

Series: Exodus

Title: Total Redemption, Total Consecration

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God warns Pharaoh he was about to send locusts to finish destroying all crops in Egypt: **Exodus 10: 7: And Pharaoh's servants said unto him, How long shall this man be a snare unto us? let the men go, that they may serve the LORD their God: knowest thou not yet that Egypt is destroyed? 8: And Moses and Aaron were brought again unto Pharaoh: and he said unto them, Go, serve the LORD your God: but who are they that shall go? 9: And Moses said, We will go with our young and with our old, with our sons and with our daughters, with our flocks and with our herds will we go; for we *must hold a feast unto the LORD*. 10: And he said unto them, Let the LORD be so with you, as I will let you go, and [as for] your little ones: look; for evil is before you. 11: Not so: go now ye *that are men*, and serve the LORD; for that ye did desire. [Pharaoh said men could go but not little ones.] And they were driven out from Pharaoh's presence. [then the LORD brought the locusts. Pharaoh pretended repentance. God removed the locusts. Then God sent darkness.] 24: And Pharaoh called unto Moses, and said, Go ye, serve the LORD; only let your flocks and your herds be stayed: let your little ones also go with you. 25: And Moses said, Thou must give us also sacrifices and burnt offerings, that we may sacrifice unto the LORD our God. 26: Our cattle also shall go with us; there shall not an hoof be left behind; for thereof must we take to serve the LORD our God; and we know not with what we must serve the LORD, until we come thither.**

There are two things I want to show us from this text: Total Redemption, Total Consecration

Proposition: All God's elect have been totally redeemed by Christ and all shall be brought to be totally consecrated to him.

TOTAL REDEMPTION

Exodus 10: 9: [Moses said] We will go with our young and with our old, with our sons and with our daughters, with our flocks and with our herds will we go...v26: there shall not an hoof be left behind;

Christ redeemed all his elect. It is what we see represented by the fact that no one and no thing in Israel would be left in Egypt, all would be brought out by Moses.

The children of Israel are a picture of God's elect, the Israel of God. Just as the children of Israel were in bondage, all God's elect fell into bondage when Adam willingly sinned against God in the garden. We come into this world in bondage under the law, bondage to our fallen sin-nature, bondage to the devil—pictured by Pharaoh and in bondage to this sin-cursed world.

Moses is a picture of Christ our Redeemer, our Deliverer—*Acts 7: 35: This Moses whom they refused, saying, Who made thee a ruler and a judge? the same did God send to be a ruler and a deliverer by the hand of the angel which appeared to him in the bush.* Just as Moses was sent by Christ to deliver the children of Israel out of the bondage of Pharaoh and the Egyptians, Christ was sent of God to deliver his elect out of all our bondage.

But just as Moses was *only* sent to deliver the children of Israel and no other nation, so Christ was sent to redeem his elect only. God has many elect. God the Father elected a multitude *out of every nation, and kindred, and tongue and people* under heaven—a number no man can number, more than the stars of heaven or the sand of the sea. But God did not send Christ to redeem all men. Just as Moses declared that he would

redeem all that God sent him to redeem, so Christ redeemed all those the Father gave to him by divine election. Christ said, *“I lay down my life for the sheep.”* (Jn 10: 15) But proving he did not die for all men, Christ said to Pharisees, *“ye are not of my sheep.”* (Jn 10: 26) God said, *“Jacob have I loved but Esau have I hated.”*

It is important to declare that Christ died only for his elect so that we give Christ the glory due unto him for accomplishing our redemption.

Let’s say I was willing to pay off someone’s mortgage debt. How could I do so unless I first choose for whom I will pay? It is impossible to pay a price owed and redeem from bondage without doing it for a particular person.

The very meaning of the word declares this is true. Redemption is *“buying again”*; *“purchasing something by paying the price demanded.”* Scripture calls Christ’s people his *“purchased possession.”* (Eph 1: 14) To his people he says, *“ye are not your own, for ye are bought with a price.”* (1 Cor 6: 19-20)

On the cross, Christ was redeeming a particular people by paying the debt that each of his particular people owed. And what did we owe? What was the price? God’s elect broke God’s law in Adam so we owed the law of God justice, which is death.—*“the soul that sinneth it shall die.”* (Eze 18: 4) The price God’s justice demanded, in order for Christ to pay the debt his people owed, was Christ’s own life, his blood.

