

Exodus 6:28–7:7

“God's Grace Sufficient Both through and in Weakness”

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Why does this passage begin by repeating Moses's complaint and end by giving us his age? Pastor leads his family in today's "Hopewell @Home" passage. Exodus 6:28–7:7 prepares us for the first serial reading in Morning Public Worship on the coming Lord's Day. In these ten verses of Holy Scripture, the Holy Spirit teaches us that God works through those who are weak and sinful in order to show both that what He accomplishes through them is a display of Himself and His glory alone and also that even their obedience and service itself had to be produced by His grace.

Wednesday, September 29, 2021 ◻ Read Exodus 6:28–7:7

Questions from the Scripture text: When does this come to pass (v28)? What did Yahweh say about Himself (v29a)? What did He tell Moses to say to whom (v29b)? And how had Moses answered (v30, cf. 6:12)? But what had Yahweh said to Moses (7:1, cf. 4:16)? What is Moses to speak to whom and by means of him to whom (v2)? But what will Yahweh do to Pharaoh (v3a, cf. 4:21)? Why—to multiply what (v3b)? So, what will happen (v4a)? Why (v4b)? What will this accomplish (v5)? What were the immediate results of the Lord's speech to Moses (v6)? How does v7 tie this passage back to the genealogy in chapter 6?

By way of the genealogy in 6:14–27, the Holy Spirit has already answered Moses's objection from v12 for us. Now, He repeats the objection in v30, as the Lord answers Moses as well. Moses may be Moses, and that's a problem; but Yahweh is Yahweh, and that's the solution:

“I am Yahweh,” v29.

“I will [...] multiply My signs,” v3.

“I will [...] multiply [...] My wonders,” v3.

“I will lay My hand on Egypt,” v4.

“I will [...] bring My hosts [...] out of the land of Egypt,” v4.

“I will [...] bring [...] My people, the children of Israel, out of the land of Egypt by great judgments,” v4.

“the Egyptians shall know that I am Yahweh,” v5.

“when I stretch out My hand on Egypt,” v5.

“when I [...] bring out the children of Israel,” v5

It's all about Yahweh. It's not about whether Moses's lips will be up to the task (cf. 6:30). It's about Yahweh making Himself known, His glory known, His covenant faithfulness known, His justice known. We make a great mistake, when we think about our circumstances and situations as if they are about us.

In His works, just as in His Word, the Lord is always making Himself known. We make a mistake when we are slow to obey out of fear that our weakness will keep the obedience from bearing fruit. And we make a mistake if our aim in obedience is more personal success than the display of God's glory.

But God displays His glory and covenant faithfulness known not only in what He does through us, but also in what He does in us. And that's the point of vv6–7. We go from Moses saying, “Behold, I am of uncircumcised lips, and how shall Pharaoh heed me” (v30), to “Moses and Aaron did so; just as Yahweh commanded them, so they did” (v6).

What produces this change from halting, doubting disobedience to complete, exact obedience? Eighty year-old Moses and Eighty-three year-old Aaron were from a nation of families that Yahweh had set apart for Himself. And He displays His faithfulness not only by delivering them from Egyptians, but also by giving them increasing deliverance from their own sins.

And He still does that today! You can trust Him, dear Christian, to do that work in you so that you more and more serve and obey with the confidence that He will display His own glory through you.

What situation are you in, where you feel that you're not up to it? What is God aiming at in that situation? Where can you get the faith to serve and obey in it?

Sample prayer: O Lord, You showed Your glory in the way that You chose to deliver Your people from Egypt. And infinitely more so in the way that You have delivered all Your elect by Christ. Forgive us for forgetting that You are showing that same glory, even through the most difficult circumstances and service to which You call us. But even for increased faith, You are the One to Whom we may look. Glorify Yourself in us by growing us in Christ, which we ask in His Name, AMEN!

Suggested songs: ARP32AB “What Blessedness” or TPH435 “Not What My Hands Have Done”

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Exodus 6 verse 28, through chapter 7, verse 7, and the game to pass on the day, you always spoke to Moses and land of Egypt. He always spoke to Moses saying I am Yahweh speak to Pharaoh king of Egypt or that, I say to you. But those are said before y'all made behold, I'm a uncircumcised lips house also pharaoh.

