

Sermon Notes

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

“What’s in a Name” – Exodus 6:13-27

I. Introduction.

A. The unexpected always has a measure of surprise.

1. Examples.

B. Reasons for strident record keeping in Scripture.

1. God’s plan is worked through families – Joshua 24:15.

C. Today’s text – Exodus 6:13-27

1. The focus is upon the Levite clan.

D. Reasons for focus upon Levi.

1. When the genealogy is examined carefully, it is plain to see that it is directed toward Aaron’s descendants.

2. Interesting points.

a. Jochebed and Elisheba

b. Inclusio present – verses 13 and verses 26 and 27.

II. Story of the Levites – Heroes and detractors.

A. No inheritance of land.

1. Priestly function and care of the tabernacle.

2. Examples:

a. Gershonites – Numbers 3:25-26

b. Kohathites – Numbers 3:31-32

c. Merarites – Numbers 3:36-37

B. A star on the list – Phinehas.

1. Origin – probably Africa.

2. Prominent in Numbers 25

a. He restrained the sexual idolatry present in Israel and aggravated by Zimri.

3. His zeal is noted in Psalm 106:30-31.

4. Military leader.

5. Faithful in the desert and entered the Promised Land.

6. Kept peace when civil war broke out – Joshua 22:32-33.

7. Descendants became High Priests.

C. Detractors in the genealogy.

1. Korah was a problem child.

2. Key text – Numbers 16:1-33.

3. Revolt ends in his death as well as his followers.

4. God has contempt for all forms of Rebellion.

a. Equated with witchcraft in I Samuel 15:73.

D. More black sheep.

1. Nadab and Abihu

2. Sinned in the tabernacle with “creative worship.”

a. Leviticus 10:1-3

3. Worship is serious business.

a. We can learn from their demise.

1. NadabAbihuism is alive and well.

2. Examples:

a. Being habitually late for worship.

b. Unprepared for worship.

c. Not setting proper tone in the sanctuary.

d. Generally speaking – We are far too c_____.

III. Points for Reflection.

A. Learn from the Kohathites.

B. Learn from Phinehas.

C. Learn from Korah.

D. Learn from Nadab and Abihu.