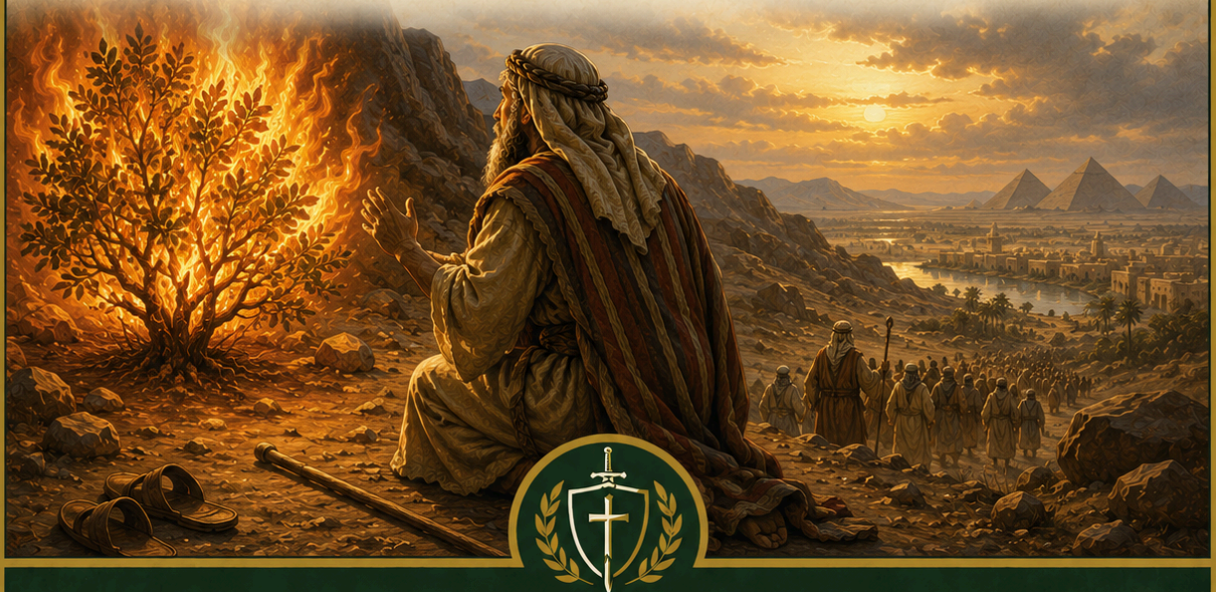


— WEEK 7 —

THE CALL OF MOSES AND GOD'S DELIVERANCE

— GOD HEARS. GOD CALLS. GOD DELIVERS. —



FAMILY BIBLE STUDY

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A Sabbath Family Bible Study

Introduction

God's deliverance of Israel from Egypt stands as one of the greatest demonstrations of His power and faithfulness in all of Scripture. For generations, the Israelites lived under cruel bondage, crying out to God for mercy. Though their suffering seemed endless, the Lord had not forgotten His covenant. At the appointed time, He raised up Moses to confront Pharaoh, reveal His glory, and lead His people to freedom.

The calling of Moses reminds us that God often chooses ordinary people to accomplish extraordinary purposes. Moses felt inadequate, fearful, and unqualified, yet God promised to be with him. The success of Israel's deliverance did not depend upon Moses' abilities, but upon God's presence and power. Throughout the Exodus, the Lord repeatedly revealed that He alone is the Deliverer, the covenant-keeping God who hears the cries of His people and acts on their behalf.

This study teaches that God is both holy and compassionate. He calls His servants, keeps His promises, and delivers those who trust Him. Just as He rescued Israel from slavery in Egypt, He delivers His people today from the bondage of sin through Jesus Christ. Families are encouraged to trust God's timing, obey His calling, and remember that no circumstance is beyond His power to redeem.

Scripture Reading:

(Exodus 3:1–12; Exodus 6:1–8; Exodus 14:21–31, Psalm 46:1-11)

With Commentary Throughout

Exodus 3:1–12

1 Now Moses kept the flock of Jethro his father in law, the priest of Midian: and he led the flock to the backside of the desert, and came to the mountain of God, even to Horeb.

2 And the angel of the LORD appeared unto him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush: and he looked, and, behold, the bush burned with fire, and the bush was not consumed.

3 And Moses said, I will now turn aside, and see this great sight, why the bush is not burnt.

4 And when the LORD saw that he turned aside to see, God called unto him out of the midst of the bush, and said, Moses, Moses. And he said, Here am I.

5 And he said, Draw not nigh hither: put off thy shoes from off thy feet, for the place whereon thou standest is holy ground.

6 Moreover he said, I am the God of thy father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. And Moses hid his face; for he was afraid to look upon God.