He'd me. So you always said to me to see I have made you as God to Pharaoh and air in your brother shall be your prophet, you shall speak all that. I command you and air in your brother shall tell Pharaoh to send the children of Israel out of his land and I will harden.

Pharaoh's, heart to multiply it. My signs and my wonders in the land of Egypt, but there will not heed you so that I may lay my hand on Egypt and bring my armies. And my people, the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt by great judgments. And the Egyptians shall know that I am Yahweh.

When I stretch out my hand on Egypt and bring out the children of Israel from among them,

Then Moses and Aaron did so just as y'all way commanded them. So they did and Moses was 80 years old and air in 83 years old when they spoke to Pharaoh. So for the reading of gods inspired and inherent work. So the last line in verse 7 ties this back to the genealogy that was in last week's reading.

Remember the genealogy from verse 14. Through verse 25 was followed by. These are the same messes and errand. These are the same Moses and Aaron first 26, and verse 27, and it places Moses. Having said, how can I be the one to speak to Pharaoh? Because I have uncircumcised lips again as the problem.

Now, the solution has already been told to us in the genealogy, it reminds us that God has chosen himself for people and God has chosen to save that people and it starts with Ruben and Simeon. And then Levi not doesn't cover the rest of the tribes. But by starting with ribbon, he reminds us that God is saving for himself.

The 12th tribes and God has also chosen by whom. He will save the 12 tribes. He's choosing to save by this Moses. And this errand, these same ones who at the age of 80 and 83 are still not spiritually wonderful or great Moses. Great feature, thus far, seems to be arguing with God getting easily discouraged, thinking that God's plan is limited by Moses's weakness.

That's not a lot to contribute, is it? It's a lot of wickedness to contribute. It's a lot of, that's not a lot from himself to contribute, but it does. Contribute the fact that God is not only overcoming Pharaoh's resistance. He's also overcoming Moses sinfulness, Moses is weakness. And this is because y'all, this is because the Lord is salvation makes display of himself.

So the Lord basically says, the similar to Moses that this is not about what Moses can do. This is about displaying himself. And so, he lets Moses in, on the plan, he says, okay, I've made you as God to Pharaoh and Aaron your brother shall be your prophet, even though you are weak, even though you have uncircumcised lips, you are even less qualified to play the part of a god or a representative of God.

Remember Pharaoh was a representative of, right? His people, Moses is not the embodiment of God. The way, the Lord Jesus is the great prophet who would come after Moses, but Moses does look forward to the Lord. Jesus. Remember in Deuteronomy, I think it's chapter 18, but somewhere in there in Deuteronomy, God has Moses prophesy.

That there would be a prophet like him, who would arise and that is the Lord, Jesus Christ. Now, Moses is not the embodiment of God, the way Jesus is God, in the flesh, but Moses does send Aaron. And that elevates Moses, a little bit because now he has his own prophet who goes and speaks to Pharaoh.

And when we see Moses speaking to Pharaoh, throughout the account, unless it's specifically states. Otherwise, even if it says, Moses said to Pharaoh, where to assume that it was by way of Aaron and Aaron's mouth. And as Moses does this, that's so that God will use not only the man who's lips were unqualified of uncircumcised.

Let's put his old being was unqualified. This should encourage you because you are not by your goodness or strength or wisdom. You will not be qualified to be a mom or a dad, or an elder, or a deacon, or a church member or a friend. And to in edify build up one another to speak the truth and love and so forth.

But God does by his spirit using his word giving us from our head. Jesus Christ. Grace blessing instead of the curse that we deserve strength, instead of the weakness that we have, and even the goodness of Christ, he makes us useful. Why so that when there is display of something good, just play a power display of goodness, that it will be a display of God's power and to display God's goodness.

You see that after God tells them the plan and versus one and two, okay? So you're going to send Aaron to be your profit. You will speak all that I command you air in, your brother will tell Pharaoh, to send the children of Israel out of his land, and I will harden Pharaoh's heart.

