LESSON 27

1. What did the new Pharaoh do to the Israelites? -Pharaoh made all of the Israelites slaves.

2. Why did Pharaoh make the Israelites slaves?-Because Pharaoh was afraid that the Israelites would take over his country.

3. Why was Pharaoh afraid that the Israelites would take over his country?

-Because the Israelites had become many people.

4. Who was guiding Pharaoh to make the Israelites slaves? -Satan.

5. Why did Satan want to destroy the Israelites?-Because Satan knew that God promised to send the Savior through the Israelites.

6. Why did God bless the Israelites?

-Because God loved the Israelites.

-Because God would not break His promise to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

7. Why did God send Pharaoh's daughter to adopt Moses?-Because God planned to lead the Israelites out of Egypt and slavery through Moses.

8. Were the Israelites able to save themselves from Pharaoh?

-No.

9. Was Moses able to save the Israelites from Pharaoh? -No.

10. Who was the only One who was able to save the Israelites from Pharaoh?-God.

11. Who is the only One who can save people from Satan? -God.

-The Israelites had been in Egypt in slavery for 400 years. -Because the Israelites suffered so much, they cried out to God.

Let's read Exodus 2:23b

23-The Israelites groaned in their slavery and cried out, and their cry for help because of their slavery went up to God.

-Did God hear the cries of the Israelites?

Let's read Exodus 2:24-25

24-God heard their groaning and He remembered His covenant with Abraham, with Isaac, and with Jacob. 25-So God looked on the Israelites and was concerned about them. -God heard the cries of the Israelites.

-God also remembered his promise to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

-What was God's promise to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob?

-God's promise was that, after 400 years, He would take the Israelites back to the land of Canaan.

-Perhaps the Israelites thought that God had forgotten them, but God does not forget.

-God will always do what He promises He will do.

-Although God is never in a hurry, He will always do what He has promised in His own time.

-Where was Moses?

-Did God not plan to lead the Israelites out of Egypt through Moses? -Did God not plan to lead the Israelites out of slavery through Moses?

-Because Pharaoh wanted to kill Moses, Moses had fled to the land of Midian.

-In the land of Midian, Moses had married, and had two sons.

-One day, while Moses was tending the sheep of his fatherin-law, he saw a strange sight.

Let's read Exodus 3:1-3

1-Now Moses was tending the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian, and he led the flock to the far side of the desert and came to Horeb, the mountain of God.

2-There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in flames of fire from within a bush. Moses saw that though the bush was on fire it did not burn up.

3-So Moses thought, "I will go over and see this strange sight--why the bush does not burn up."

-What did Moses see?

-Moses saw a bush that was burning, but it was not destroyed.

-Why was the burning bush that Moses saw not destroyed? -Because God was in the bush.

-Because God was in the bush, the bush was not destroyed. -God is all powerful.

-No one can do that which God can do.

-Why was God in the burning bush? -Because God wanted to talk to Moses about the Israelites. -How were the Israelites like the burning bush?

-Just like the fire wanted to destroy the burning bush, Satan and Pharaoh wanted to destroy the Israelites.

-Just like God was in the burning bush, God was with the Israelites.

-Satan and Pharaoh were not able to destroy the Israelites while God was with them.

-From the burning bush, God called Moses' name.

Let's read Exodus 3:4

4-When the LORD saw that he had gone over to look, God called to him from within the bush, "Moses! Moses!" And Moses said, "Here I am."

-Moses did not know that God was in the burning bush until God spoke to him from the bush.

-How did God know Moses' language?-God knows all languages.-There is not any language that God does not know.

-God knows your language also.

-God hears everything that you say. -God understands everything that you say. -Even if you whisper, God hears everything.

-God spoke again to Moses from the burning bush:

Let's read Exodus 3:5-6

5-"Do not come any closer," God said. "Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy ground."

6-Then He said, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." At this, Moses hid his face, because he was afraid to look at God.

-Why did God tell Moses to take off his shoes?

-Because Moses was standing before the perfect God. -Because Moses was standing before the holy God.

-God then told Moses about the Israelites.

Let's read Exodus 3:7-10

7-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.

8-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--

9-And now the cry of the Israelites has reached me, and I have seen the way the Egyptians are oppressing them.

10-So now, go. I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people the Israelites out of Egypt."

-God told Moses that He had heard the cries of the Israelites.

-God told Moses that He had chosen Moses to lead the Israelites out of Egypt and out of slavery.

-God told Moses that He had chosen Moses to lead the Israelites back to the land of Canaan.

-What did Moses reply to God?

Let's read Exodus 3:11

11-But Moses said to God, "Who am I, that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?"

-Moses told God that he was not able to lead the Israelites out of Egypt.

-Why did Moses tell God that he was not able to lead the Israelites out of Egypt?

-Because Moses remembered the time that he had tried to help the Israelites, but had failed.

-What did God reply to Moses?

Let's read Exodus 3:12

12-And God said, "I will be with you. And this will be the sign to you that it is I who have sent you: When you have brought the people out of Egypt, you will worship God on this mountain."

-God told Moses that He would be with Moses. -God also gave Moses a sign.

-What was the sign that God gave Moses?

-God promised that He would bring Moses back to the mountain where he was standing before the burning bush.

-The name of the mountain was Mount Sinai. -What did Moses reply to God?

Let's read Exodus 3:13

13-Moses said to God, "Suppose I go to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' Then what shall I tell them?" -Moses was afraid that the Israelites would not believe him when he would say that God had sent him to deliver them.

-Therefore, Moses asked God His Name which he shall tell the Israelites.

-How did God reply?

Let's read Exodus 3:14

14-God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM. This is what you are to say to the Israelites: 'I AM has sent me to you."

