

## Things we need to remember when facing things we do not understand.

- God is the Creator. We are the creature
- God is the Lord. We are the servant.
- God calls us to obedience, not debate.
- The important thing is always what God is doing, not what I am experiencing.

## God's response to Moses complaint

- God will deal with Pharaoh in such a way that he will drive the people from the Egypt.
- God reminds Moses who He is:
  - Yahweh, the "God Almighty" who revealed Himself to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.
  - The God who established a covenant with the forefathers to give them the land of Canaan where they had lived before entering Egypt.
  - The God who has always been aware of the condition of His people.
  - The God who will spectacularly deliver His people from their slavery.
  - The God who will bring His people into the Promised Land.
- One thing to keep in mind: When God says He will do something, it will be done.
- When you don't understand the circumstances always go back to what God has clearly revealed.

Moses is now instructed to take this message to the people and to return to Pharaoh with the original message to let His people go.

- The Israelites did not listen to Moses because they were so focused on their present circumstance it obscured their view of God.
- Moses tried to protest to God again with the argument that if his own people, the Israelites, would not listen to him, certainly Pharaoh would not listen to his unconvincing speech.
- God simply restates His intention to bring His people out of the land of Egypt.

The “heads of the fathers’ houses” given.

- Only the houses of Reuben, Simeon and Levi are included. These were the first three sons of Jacob (Leah).
- Detail is then given of the house of Levi. The purpose is to show the lineage of Moses and Aaron coming down through Levi, Kohath, and Amram the father of Moses and Aaron. Their mother, Jochebed, was also of the tribe of Levi since she was the sister of Amram’s father.
- The sons of Korah become prominent in the worship leadership of Israel. (see 2 Chronicles 20:19 and Psalms 42, 44-49). Korah led a rebellion against Moses recorded in Number 16 and was swallowed up by the earth. Numbers 26:11 notes however that the sons of Korah did not die in this judgment.

## God again lays out His plan to deliver the Israelites.

- God will speak to Moses and Aaron will be the spokesman of Moses to Pharaoh
- Pharaoh's hard heart will be the occasion for God to reveal, through His judgments, His power to effectively deliver His people.
- The result will be that the Egyptians will know that the God of the Israelites is Yahweh.
- Moses and Aaron obey God's command to engage Pharaoh.
- Note that God prepared Aaron and Moses for over 80 years to engage in this ministry.

## The showdown begins.

- A demonstration of Yahweh's power is given in the staff turning into a snake.
- The magicians produced this same result through their illusions.
- Aaron's staff, now a snake, swallowed up the snakes of the magicians.
- Pharaoh's heart is unmoved by this.