other acts of obedience: Giving/witnessing/faithfulness, etc.

3. The mistake we can make: *I did right – and nothing happened!*

a. But every plague brought the miracle closer: *1-10...you can’t skip 3-6*