7 And the Lord said, I have surely seen the affliction of my people which are in Egypt, and have heard their cry by reason of their taskmasters; for I know their sorrows;

8 And I am come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land unto a good land and a large, unto a land flowing with milk and honey; unto the place of the Canaanites, and the Hittites, and the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites.

9 Now therefore, behold, the cry of the children of Israel is come unto me: and I have also seen the oppression wherewith the Egyptians oppress them.

10 Come now therefore, and I will send thee unto Pharaoh, that thou mayest bring forth my people the children of Israel out of Egypt.

11 And Moses said unto God, Who am I, that I should go unto Pharaoh, and that I should bring forth the children of Israel out of Egypt?

12 And he said, Certainly I will be with thee; and this shall be a token unto thee, that I have sent thee: When thou hast brought forth the people out of Egypt, ye shall serve

Commentary

God often calls ordinary people while they are faithfully carrying out ordinary responsibilities. Moses was not seeking greatness or influence; he was tending his father-in-law's flock when God revealed Himself in the burning bush and the bush burned without being consumed, demonstrating God's holy presence and power.

When God called Moses to deliver Israel, Moses immediately recognized his own weakness and inadequacy. But God did not choose Moses because of his abilities, but because of His own purpose and presence. The Lord's promise, "Certainly I will be with thee," was the assurance Moses needed. Families are reminded that God equips those He calls. Our responsibility is to faithfully obey the One who goes before us.

Exodus 6:1–8

1 Then the LORD said unto Moses, Now shalt thou see what I will do to Pharaoh: for

with a strong hand shall he let them go, and with a strong hand shall he drive them out of his land.

2 And God spake unto Moses, and said unto him, I am the LORD:

3 And I appeared unto Abraham, unto Isaac, and unto Jacob, by the name of God Almighty, but by my name JEHOVAH was I not known to them.

4 And I have also established my covenant with them, to give them the land of Canaan, the land of their pilgrimage, wherein they were strangers.

5 And I have also heard the groaning of the children of Israel, whom the Egyptians keep in bondage; and I have remembered my covenant.

6 Wherefore say unto the children of Israel, I am the LORD, and I will bring you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians, and I will rid you out of their bondage, and I will redeem you with a stretched out arm, and with great judgments:

7 And I will take you to me for a people, and I will be to you a God: and ye shall know that I am the LORD your God, which bringeth you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians.

8 And I will bring you in unto the land, concerning the which I did swear to give it to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob; and I will give it you for an heritage: I am the LORD.

Commentary

God responds to Israel's suffering by reaffirming His covenant promises. He declares, **"I am the LORD,"** reminding Moses that His faithfulness has not changed. Though Israel was enslaved and discouraged, God promised to deliver them with His mighty power, redeem them from bondage, and make them His people.

These verses reveal that salvation is God's work from beginning to end. He hears the cries of His people, remembers His covenant, and acts according to His promises. Families are reminded that God's timing may not always match our own, but His faithfulness never fails. When circumstances seem impossible, we can trust that the God who makes promises is also the God who fulfills them.

Exodus 14:21–31

21 And Moses stretched out his hand over the sea; and the LORD caused the sea to go back by a strong east wind all that night, and made the sea dry land, and the waters were divided.

22 And the children of Israel went into the midst of the sea upon the dry ground: and the waters were a wall unto them on their right hand, and on their left.

23 And the Egyptians pursued, and went in after them to the midst of the sea, even all Pharaoh's horses, his chariots, and his horsemen.

24 And it came to pass, that in the morning watch the LORD looked unto the host of the Egyptians through the pillar of fire and of the cloud, and troubled the host of the Egyptians,

25 And took off their chariot wheels, that they drave them heavily: so that the Egyptians said, Let us flee from the face of Israel; for the LORD fighteth for them against the Egyptians.

26 And the LORD said unto Moses, Stretch out thine hand over the sea, that the waters may come again upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots, and upon their horsemen.

27 And Moses stretched forth his hand over the sea, and the sea returned to his strength when the morning appeared; and the Egyptians fled against it; and the LORD overthrew the Egyptians in the midst of the sea.

28 And the waters returned, and covered the chariots, and the horsemen, and all the host of Pharaoh that came into the sea after them; there remained not so much as one of them.

29 But the children of Israel walked upon dry land in the midst of the sea; and the waters were a wall unto them on their right hand, and on their left.

30 Thus the LORD saved Israel that day out of the hand of the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead upon the sea shore.

31 And Israel saw that great work which the LORD did upon the Egyptians: and the people feared the LORD, and believed the LORD, and his servant Moses.

