Exodus - Commentaries by Paul J. Pascoe

CareLines: Volume 2, Trials

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EXO 6:9

They hearkened not . . . for anguish of spirit.

Exo. 6:9

The troubles were so bad that the children of Israel couldn't accept the message that Moses had from the Lord. Perhaps we get that way sometimes. Trials are so bad that we can't read our Bible, we can't pray, and we don't hear God speaking. Find a place to be alone today, and sit quietly and let the Lord fill your heart with peace. Then listen to His voice.

CareLines: Volume 2, Service: EXO 40:16-33

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Thus did Moses: according to all that the Lord commanded him, so did he. . . . So Moses finished the work.

Ex. 40:16, 33

Moses sets a great example here. He was given a work to do by the Lord and he did it until it was all finished. He didn't get tired halfway through and give up. Nor did he jump off onto something else and leave the work incomplete. No! He did God's bidding until completion. Let us too, following Moses' example, complete the work the Lord has given us. The Lord Jesus finished the work that His Father gave Him to do. (If He hadn't, there would be no heaven for us.) So let us not be weary in well doing but persevere until it's all done.

CareLines: Volume 2, Time With God

EXO 3:1

[Moses] led the flock to the back side of the desert, and came to the mountain of God.

Exo. 3:1

You must spend time with God, especially as "normal" life seems to get more and more hectic. Where was it that Moses found God and spoke with Him? At the back side of the desert, in a quiet place, away from the crowd. Find a quiet place today and spend some time listening to what God has to say. He wants to talk with you. Spend time with God.

CareLines: Volume 2, Confidence in God

EXO 3:11

And Moses said unto God, Who am I, that I should go unto Pharaoh?

Exo. 3:11

Moses was questioning God's wisdom in sending him to rescue the children of Israel. Perhaps he was thinking back to the time when he had killed one of the taskmasters to protect an Israelite. Maybe he felt ashamed now. Don't look back. Leave the confessed past to God. Don't have confidence in the flesh, but lean in confidence on God. Enjoy the fact that God loves you. And when He calls you to do something for Him, let Him use you in whatever way He chooses.

CareLines: Volume 2, Service: EXO 36:2

EXO 36:2

And Moses called. . . every one whose heart stirred him up to come unto the work to do it.

Ex. 36:2

God had asked for volunteers to give material for the building of the tabernacle in the wilderness. Special ones were then called by Moses to come and put the material together to form the tabernacle. And among those that he called were any “whose heart stirred him up” - those who really wanted to quit their normal work (temporarily) and help to build the tabernacle. How good when God works in your heart to do a work for Him and to see you respond in willingness to serve. Be before the Lord about a work for Him. He’ll lead you where He wants you to go. Let your heart stir you up for the work.

CareLines: Volume 2, Worship: EXO 35:5

EXO 35:5

Whosoever is of a willing heart, let him bring it, an offering of the Lord.

Ex. 35:5

The Lord wants a willingness in offering. Forced worship is not acceptable. The worship of the golden image in Daniel’s time was forced. Under the threat of death the people had to fall and worship. In our verse the Lord wants worship from those who love Him, those who really do want to present an offering - in our case a full and thankful heart. As we think about the Lord today, His suffering and death for us, our hearts will willingly offer a sacrifice of praise that is acceptable to God.

CareLines: Volume 3, Be Ready

JUNE 21

Be ready in the morning . . . and present thyself there to Me in the top of the mount.

Exodus 34:2

How’s our readiness? The Lord wanted Moses to be ready the next morning. And not just any old ready - but ready to stand before God. There are two cardinal rules to follow when going for a job interview: Be there on or before time, and, dress like you really want to impress. How much more dedicated we should be when summoned to present ourselves before God.

CareLines: Volume 3, Communion

MARCH 26

If Thy presence go not with me, carry us not up hence.

Exodus 33:15

Was Moses concerned that if God did not go with them, they would not be provided for? I think, rather, that he so valued communion with the Lord that he feared to lose it. He knew that wherever the Lord was, there was joy and peace - and yes, provisions also. Let us likewise treasure communion with the Lord. Hardship or suffering or danger may be a joy if it is accompanied by a sense of the Lord’s presence. A mansion with all the luxuries of the world will be miserable without Him.

CareLines: Volume 2, Jesus’ Glory

EXO 33:18

JOH 1:14

Show me Thy glory.

Ex. 33:18

We beheld His glory.

