

## Sermon Notes

### *Exodus – The Revealing of God’s Glory and His Design for the Chosen*

“The Only Way Up is to Learn to go Down” – Exodus 5:22-6:5

#### I. Introduction.

##### A. Direction without confirming evidence.

1. Do positive or negative consequence always confirm God’s direction?

##### B. Text: Exodus 5:22 – 6:6

1. Opposition of the taskmasters toward Moses will become a preview of a major theme in the history of Israel.

#### II. Exposition

##### A. Exodus 5:22-23

1. Was Moses complaining or expressing bewilderment?

- a. Currid
- b. Remember the significance of Old Testament history for us today – Romans 15:4.

2. Three practical points

- a. God’s purposes do not always proceed in the way we expect them to.
- b. When carrying out God’s work, we should expect opposition even from those \_\_\_\_\_
- c. Beware of conclusions which imply God’s plan is \_\_\_\_\_

3. What did Moses do right?

- a. He went straight to \_\_\_\_\_.

##### B. Verse 6:1

1. Under compulsion or “by a strong hand” NASU footnote.

- a. Note 3:19

2. Pharaoh’s hand against God’s hand.

- a. Also note the coercive power of God’s “hand” or arm. Also applicable to the reception of the gospel, Isaiah 53:1, John 6:37.

#### C. Verses 6:2-3

1. I am the Lord (Yahweh).

- a. A royal formula (example from Legend of Sargon.)

2. “I appeared to Abraham . . . .”

- a. Theophanies (Genesis 18:1; 26:2; 35:1,9)

- b. Yet, God did not reveal Himself as Yahweh to the Patriarchs.

1. El Shaddai – Genesis 17:1

2. Biblical principle regulating names and characters.

- c. El Shaddai – God almighty or \_\_\_\_\_.

1. Genesis 17:1-2

#### D. Verses 6:4-5

1. God remembers His covenant.

2. “Heard the groaning”

- a. Found elsewhere in the Hebrew Bible – Judges 2:18.

- b. Becomes a paradigm of resistance by God’s people of God’s plan.

1. Currid.

#### III. Points for Reflection.

- A. God’s providence remains in control even when things go very wrong in our lives.

- B. Moses was learning about the downward descent of effective spiritual worship.

- C. Groaning should lead us to humility and dependence on God as we strive to separate from sinful ways.