Now, we find out why this plan so that the Lord verse three multiplies, his signs and I will multiply my signs, and I will, multiply my wonders in the land of Egypt, but Farrell will not heed you why? So that I may lay my hand on Egypt and bring my armies and my people the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt by great judgments.

So you see, it's the Lord displaying his signs. The Lord displaying his wonders, the Lord, extending his hand, the Lord using, or bringing his armies out the Lord, bringing his children out. It's all about the Lord and the display of himself and the keeping of his promises, the fulfillment of his of his purposes.

And you have kind of a summary of the fact that it's all about the Lord by and the Egyptians shown there that I am Yahweh. When I stretch out my hand on each and bring out the children of Israel from among them. So who God is is displayed not only to the Israelites who are being saved but to the Egyptians, some of them are going to be saved to come out and that makes multitude in chapter 12.

But many of whom are not and still the display of who the Lord is the display of what he is. Like it will testify against them at the judgment. The display of the Lord's strength and goodness in your life as never lost or wasted. Even if someone does not get converted.

Even if we do not come out from under whatever persecution or oppression, there is there's always the testifying of who God is the praising of his name, the further revelation of who he is, and what he's like, the he made the world that he came in the person of Jesus Christ and that he gave himself for sinners, even when people don't believe, God is glorified by the declaration of who he is, and what he is done.

And so he makes people to know remember on the last day every knee will bow in. Every tongue will confess in heaven and earth that Jesus Christ is is Lord to the glory of God. The Father, even though those who hate him and reject him will have to acknowledge him.

So, that's what the Lord is doing here through Moses and Aaron and he, especially, Jesus, this Moses. And this Aaron, this Moses in particular, who is just said, behold I am a uncircumcised lips, household, pharaoh heed me, the repetition of that in verse 30, from back in verse 12 is to remind us that even in what God does in Moses's heart is a display of the goodness and power of God.

So you will find yourself throughout your life because if you're remaining sin, having unbelieving doubting anxious, thoughts, and attitudes towards what you are called to do in your life. And when you find that, you remember. That part of God how God displays his power and his goodness isn't just by what he does through you.

But also, what he does in you to calm your anxiety, to strengthen your weakness, to grant, you faith, in the place of your unbelief. So that you go from saying I am of uncircumcised lips to speaking and doing what the Lord says, there's a miracle in verse 6, then Moses and Aaron did.

So just as Yahweh commended them so they did. It is really miraculous, isn't it? The way that Moses is responded? Thus far to what God has told him to do? We know that his doing just as you always, said didn't come from him, that came by the grace of the Lord who had commanded him to do it.

And so, yes, do what the Lord says because what he has planned to do through you, in this world is in order to display that he is powerful and that he is saving his people and that he is keeping his promises. It's in order to glorify him and when you find, don't find it in yourself to be able to obey him.

Just remember it's not supposed to be in you and he will give you the miracle of actually believing in and actually obeying him and walking faithfully and morally within and this life. Even what happened in Moses was a miracle of God's grace. Not just the fact that Israel was let go and that the armies of God and the people of God came out of the land.

But that this Moses and this errand did. So just as y'all we commanded them so they did and that too is a display of God and his grace is bad.

Our father in heaven. We pray that you would give us faith that we would not be doubting or anxious doubting about our ability to do it. You have called us to do or anxious about how it will turn out, grant to us. To remember that you are working all things for your glory that you are keeping on your promises that you have taken for yourself of people and that they must needs must necessarily be saved.

And must necessarily be sanctified, and this will surely happen. Make us to rejoice. We pray at the part that you have given us each day, and our daily duties and how we do that. And whatever fruit you or please to give us from them, make us to rejoice that we have this part and what you are doing and saving your

people and we pray that you would get glory in our lives.

And we pray that when we realize that we are unbelieving and anxious and rebellious as Moses has been to such an extent up to this point, the you would love us and help us. Not to be surprised that we find this sinfulness and weakness in ourselves since we are of like nature.

But make us instead to look to you for the same grace by, which Moses and Aaron did so just as you commanded them. So they did grant them to us to look to you for that grace to overcome our remaining sin and our weakness. So the justice you say we would do so just as you have commanded.

So we would do according to all your word granted for us we pray through Christ amen.