John 1:14

Moses desperately wanted to see the Lord’s glory. He was allowed to see some of Him but he was not allowed to see God’s face. When we come to the New Testament, however, the disciples saw all of the Lord, as a man, and they also saw His glory. His Godhead shone out in His manhood. And no one stopped the disciples or anyone else from looking. John the Baptist looked on Him as He walked. He studied Him and saw God’s Son there.

CareLines: Volume 2, God’s Way: 2

EXO 33:14

My presence shall go with thee, and I will give thee rest.

Ex. 33:14

If you didn't read yesterday's CARELINES verse then read it now, because in our verse today God is giving His answer to Moses' request of yesterday. And what an answer! Moses' desire to know and please God was answered with, "My presence shall go with thee." Yes, young person, the Lord will be with you, and you will feel His presence with you if you are faithful to Him. Even though things may not go right, He is still there to guard and keep you and show you His way. Stay faithful!

CareLines: Volume 2, God's Way: 1

EXO 33:13

Show me now Thy way, that I may know Thee, that I may find grace in Thy sight.

Ex. 33:13

Moses' prayer here is something that we should each covet; to see God's way, so that we can get to know Him better, and in knowing Him we can do what we know meets His approval (finding grace in His sight). We need to talk to our God often - continuing instant in prayer is what the Apostle Paul said. Let's pray our verse to God now: Show me now Thy way, that I may know Thee, that I may find grace in Thy sight.

CareLines: Volume 7, Identification

Who is on the Lord's side?

Exodus 32:26

This is a challenging question and we do well to answer it. Moses asked the children of Israel this question after they had turned to worshipping the golden calf. Many things come between us and the Lord. We may not worship idols but if Jesus is not the top priority of our life - then we do have an idol. We must be determined to put the Lord first in everything and not let anything come between us and Him.

CareLines: Volume 3, Beseeching

NOVEMBER 28

And Moses besought the Lord his God, and said, Lord, why? . . . Turn from Thy fierce wrath.

Exodus 32:11,12

Read carefully verses 7 through 14. They are remarkable verses. God had decided that because Israel had turned into such gross idolatry, He would destroy them all and rebuild Israel through Moses's line. In our verse today Moses, in a very humble and genuine spirit, earnestly beseeches God not to destroy Israel. And God doesn't. He listens to us when we respectfully reason with Him. We should listen to each other too.

CareLines: Volume 3, Service

NOVEMBER 30

And [Moses'] sister stood afar off, to wit what would be done to him.

Exodus 2:4

Miriam had a special job to do for her parents. She had to watch over her brother Moses and see what would happen to him. And she did her job well. So well, in fact, that Moses ended up being reunited with his mother to be nursed and cared for until he was old enough to go to Pharaoh's house as the adopted son of Pharaoh's daughter. But by then he had been taught enough by his mother to know that true blessing could only be found by following God. This he did - with all his heart. Have you ever thought what might have happened if Miriam had not watched that day? Be dedicated in your service, young believer. God will reward you.

Hi from the CareLines desk! Here's our last issue this year. It looks like I did a lot from the Old Testament. But there are so many neat verses there that we often overlook. Make it a habit to read the Old Testament and enjoy for yourself some of the riches there, written by men who were moved by the Holy Spirit to write.

With love in the Lord Jesus,

Paul Pascoe

CareLines: Volume 2, Rest

EXO 2:15

[Moses] sat down by a well.

Exo. 2:15

Moses was afraid! Pharaoh was after his life. So he ran away - and we find him sitting by a well. How we need to rest by the Well. We get so busy with school, work, sports and chores, that it's hard to get spiritual rest. Sit down by the Well today and spend a few minutes drinking of Christ.

CareLines: Volume 2, Care: Part 2

EXO 2:11

[Moses] went out unto his brethren, and looked on their burdens.

Exo. 2:11

Moses cared about his people. They were struggling - he was free. They were in slavery - he was at liberty. Do you care about others - your unsaved relatives, your unsaved friends? Do more than just look on them - pray for them, give them a word from the Scriptures. The Lord can use it to set them free.

RIGHTEOUSNESS

Josiah was eight years old when he began to reign . . . and he did that which was right in the sight of the Lord.

2 Chron. 34:1, 2

Josiah's father was wicked but Josiah chose to be different. He was a breath of fresh air, a refreshing oasis from evil, a lover of God. You may feel trapped by your past history or even your family background. Doing good or doing evil is your choice, however. Start right now and ask the Lord to help you to live for Him.

FELLOWSHIP

For Ezra had prepared his heart to seek the law of the Lord, and to do it.

