

TUESDAY

The Divine “I”

Exo 2:24 “God remembered His covenant w/Abraham/Isaac/Jacob”

- In His perfect timing = Lord /ready to bring His people out of darkness of their bondage = into His marvelous light
- Up-close-and-personal God **heard** = God **remembered**
- Do you think an all-knowing God forgets things
 - needs to be reminded?
- **NO** = When Scripture says God **forgets** a matter
 - means = He takes no action on it
- Conversely, when Scripture says God **remembers** a matter
 - means = He is ready to act
- God **looked upon** them = **acknowledged** their situation
- Now ready to intervene w/ continued actions to fulfill
 - Same everlasting covenant of **righteousness by faith**
 - He made w/ = Abraham / Isaac / Jacob
 - And His covenant promise = to bring them into Promised Land

ABSG QUOTE: Poor Moses! He first gets berated by Pharaoh, and now his own people all but curse him. Thus, Moses **brings his complaint** to God. In his bitterness and disappointment with the worsening of Israel’s conditions, he asks:

Exod. 5:22, 23, NIV “ ‘Why, Lord, why have you brought trouble on this people? Is this why you sent me? Ever since I went to Pharaoh to speak in your name, he has brought trouble on this people, and you have not rescued your people at all’ ”

- Moses’ discontent w/Lord is obvious
 - And considering precarious situation =understandable
- God’s response = powerful

Exodus 6:1–5 ¹Then the LORD said to Moses, “Now you shall see what I will do to Pharaoh. For with a strong hand he will let them go, and with a strong hand he will drive them out of his land.”

- God will no longer only speak
 - He will now mightily intervene = in favor of His people.
- He reminds Moses of a few pertinent facts:

²And God spoke to Moses and said to him: “**I am the LORD.**

³**I appeared to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob**, as God Almighty, but by My name LORD [covenant name Yaweh] I was not known to them.

- Name Yahweh spoke before Flood = **Genesis 4:26**
- Later by Patriarchs = **Genesis 12:8 , 22:24, 24:12**
- Knew **WHO** Yahweh was = didn’t yet understand His covenant love
 - special significance of His name as covenant-making /
covenant-keeping God of covenant faithfulness

⁴**I have also established My covenant with them, to give them the land of Canaan**, the land of their pilgrimage, in which they were strangers.

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

ABSG QUOTE: Notice the repetition of the divine “I.”

I, the Lord your God, I have done such and such, and so you can trust that I will do for you what I have promised. UNQUOTE

- Lesson takes note of 4 great things in Ex 6:6, 7= Lord solemnly proclaims He will do for Israel = because He is their Living Lord
- Adding verse 9 = Find God’s **seven “I will”** statements **Exodus 6:6-8**
 - “I will” = His covenant language of promise
- Seven = number of perfection = signified that God was about to reveal Himself more fully than ever before
- Israelites would know Him intimately [experientially]
 - by His covenant name = LORD Jehovah (“Yahweh” in Hebrew)

Exodus 6:6–8 ⁶Therefore say to the children of Israel: ‘I am the LORD; I will [first] bring you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians, I will [second] rescue you from their bondage, and I will [third] redeem you with an outstretched arm and with great judgments. ⁷I will [fourth] take you as My people, and I will [fifth] be your God. Then you shall know that I am the LORD your God who brings you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians. ⁸And I will [sixth] bring you into the land which I swore to give to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; and I will [seventh] give it to you as a heritage: I am the LORD.’ ”

ABSG QUOTE: These ~~four~~ divine actions secure and reestablish His relationship with His people. God is the Subject of all these activities, and the Israelites are the recipients of all these benefits and grace. God offers these gifts for free, out of love; He did it then, to them, and He does it now, for us, as well. **UNQUOTE**

- Yes = Moses complained = as did
 - Abraham / Job / David / Jeremiah / Jonah
 - Even Person of Jesus = “My God, my God, why have you forsaken Me?” **Matthew 27:46**
- God invites honest lament, even when/ messy = but w/faith / trust
- Complaint is **not** faithlessness—it's **relational**
- Bible honors emotionally honest faith
 - Not sugarcoated performance