

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE CLASS
WEDNESDAY 17, 2024
EXODUS 4:13-17

INTRODUCTION

1. God has answered every concern that Moses expressed his concerns about the challenging task that God has assigned him. Now Moses is left with only two choices.
2. God knows you better than you know yourself. He knows your capabilities and your limitations. (Ex. 3.11,14). Paul could not speak well, but he was still capable. (1 Cor. 2.1)

I. THE HESITATION OF MOSES

- A. Moses pleaded with God to choose someone else.
 1. **EXODUS 4.13:** *“O my Lord, please send by the hand of whomever else You may send.”*
 2. Did Moses have a choice? (Heb. 11.24,25)
 3. Disobedience incites the anger of God. (Ex. 4.13; Ps. 7.11)
- B. Obedience to the will of God is always a matter of choice.
 1. God does not take away our free will. (Rom. 9.14-18)
 2. Old Testament examples.
 - a) Jonah was persuaded to preach to Nineveh. (Jonah 1.4,13-17; 2.1,2,6,7)
 - b) Israel was given a choice with consequences. (Deut. 11.26-28; Josh. 24.15)
 - c) Esther was offered an opportunity to save the Jews. (Est. 4.14)
 3. New Testament examples.
 - a) Paul was chosen, but he could have refused. (Acts 9.5,6; Gal. 1.15,16)
 - b) Jesus chose to offer Himself as a sacrifice. (Heb. 5.7-9; John 10.17,18; Phil. 2.8)
 4. Our obedience to the will of God is a choice.
 - a) We choose to obey the gospel. (Acts 28.24; Rom. 6.17; 1 Pet. 1.22)
 - b) We choose to live faithfully. (Rom. 6.15; 8.1,5-8)

II. THE HELP OF GOD

- A. God offered to help Moses accomplish his task.
 1. **EXODUS 4.14:** *“Is not Aaron the Levite your brother?”*
 - a) This is the first time we read about Aaron. (Ex. 2.1-4; 6.20)
 - b) Miriam was the *“sister of Aaron”* (Ex. 15.20)
 2. **EXODUS 4.14:** *“And look, he is also coming out to meet you. When he sees you, he will be glad in his heart.”* He was on his way to see his brother. (cf. Ex. 4.27)
 3. **EXODUS 4.14:** *“I know that he can speak well.”*
 - a) He could speak eloquently in contrast to Moses. (v. 10)
 - b) **EXODUS 4.15-17:** Moses would tell Aaron what to say becoming to him as God, and Aaron would become his spokesman. (Ex. 4.28-30; ; 6.28-7.2)
 - c) **EXODUS 4.15:** *“And I will be with your mouth and with his mouth”*
- B. God offers to help you live in obedience.
 1. Paul had limitations, but he still wrote thirteen inspired letters.
 - a) It is believed that Paul had poor eyesight. (2 Cor. 12.7-10; Gal. 4.12-16; 6.11)
 - b) How did he write his epistles? With help! (Rom. 16.22; cf. 2 Thess. 3.17)
 2. Elijah was despairing because he felt alone, but God preserved others. (Rom. 11.2-4)
 3. Christianity should not be a lonely way of life. (Heb. 10.24,25; 3.12,13)
 4. We are to be the help that our brethren need. (1 Thess. 5.14)