Leviticus 17:11: For the life of the flesh is in the blood:

It is amazing that God declared this in the Levitical law and it was more than 3000 years later in 1628 that an English physician, Dr. William Harvey, discovered scientifically that life is in the blood.

Leviticus 17:11: For the life of the flesh is in the blood: and I have given it to you upon the altar to make an atonement for your souls: for it is the blood that maketh an atonement for the soul.

Listen carefully to what God is saying. God says *“it is blood that maketh atonement for the soul.”* By Christ shedding his blood for the life of another, he made atonement for the soul of those for whom his blood was shed. That totally annihilates the doctrine of universal atonement; it destroys the lie that says the sinner makes Christ’s blood to make atonement for him personally when he believes. Not so! *“It is the blood that maketh an atonement for the soul.”*

This is why it behooved Christ in all points to be made like unto his brethren, *that his blood might make atonement for the soul of each of his elect.* He was:

- *Made flesh like his brethren* so he would have blood in which is life and be able to pour it out so that his blood might make atonement for the souls of his people.
- *Made under the law like his brethren* so that he could be made a debtor to fulfill the whole law and do so by shedding his blood to make atonement for the souls of his people.
- Our sinless Substitute *was made sin for his brethren* to manifest God’s strict righteousness in sparing not his own Son but delivering him up for all his elect that he might shed his blood to make atonement for the souls of his people.
- *Made a curse for his brethren* that he might redeem us from the curse of the law by condemning sin in the flesh *by shedding* his blood to make atonement for the souls of his people.

So when he said, *“It is finished”*—*his blood had made full atonement for the soul of each of his elect*—Christ had obtained eternal redemption for us having paid all the debt of all his particular people.

Hebrews 9:12: Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us.

1 Thessalonians 1:10...who delivered us from the wrath to come.

Rom 6: 6-7:...our old man is crucified with [Christ] that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve [or be slaves] of sin. For he that is dead is freed [justified, redeemed] from sin.

Since God is just, his justice demands that all who Christ redeemed—*Exodus 10: 9: ...must hold a feast unto the LORD.* We must be given life and faith so we can hold this gospel feast in worship and praise of God our Father and his Son, our Redeemer. How are we given life?

Christ is the Mediator of the new testament to both accomplish redemption by his blood on the cross and to sprinkle his blood purging our conscience in regeneration.

Hebrews 9: 15: And for this cause he is the mediator of the new testament, that by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions that were under the first testament, they which are called might receive the promise of eternal inheritance.

Just as he sent Moses into Egypt to declare his word, Christ sends his preacher with his gospel. And by the Spirit, he quickens us and through his blood purges our conscience from dead works to serve the true and living God.

Remember, how Christ took the wine and said this is picture of the new testament in my blood? When that old covenant was dedicated "*Moses spoke every precept to all the people according to the law.*" Then he took the blood of bulls and goats and sprinkled the blood on everything that was sanctified for God's use, including the priests, "*Saying, This is the blood of the testament which God hath enjoined unto you.*" Well, the law came by Moses but grace and truth by Christ Jesus. Christ sends the gospel to each child he redeemed and he speaks every doctrine of the gospel effectually into our hearts and he sprinkles his child with his own blood, saying, "*This is the blood of the new covenant of grace which God hath enjoined unto you.*" When he does this: "*How much more shall the blood of Christ...purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God.*" (Heb 9: 18-22; 14)

Giving us faith to rest in him, Christ brings us to sing this song together with our brethren:

Free from the law—oh, happy condition!
Jesus hath bled, and there is remission;
Cursed by the law and bruised by the fall,
Christ hath redeemed us once for all.
Now we are free—there's no condemnation
Jesus provides a perfect salvation!

This is why Moses said, all shall go out—"We will go with our young and with our old, with our sons and with our daughters, with our flocks and with our herds will we go; for we must hold a feast unto the LORD." Christ said,

John 6: 37: All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out. 38: For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me. 39: And this is the Father's will which hath sent me, that of all which he hath given me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up again at the last day.

