

Sermon ~ Sunday, January 16, 2022, by Pastor, Dwight Benoit

Text: Exodus 5: 23

Title: "Problems!"

"For since I came to Pharaoh to speak in **THY NAME**, he hath done evil to this people; neither hast **THOU** delivered THY people at all."

[I came... was not Moses "called" and "sent" ... Moses in Hebrew means, "pulled out" and "draw out (of water) ... Pharaoh's daughter Name him Moses (drawn out) Exodus 2: 10.

-Pharaoh, *para*, in Hebrew, means 'the sun' ... King of Egypt...

-**THY NAME**... Exodus 3: 10-14—**I AM THAT I AM** (not who you want **ME** to be) ...

I AM—SELF SUFFICIENT; I AM—SELF SUSTAINING; I AM WHO I was, is and will always BE!

-Done evil... treated harshly; maltreated; dealt worse.

-This people... there is only one race—Human race...

-neither hast **THOU** delivered THY people at all. (Delivering {me})—**THOU** hast not delivered THY people.]

"Problems!"

Problems, noun, expresses a matter, or situation regraded as unwelcomed, or harmful, and needing to be dealt with and overcome.

[finances; issues [always in my head] my Daddy, my Mama, my Brother, my Sister; my Health; a place to stay; Transportation; Loneliness; they just don't understand me; Work; my Friends; unfair treatment; catch 22— 'I know' but I don't have what I need and I'm tired of doing this/that to get what I need.

"Problems!"

Moses' problem is something we experienced or is experiencing. We *obey* **GOD**, but things seem to get worse, and, we knowingly or unknowing, blame **GOD!**

Well, Moses is wrong, and you are wrong!

GOD has not failed us. And **HIS Blessings** and **HIS Deliverances** will happen, just as **HE** said.

We *must* get the lesson **HE** teaches.

WE *must* get through *the process*.

We *must* learn to *trust* and *obey* **GOD**.

Note, Moses' problem or complaint was...

1. Compliance. "For since I came to Pharaoh to speak in **THY NAME**..."

It says, Moses *obeyed* **GOD** and *honored* **HIM**. But when I read the *context*, Moses asked **GOD**...

-Who am I, that I should go to Pharaoh – **GOD** said, "Its not who you are that matters, it's **WHO I AM**."

-Moses said to **GOD**, I don't want to help **YOU** do this through me – **GOD** said, "I want to do this through you."

-Moses said, they want believe me – **GOD** said, "What is that in *your hand* (that hand I gave you)? Moses said, a Shepherd Staff... **GOD** turned it into a serpent...

GOD said, "put your hand into your coat (that hand and coat I gave you) **GOD** turned it into leprosy..."

-Moses said, I can't speak plainly – **GOD** said, "**WHO** made your mouth?"
-We say, I can't – **GOD** says, "then let **ME** do it through you!"
-We say, I don't know enough – **GOD** says, "you know **ME**, that's enough!"
-We say, I don't have the ability – **GOD** says, "**MY GRACE is Sufficient** for thee!"
-We say, send somebody else – **GOD** says, "Okay! Here comes your brother Aaron.
And verse 5:1 reads, Moses/Aaron; 5: 20 reads, Moses/Aaron but 5: 23 reads "I came..."
The Problem is Compliance!

2. Consequences. "For since I came to Pharaoh to speak in **THY NAME**, he hath done evil to this people..." After demanding for some time off to worship **GOD**, Pharaoh mocked **GOD** and multiplied the task [of making brick but having to fetch their own straw] causing them to blame Moses for their troubles.

Point: the consequence of doing right is not always encouraging.

When you set out to do right, things may get worse before they get better.

[Have you tried to *quit an evil habit* and that *habit got stubborn* about letting you go?

Have you ever needed one thing fixed and before you could get that fixed, *something else broke*?

Have you ever been *born-again? Lost but found? Brought from sinner to Saint*—things seemed to get worst before they got better?]

3. Criticism. "Neither hast **THOU** delivered **THY** people at all." Like Moses, we want deliverance right away. **GOD** told Moses, "And **I AM** sure that the King of Egypt will not let you go, no not by [a hand]. (Exodus 3: 19)

Point: we may be slow to *obey GOD*, but that does not bother us! But *if GOD does not act 'quick enough, we hypocritally fuss and complain.'*

Point: Is Moses blaming **GOD**? That's a Problem! **GOD is not** at fault.

If anyone is at fault it's ME!!!

"Problems!"

"**GOD** is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble." (Psalm 46: 1)

"Trust in **HIM** at all times; ye people, pour out your heart before **HIM: GOD** is a refuge for us." (Psalm 62: 8)

"And **JESUS** answering saith unto them, **Have faith in GOD. For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith. Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive *them*, and ye shall have *them*.**

And when ye stand praying, forgive, if ye have aught against any; that your **FATHER also which is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses. But if ye do not forgive, neither will your **FATHER** which is in heaven forgive your trespasses."** (Mark 11: 22-26)