

God speaks of the rescue coming by acts of judgment (6v6)
How does the Cross of Jesus achieve both God's rescue and satisfy his judgment? (try 2 Corinthians 5v21 or 1 Peter 3v18)

Zoom over 6:13-27

Can you think why this is here? Does v.13 & v.26-27 give you a clue?

(It's a nice little reminder that God got these people all in position long before the time of the Exodus. What does that tell you?)

Read 6:28-7:13

What is the cycle of events (v.3-5) that Moses is to expect in the encounter with Pharaoh?

What evidence have we already seen of his 'hardness of heart'?
Who is responsible for Pharaoh's hard heart?

What do you think hardness of heart can look like today?

Living in the Light of these Truths

- Go around the room. Name one thing that has struck you through the story tonight.
- In the light of tonight's passages why is it so important people become Christians?
- In time God's people looked back on God's rescue from his judgment. How do you look back on what God has done for you?

KNOWING GOD

To know and be known

EXODUS 3-7

Quick Recap

In amidst the story of a great escape, the story of the Exodus is centrally about how God makes himself known as God - to the Hebrews and to the Egyptians.

Exodus 1-2 Moses is rescued from certain death, a picture of the first half of the book of Exodus, and the pattern for biblical salvation. God is working ceaselessly behind the scenes to bring about his purposes. He remembers his covenant.

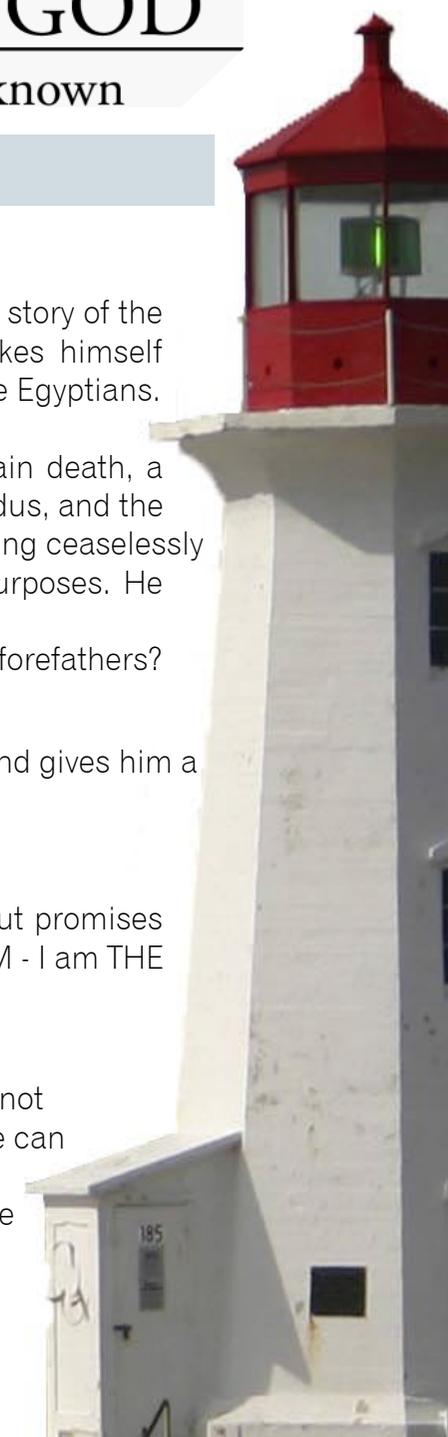
- What was his covenant to Moses' forefathers?

Exodus 3 God reveals himself to Moses and gives him a commission and a promise.

- What is the commission?
- What is the promise?

God doesn't need Moses to be special but promises simply 'I will be with you - I AM WHO I AM - I am THE LORD'. He is sufficient for all our needs.

Exodus 4-7 It is God that will save Israel, not Moses or any other effort of man. No-one can save themselves - we need God to act. Moses is powerless to save Israel because of Pharaoh's hard heart. Indeed things get worse but eventually everyone will know that God is God!



A CLOSER LOOK

Exodus 3-7

Overview of chapters 3-4

After many years in the desert of Midian, Moses is ready for the great task God has planned for him (Ex 3 1-10). When God calls him, Moses argues with God that he is not the right person for the job and is not equipped for the task (3:12 – 4:17). Moses finds that his strength is not in himself, but in dependence on God, in the good times and the bad (4:18- 31).

Looking at the Text

Recap Chapter 3

In Moses' encounter with God at the burning bush (3:1-17) what do we learn about:

- a. the character of God, and the purpose of God?

- b. the character of Moses, and the task ahead for Moses?

Catch up Chapter 4

Moses argues with God's choice of him as a spokesperson to go to Pharaoh 3:11, 3:13 4:1-17. How does God counter his arguments?

Do we ever feel like arguing with God? If so how do we do this and how do we listen to God's side of the argument?

What are Moses' underlying concerns that, in his mind, could lead to failure?

What do we do to help us overcome the fear of failure?

Overview of chapters 5:1-7:13

Moses, flush with confidence confronts Pharaoh who replies 'Who is the Lord?' He works the slaves even harder and Moses struggles to understand why. God gently turns to Moses and answers him in 6:1-8. 'Now you will see what I will do to Pharaoh.' It is as if everyone must be really clear - it is God who will save, not Moses!

Looking at the Text

Discuss Chapter 5:1-7:13

What points do you remember from Mathew's talk on chapter 5:1-6:8?

- what questions?
- what comments?
- how is Moses doing so far?

In 6:1-8 what will God do, and what will people learn about God?

