

Moses: An Example of God's Workmanship

Words Matter to God:

Listening & Learning So That

God Can Guide & Guard Our Language!

—Exodus 4:1–6:13 with other supporting passages

The MAIN IDEA From Today's Study:

**If we are dedicated & devoted disciples of Christ,
God GRACIOUSLY GIVES us the
PRIVILEGE of being His MOUTHPIECE that PRESENTS
His GLORIOUS MESSAGE to the WORLD around us!**

- “Avoid profane and empty (fruitless) chatter because those occupied with it will stray further and further into ungodliness, and their message will spread its infection like gangrene.” —2 Timothy 2:16–17
- “Jesus explained, ‘...The tree is known by its fruit. ... how can you, being evil, speak what is good? For the mouth speaks out of that which fills the heart. ... But I tell you that every careless word that people speak, they shall give an accounting for it in the day of Judgment. For by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned.’” —Matthew 12:33–37
- 12 Who perceives one's unintentional sins? (—Psalm 19:12–14)
Cleanse me from my hidden faults.
- 13 Moreover, keep Your servant from willful sins;
Please don't let them rule over me.
Then I will be innocent and cleansed from blatant rebellion.
- 14 May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart
Be acceptable to You, O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer.
- “Let no unwholesome word proceed from your mouth, but only such a word as is good for edification according to the need of the moment, so that it will give grace to those who hear.”
—Ephesians 4:29

—) A brief review:

- 1— God **INSTRUCTED** Moses about what would take place:
{Exodus 3:16–22}
 - Assemble the Israelite leaders to tell them about God's plans!
 - Go to Pharaoh with the Israelite leaders & ask for a 3-day retreat.
 - Pharaoh will say, “No, I won't let you go!”
 - God will strike the Egyptians to force Pharaoh to let you go!
 - Prepare to plunder the Egyptians when you leave!
-) Focusing attention on Exodus 4:1–6:13
- 2— Moses' **INSECURITIES** increased! {Exodus 4:1–13}
 - Moses' WHAT-IF? resistance.
 - God's SPECIAL SUPER-NATURAL SIGNS provided for Moses.
 - In spite of God's PROVISIONS & PROMISES given to him,
Moses *spoke boldly* to the Lord, “O my Lord, I am not an eloquent man, neither in the past nor since you have spoken to your servant, for I am slow of speech and slow of tongue.”
 - The Lord said to him, “**Who gave a mouth to man, or who makes a person mute or deaf or seeing or blind? Is it not I, the Lord? So now go, and I will be with your mouth and will teach you what you must say.**”
 - But Moses said, “O my Lord, please send anyone else whom You wish to send!”
- 3— God's anger was **IGNITED** against Moses
& He **INFORMED** Moses, “**YOU WILL TAKE YOUR STAFF & GO!**”
{Exodus 4:14–17}
 - Aaron is coming out to meet you!
 - He will be your spokesman & you'll tell him what to say!
 - But God put Moses in charge even though Aaron would speak.
- 4— Moses took the **INITIATIVE** to fulfill some **IMPORTANT** details.
{Exodus 4:18–31}
 - He received Jethro's permission & blessing to go to Egypt!
 - God reminded him about how Pharaoh's heart would be hard!
 - Moses fulfilled his obedience to God through circumcision.
 - Aaron & Moses were reunited & Moses told Aaron God's plans!
 - Moses & Aaron gathered the Israelite leaders & then the people.

—5— **Moses & Aaron made their INITIAL INQUIRY to Pharaoh!**

{Exodus 5:1–5}

- The Lord God of Israel demands that you let His people go to celebrate a feast in the wilderness for three days
- But Pharaoh said, “Who is the Lord that I should obey His voice to let Israel go? I don’t know the Lord, and I will not let Israel go!”
- They warned Pharaoh about the coming plagues!
- Pharaoh absolutely refused to allow them to cease from labors!

—6— **IMMEDIATELY on that very day, Pharaoh & his taskmasters began to INTIMIDATE the Hebrew laborers by INCREASING the workload and required quotas!** {Exodus 5:6–23}

- They stopped providing straw for the bricks.
- Laborers & the Hebrew foremen were often beaten.
- The Hebrew foremen went before Pharaoh to plead for mercy.
- Pharaoh accused them of being very lazy & sent them away.
- Then they became angry with Moses and Aaron.
- Then Moses asked God, “Why did You send me?”

—7— **Then God IDENTIFIED Himself & INTENSIFIED His promises, plans, & purposes!** {Exodus 6:1–13}

- The Lord began by saying, **“Now you’re going to see what I’m going to do to Pharaoh!”**
- God then said, **“I AM THE LORD!”**
- Therefore, tell the Israelites, “I am the Lord. I will bring you out from your enslavement to the Egyptians, I will rescue you from the hard labor they impose, and I will redeem you with an outstretched arm and with great judgments. I will take you to Myself for a people, and I will be your God. **Then you will know that I am the Lord your God!**”
- Moses told the people and they didn’t listen.
- The Lord repeated His command to Moses.
- Once again, Moses asked God how/if Pharaoh would listen to him since the Israelites refused to listen.**
- But the Lord gave a charge (direct command) to Moses & Aaron, telling them to bring the sons of Israel out of the land of Egypt!**

—**QUESTIONS TO HELP US SEE HOW THIS RELATES/APPLIES TO US:**

- This passage in Exodus, along with other biblical exhortations about how God wants us to use **our mouths/tongues/voices**, strongly suggests that **one of its main purposes is to glorify God**. Let’s ask ourselves, “How often do I use my voice in a way that glorifies God?”
- How often do I recognize that **God has called me to be a mouthpiece** who might help others trust in the Lord as the One Who rescued them from the penalty and problem of sin?
- Is there anything that holds me back or hinders me from **speaking out about my trust/faith/belief in Christ?**

—**CONCLUDING COMMENTS & PERSONAL APPLICATIONS**

(The following points will not be presented in this form in the sermon video. The additional biblical verses in these notes & on the discussion questions will be used to explain the applications.)

- 1} Our WORDS (what we say to others) are SIGNIFICANT to God because they SHOW what’s in our HEARTS!**
- 2} Our WORDS (voices, tongues, mouths) are a DISPENSER that DISTRIBUTES GRACE & ENCOURAGEMENT!**
- 3} Our MOUTHS are the PRIMARY SOURCE of our sins! Psalm 19:12–14 should be our DAILY PRAYER!**
- 4} God has GRACIOUSLY GIVEN us the PRIVILEGE of being His MOUTHPIECE that PRESENTS His GLORIOUS GOSPEL message to the world around us!**