Ezra 7:10

Perhaps you have wished from time to time that you knew the Lord better, or that you felt more peace in your heart - the peace that comes from knowing that Jesus is right beside you. This verse is one of many that encourage us to know Him better. It will probably require that you get up early to pray, to read, to REALLY seek Him. No other fellowship will result in joy like fellowship with Jesus.

CareLines: Volume 2, Worship: EXO 24:1-2

EXO 24:1-2

Come up unto the Lord, thou, and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu . . . and worship ye afar off. And Moses alone shall come near the Lord.

Ex. 24:1, 2

Here we have a classic example of Old Testament worship. Moses could go near the Lord, the rest couldn't. How would we feel if only one brother could go into a special room to take the loaf and the cup on Sunday mornings, but the rest of us had to sit in another room? We would feel very distant from the Lord. The wonder of Christianity, though, is that we can ALL come near to the Lord. We can ALL gather around Him and enjoy His presence as we remember His death at Calvary. This is a great privilege and one that we can enjoy until the Lord Jesus descends from heaven with a shout to call us to heaven.

CareLines: Volume 3, Old Versus New

EXO 19:5-6

If ye will obey . . . and keep My covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar [purchased] treasure . . . a kingdom of priests, and an holy nation.

Ex. 19:5, 6

This is the OLD - it's conditional. The people of God were required to keep the law in order to be God's peculiar treasure, kingdom of priests and holy nation. But in Christianity it is remarkably different. Peter states in his first letter (chap. 2, verse 9): "But ye ARE a . . . royal

priesthood, an holy nation; a [purchased] people." Yes, Christ fulfilled the law in every detail. Now those that believe on Him are already what the children of Israel could never be. This is very wonderful. And it's all because of God's grace.

CareLines: Volume 2, Praise: 5

{vi 1922-1923}EXO 15:1-2

I will sing unto the Lord, for He hath triumphed gloriously. . . . The Lord is my strength and song, and He is become my salvation.

{vi 1922-1923}Ex. 15:1, 2

Singing is mentioned for the first time in the Bible in connection with redemption. A full and complete deliverance had been won for the Israelites by the Lord. As they saw their enemies dead on the sea shore they could sing a song of praise to the One who rescued them from certain bondage - their God. As you gather around the Lord this morning to remember Calvary and what Jesus suffered there at the hand of a sin-hating God, it should cause you to break out in singing the song of deliverance. Praise Him with your whole heart today. It cost Jesus His life to save yours.

CareLines: Volume 3, Fear

EXO 14:10

They were sore afraid: and the children of Israel cried out unto the Lord.

Ex. 14:10

The children of Israel were trapped. In front of them was the Red Sea, behind them marched their enemy, Pharaoh and his army. No wonder they were scared silly. In their extreme predicament they cried out to the Lord. He had a plan already worked out and used Moses to save His people and destroy the Egyptians. Let's learn a lesson from this verse - in times of difficulty turn to the Lord. Cry out to Him for help. He already has a plan of escape worked out. All you have to do is take it.

CareLines: Volume 2, Guidance: 2

EXO 13:21

The Lord went before them . . . by night in a pillar of fire, to give them light.

Exo. 13:21

The Israelites were travelling through strange country - they'd never been there before. So the Lord provided a night light - something they couldn't miss. The Lord has provided us with a night light too - His Word. Spend a little time tonight before you go to sleep reading a few verses from your Bible. "It's a light unto my feet," David said in one of his Psalms. And in a world that's growing increasingly dark we need God's Word more and more for guidance.

CareLines: Volume 2, Guidance: 1

EXO 13:21

The Lord went before them by day in a pillar of a cloud, to lead them the way.

Exo. 13:21

The Israelites needed guidance. God gave it to them by leading them in a pillar of cloud. They could see and follow His leading. Spending time each day with the Lord seeking His guidance in your life is VERY important. We are living in a very difficult day. Decisions are not easy. Seek the Lord's guidance diligently. He will guide you. Not necessarily in the way you want to go, but He will guide you.

CareLines: Volume 2, Remember: 2

EXO 12:14

And this day shall be unto you for a memorial.

Ex. 12:14

This day was a special day for the Jewish people. A lamb’s life was taken, his blood sprinkled on their front door posts and lintel to protect them from the destroying angel that passed over the land of Egypt. And the Lord wanted them to remember that day forever after. So we as Christians have a special day that we remember, although it’s not so much the day as it is what happened on that day. We remember the death of the Lord Jesus because through His death we have been set free from eternal punishment in the lake of fire. Because of the blood He shed at Calvary, our sins have been washed away. So what we remember is the cost of our salvation. Never let us forget what it cost God to get us fit for heaven. Remember.

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