-God told Moses to tell the Israelites that "I AM" had sent Moses to deliver them from slavery.

-What does God's Name "I AM" mean?

-It means that God has no beginning. -It means that God has no end.

-It means that God has always lived. -It means that there has never been a time when God was not alive.

-God also said this to Moses:

Let's read Exodus 3:15-18a

15-God also said to Moses, "Say to the Israelites, 'The LORD, the God of your fathers--the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob--has sent me to you.' This is my name forever, the name by which I am to be remembered from generation to generation.

16-Go, assemble the elders of Israel and say to them, 'The LORD, the God of your fathers--the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob--appeared to me and said: I have watched over you and have seen what has been done to you in Egypt.

17-And I have promised to bring you up out of your misery in Egypt into the land of the Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Hivites, and Jebusites--a land flowing with milk and honey.'

18-The elders of Israel will listen to you."

-God also said to tell the Israelites that the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob had sent Moses to deliver them. -Would Pharaoh let the Israelites leave Egypt?

-This is what God said:

Let's read Exodus 3:19-20

19-God said, "But I know that the king of Egypt will not let you go unless a mighty hand compels him.

20-So I will stretch out my hand and strike the Egyptians with all the wonders that I will perform among them. After that, he will let you go."

-Did God know that Pharaoh would not let the Israelites leave Egypt? -Yes.

-How did God know that Pharaoh would not let the Israelites leave Egypt? -God knows everything.

-Before you think a thought, God knows your thought. -Before you say a word, God knows your word.

-Before you do something, God knows what you are going to do.

-Moses was still afraid that the Israelites will not believe that God has chosen him to lead them out of Egypt.

-Here is what Moses said to God: Let's read Exodus 4:1

1-Moses answered, "What if they do not believe me or listen to me and say, 'The LORD did not appear to you'?"

-Because Moses was afraid, God gave Moses two signs to show to the Israelites.

Let's read Exodus 4:2-9

2-Then the LORD said to him, "What is that in your hand?" "A staff," he replied.

3-The LORD said, "Throw it on the ground." Moses threw it on the ground and it became a snake, and he ran from it.

4-Then the LORD said to him, "Reach out your hand and take it by the tail." So Moses reached out and took hold of the snake and it turned back into a staff in his hand.

5-"This," said the LORD, "is so that they may believe that the LORD, the God of their fathers-the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob--has appeared to you."

6-Then the LORD said, "Put your hand inside your cloak." So Moses put his hand into his cloak, and when he took it out, it was leprous, like snow.

7-"Now put it back into your cloak," the LORD said. So Moses put his hand back into his cloak, and when he took it out, it was restored, like the rest of his flesh.

8-Then the LORD said, "If they do not believe you or pay attention to the first miraculous sign, they may believe the second.

9-But if they do not believe these two signs or listen to you, take some water from the Nile and pour it on the dry ground. The water you take from the river will become blood on the ground."

-What was the first sign to show that God had chosen Moses to lead the Israelites out of Egypt?

-Moses staff turned into a snake, and then back into a staff.

-What was the second sign to show that God had chosen Moses to lead the Israelites out of Egypt?

-Moses hand became leprous when he put his hand inside his coat, and became well again when he put his hand once more inside his coat.

-Even with these two signs from God, Moses was still afraid that Israel would not follow him.

-Here is what Moses said to God:

Let's read Exodus 4:10

10-Moses said to the LORD, "O Lord, I have never been eloquent, neither in the past nor since you have spoken to your servant. I am slow of speech and tongue."

-Moses told God that he was not able to speak well.

-What did God answer?

Let's read Exodus 4:11-12

11-The LORD said to him, "Who gave man his mouth? Who makes him deaf or mute? Who gives him sight or makes him blind? Is it not I, the LORD?

12-Now go; I will help you speak and will teach you what to say."

-Who was the One who gave Moses the ability to speak? -God.

-Who was the One who was able to help Moses speak well? -God.

-God was telling Moses that He would help him speak well.

-Even though God wanted to help Moses, Moses still did not want to lead the Israelites out of Egypt.

-Let's read what Moses then said to God: Let's read Exodus 4:13

13-But Moses said, "O Lord, please send someone else to do it."

-Because Moses was afraid to lead the Israelites out of Egypt, God became angry with Moses.

-But God promised to send someone to help Moses speak to Pharaoh.

Let's read Exodus 4:14-17

14-Then the LORD's anger burned against Moses and He said, "What about your brother, Aaron the Levite? I know he can speak well. He is already on his way to meet you, and his heart will be glad when he sees you. 15-You shall speak to him and put words in his mouth; I will help both of you speak and will teach you what to do.

16-He will speak to the people for you, and it will be as if he were your mouth and as if you were God to him.

17-But take this staff in your hand so you can perform miraculous signs with it."

-Whom did God send to help Moses speak to Pharaoh? -Aaron, Moses' brother.

-Because God promised that his brother Aaron would help him, Moses finally agreed to go.

Let's read Exodus 4:18 & 20

18-Then Moses went back to Jethro his father-in-law and said to him, "Let me go back to my own people in Egypt to see if any of them are still alive." Jethro said, "Go, and I wish you well."

20-So Moses took his wife and sons, put them on a donkey, and started back to Egypt. And he took the staff of God in his hand.

-God was patient with Moses.

-Even though Moses did not want to lead the Israelites out of Egypt, God had chosen him.

-Why did God want to save the Israelites from slavery?

-Because God loved them, and He did not want them to live in slavery.

-Because God had promised Abraham that He would lead them back to the land of Canaan.

-Because God had promised Abraham that He would send the Savior through the Israelites.

-In the next lesson, we will see how God will save Israel.