

Sermon Notes

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

“Telling the Story to the Family” – Exodus 18:1-12

I. Introduction.

A. Reconnecting to family.

1. When you live far away from relatives, it usually takes a holiday or funeral to bring everyone together.
2. Today, Moses will also make a reconnection to family.

B. Exodus is a historical account of Israel’s d_____ from Egypt, and it has much to say about our own d_____, too.

1. Noting the spiritual connection to Israel.
2. Last week we learned about p_____.
Today we will learn about e_____.

C. Reading of the text.

II. Exposition.

A. Verses 1-4.

1. Jethro – the priest of Midian.
2. Reviewing the facts about Moses’ family.
3. Also note that Moses provided names with meaning for his children.
 - a. Gershom (see 2:22) – a word play – sojourner or

stranger.

A reference to Moses’ early life.

b. Eliezer – God is help.

1. Moses and deliverance from Egypt.
2. Ryken.
4. “Delivered me from the sword of Pharaoh,” verse 4.
 - a. Egyptian dynasties.

B. Verse 5.

1. Mountain of God identified as Horeb.
2. Connection to Sinai.
 - a. Exodus 3:1

b. Significant events at Horeb.

1. Ex. 3:12:_____.
2. Ex. 17:6:_____.
3. Ex. 17:8:_____.
4. Ex. 19:2ff:_____.

C. Verses 6-7.

1. There is a textual problem in verse 6.
 - a. Higher criticism will use this sort of variance to denigrate

Scripture, but there is an explanation.

1. A messenger speaks for Jethro.
2. Moses went out to meet his father-in-law, verse 7.
 - a. Moses pays homage though he was a great man.

D. Verses 8-9.

1. Credit given to Yahweh, verse 8.
2. Jethro receives the news with a heightened response, verse 9.

E. Verses 10-11.

1. Jethro makes a profession of faith.
 - a. Ryken.

F. Verse 12.

1. Jethro as worshipper of the true God.
2. Midianite enmity with Israel.

III. Points for Reflection.

A. Moses’ interaction with Jethro provides a pattern for evangelism.

B. Moses treated Jethro with honor, and we must do the same to those we desire to evangelize.

C. Moses told his story and we must do the same.

D. Moses told the truth which cleared up any perception that all gods are on an equal footing.