Commentary

God demonstrated His absolute power by parting the Red Sea, making a way where there appeared to be none. Israel crossed safely on dry ground, while the same waters that delivered God's people brought judgment upon the Egyptian army. This event revealed that salvation belongs to the Lord alone, He is both Deliverer and Judge.

The crossing of the Red Sea also points forward to the believer's redemption in Christ. Just as Israel was brought out of bondage into freedom, God delivers His people from the slavery of sin through His saving power. We are reminded that when God calls us to trust Him, He is faithful to make a way, even when every human solution has failed.



Discussion Questions for All Ages

Young Children:

- Who spoke to Moses through the burning bush?
- What did God ask Moses to do?
- How did God help His people cross the sea?

Older Children & Teens:

- Why do you think God chose Moses, even though he was unsure of himself?
- What do we learn about God's power from the Red Sea miracle?
- How does this story show us God cares for His people?

Adults:

- What does Moses' calling teach us about God's method of choosing leaders?
- How can we prepare our families to trust God in uncertain or fearful times?
- In what ways has God delivered your household in the past, and how should that shape your obedience today?



Psalm Reading - Psalm 46:1–11

1 God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

2 Therefore will not we fear, though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea;

3 Though the waters thereof roar and be troubled, though the mountains shake with the swelling thereof. Selah.

4 There is a river, the streams whereof shall make glad the city of God, the holy place of the tabernacles of the most High.

5 God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved: God shall help her, and that right early.

6 The heathen raged, the kingdoms were moved: he uttered his voice, the earth melted.

7 The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. Selah.

8 Come, behold the works of the LORD, what desolations he hath made in the earth.

9 He maketh wars to cease unto the end of the earth; he breaketh the bow, and cutteth the spear in sunder; he burneth the chariot in the fire.

10 Be still, and know that I am God: I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth.

11 The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. Selah.

Commentary

Psalm 46 reminds God's people that their security is found in the presence of the Lord. Though the earth shakes, kingdoms fall, and nations rage, God remains our refuge, strength, and ever-present help in times of trouble. This truth perfectly complements Israel's deliverance at the Red Sea, where God protected His people while overthrowing their enemies.

The psalm concludes with the command, "Be still, and know that I am God." Israel could not save itself from Pharaoh's army; only God could provide deliverance. Families are reminded that when trials seem overwhelming, they can rest in God's sovereignty, trust His promises, and remember that He is able to accomplish what is impossible for man.

Hymn: Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

By William Williams (1745)

Tune: CWM Rhondda

1.

*Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah,
Pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but Thou art mighty,
Hold me with Thy powerful hand:
Bread of Heaven, Bread of Heaven,
Feed me till I want no more;
Feed me till I want no more.*

2.

*Open now the crystal fountain,
Whence the healing stream doth flow;
Let the fire and cloudy pillar
Lead me all my journey through:*

*Strong Deliverer, Strong Deliverer,
Be Thou still my strength and shield;
Be Thou still my strength and shield.*

3.

*When I tread the verge of Jordan,
Bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death, and hell's destruction,
Land me safe on Canaan's side:
Songs of praises, songs of praises,
I will ever give to Thee;
I will ever give to Thee.*



Family Application Points

1. **Trust in God's Call and Timing:**

Teach your children that God often uses unlikely people for great purposes. Encourage humility, readiness, and faith - even in "wilderness" seasons.

2. **Reflect on Past Deliverances:**

Have a family testimony time: share stories of when God provided, protected, or delivered your household. Record these in a family journal.

3. **Fear God, Not Man:**

Moses stood before Pharaoh without fear because he stood with God. Teach your family to fear the Lord - not political powers, bullies, or peer pressure.

4. **Walk in Obedience After Deliverance:**

God delivered Israel not for laziness, but for worship and obedience. Challenge your family to serve God wholeheartedly in response to His mercy.

5. **Honor Righteous Leadership:**

Moses was God's appointed leader. Families should honor godly headship in the home and respect righteous authority in church and nation.



A Sabbath Feast Prayer (Used later when the Sabbath Meal is Ready)

"Heavenly Father, we thank You for Your Sabbath - a holy day of rest, joy, and renewal. As we partake in this meal, may our hearts be lifted in gratitude for Your provision and peace. Let this table reflect the peace of Your Kingdom and the love that binds our household together in Christ. In Jesus' name, Amen."



Closing Prayer

O Lord of deliverance, we bless Your holy name for the mighty works You performed through Moses. Thank You for seeing the affliction of Your people and coming down to save. Help us to walk in trust as Moses did, to obey Your calling, and to lead our households in faith through the sea of this wicked world. Strengthen the fathers to lead with boldness, mothers to support with strength, and children to follow in faith. May our home be a testimony of Your power and a vessel of Your purpose. In Jesus Christ, our greater Deliverer, we pray. Amen.