John 10: 27: My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: 28: And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any *man* pluck them out of my hand. 29: My Father, which gave *them* me, is greater than all; and no *man* is able to pluck *them* out of my Father's hand. 30: I and *my* Father are one.

TOTAL CONSECRATION

We see in Moses' refusal to compromise with Pharaoh that Christ brings his people to be totally consecrated to him. Four times, Pharaoh offered compromise.

The first time, he told Moses, *Exodus 8: 25: "Go ye, sacrifice to your God in the land."* Moses said, *"We will offer the sacrifice of abomination before the Egyptians and they will stone us."* Christ will not allow his people to compromise his doctrine with men of this world nor the way we worship him. This world hates the true God of the Bible and his Christ, along with the doctrine of his particular redemption of his elect. If they could they would crucify us like they did our Savior. He says, *"Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you."* (2 Cor 6: 17)

Then Pharaoh compromised saying, *"I will let you go into the wilderness only ye shall not go very far away."* (Ex 8: 28) Christ will not permit his child to compromise by being the friend of God and the friend of the world. This world must be as dead to us and we to this world. We must say with Paul, *"But God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world."* (Gal 6: 14)

The third time Pharaoh compromised is our text, *"Leave your little ones behind and ye that are men go."* Moses said, *"No, we will all go!"* Satan got Adam to turn his back on God using Adam's wife. Our dearest loved ones are often used by the devil to tempt us to depart from Christ, his gospel and his people. I knew a man who professed to believe the truth of particular redemption, sovereign election, and irresistible grace. But he compromised with men who preach universal atonement for one reason: his father and mother believed that lie. Most of the time, when someone denies some doctrine clearly taught in God's word it is because father or mother, husband or wife, son or daughter does. Our Redeemer will not allow even those we love to come between us and him. He said, *"He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me: and he that loveth son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me."* (Mt 10: 37) It is painful when loved ones oppose us. But a cross always is. Christ says, *"And he that taketh not his cross, and followeth after me, is not worthy of me."* (Mt 10: 38) Stand with Christ and Christ will honor it!

Pharaoh's last compromise is in *verse 24, "And Pharaoh called unto Moses, and said, Go ye, serve the LORD; only let your flocks and your herds be stayed: let your little ones also go with you."* Their flocks and herds were what they must sacrifice to the LORD. First, they represent Christ himself. We cannot come to God except through faith in Christ. We must let no one take Christ from us. Secondly, the flocks and herds were their possessions. Christ requires us to sacrificially devote our possessions to his service. Listen to Moses declare we must sacrifice and serve God with our possessions, *"And Moses said, Thou must give us also sacrifices and burnt offerings, that we may sacrifice unto the LORD our God. Our cattle also shall go with us; there shall not an hoof be left behind; for thereof must we take to serve the LORD our God; and we know not with what we must serve the LORD, until we come thither."* (Ex 10: 25-26) This is not law but grace. Moses was willing to do this and the law had not been given yet. That is why he said, *"we know not."* The law was not given. But God's grace makes his people willing to sacrificially serve him, with no compromise!

TAKE THIS HOME

Let's remember our Redeemer has accomplished total redemption for his people. Since Christ accomplished the redemption of each and every one of God's elect, not one will be left behind in this world. Every single man, woman and child of Israel came out of Egypt with full provision made by God. And every sinner for whom Christ died has been redeemed and shall be brought out — "*There shall not an hoof be left behind!* If you have not yet believed on Christ, do so without delay. We have a successful, triumphant Redeemer! All who believe on him shall be saved.

Brethren, as we pass through this life remember, we cannot compromise: not in doctrine, not with this world, not with our dearest loved ones and not with our possessions. Everything we possess is given us by God including doctrine, this world, our dearest loved ones and our possessions. God has made us stewards of his goods. So constrained by Christ's love for us let us stand with Christ without wavering and let us use our money and possessions to *sacrificially serve* the Lord, promoting his gospel, providing for his people and trusting the Lord to provide for us—thus we honor the LORD.

Proverbs 3: 9: Honour the LORD with thy substance, and with the firstfruits of all thine increase: 10: So shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine.

Amen!