

THE LIFE OF MOSES

PREPARATION FOR ENCOURAGEMENT – DISCOURAGEMENT

SUPPLEMENT – REASONS THINGS GOT TWICE AS BAD

Exodus 5:1-23

INTRODUCTION Moses has been following God’s instructions exactly as given and things seemed to be going as planned. When Moses encountered Pharaoh for the first time he would have been aware that there was going to be some measure of resistance from him because God had warned him of such. As we saw on Sunday, December 30th there was great opposition from Pharaoh – so much so that he also turned the Children of Israel against him. This was something Moses was not expecting. All of a sudden things weren’t going as smoothly as he thought they should. We left Moses at the end of Exodus 5 crying out to the LORD, *“Lord, why have You brought trouble on this people? Why is it You have sent me?”*²³ *For since I came to Pharaoh to speak in Your name, he has done evil to this people; neither have You delivered Your people at all.”* Things had gotten far worse, not only for himself, but also for the Children of Israel, simply because he had obeyed the LORD to the letter. This morning I would like us to examine several reasons why things often get worse for us in the midst of our seeking to live for and obey the Lord we desire to serve.

1. THE NEED FOR _____

2. THE NEED FOR _____ ON THE LORD – NOT MOSES

3. TO CREATE A _____ TO LEAVE EGYPT

4. MOSES NEEDS TO LEARN MORE ABOUT _____ OF GOD

5. THE NEED TO LEARN THE PRINCIPLE OF _____

6. TO LEARN GOD'S _____ IN IMPOSSIBLE SITUATIONS

7. TO BRING FORTH _____ TRIED IN THE FIRE

In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while, if need be, you have been distressed by many trials, that the genuineness of your faith, being much more precious than gold that perishes, though it be tested by fire, may be found to praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ...