

Spirit of Life Community Adventist Fellowship
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Prayer Meeting 4-17-07 "God Really Is God!"

Ex. 5:1. Notice the limit and scope of their request. God wanted to get them alone with Him in the wilderness. Why? Your wilderness time is the place of "transition" from slavery to freedom, from servant to ruler. God begins His best work in your life while you are in the wilderness. Part of your deliverance begins with a challenge of those powers holding you, as well as a confrontation with every ungodly yoke.

Notice how the ungodly responded to God's demand. Ex. 5:4-23. God did not cause the suffering; He only accelerated the revelation of the burdens.

Instead of wearing the people out over time, once the word of God entered the situation, everything sped up. Those without vision only saw what was happening in their immediate circumstances. They did not see this additional burden as motivation to leave Egypt forever.

Ex.5: 19-23. Moses and Aaron were not suffering at the same level as the people they sought to deliver. Satan wanted to use the different levels of suffering as a means to divide and conquer. The people were basically saying Moses and Aaron had lied to them. Have you ever felt this way after a powerful day of worship at church only to return home to a house full of misery, and unanswered prayer? Their spirit of defeat affected Moses. He began to talk in the same defeated terms. When you begin to adopt the language, and behavior of those you are trying to free, you are salt that has lost its savor.

Ex. 6:1-9. God spoke as God. He could not deny Himself. Please get this! One of the most effective attacks of the enemy is to get you to base your beliefs on what you can see. It is easy to think according to what you see. It is hard to believe the truth of God's word regardless of what you see, or hear. Everything you see in the visible world cooperates to produce a mind-set that prevents you from holding on to truth. This world sustains, develops, and nurtures lies. (Have you ever asked the question about the people who were destroyed in the wilderness? Who were they? Why did they fail? Do you think their failures began before they were free? Here is a group who has lost the sense of a Deliverer, and Deliverance.

What does God do to build up their faith in Him? First, He gives them Word. There is life, and power in the Word. Faith comes by hearing. What are you listening to during the daylight hours? What have you heard yourself think, or say that was contrary to the Word of God?

What can you learn from this passage that will help you trust God more? Do you know what it means to know God? Have you said or done anything that will block God from fully manifesting in your life? Let God be God. Believe Him. Trust Him. Depend on Him.