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The Tabernacle, Part 5: I Am Ready

It is important for us to hear the heart of God.

We need to see how God feels about things, and learn to move with Him.

This is one of the reasons God put a priority on seeking His face.

In the face of God we will find direction, forgiveness, and healing.

We must anticipate that God is ready, right now to intervene in our lives and our situations.

He has the remedy.

He has the answer.

We should seek Him for He is ready.

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Exodus 19:1-5 (NKJV) In the third month after the children of Israel had gone out of the land of Egypt, on the same day, they came to the Wilderness of Sinai.

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For they had departed from Rephidim, had come to the Wilderness of Sinai, and camped in the wilderness. So Israel camped there before the mountain.

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And Moses went up to God, and the Lord called to him from the mountain, saying, “Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the children of Israel: ‘You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles’ wings and brought you to Myself.

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Now therefore, if you will indeed obey My voice and keep My covenant, then you shall be a special treasure to Me above all people; for all the earth is Mine.

It is imperative that we see that God is ready to recover, reconcile, and redeem.

God made the promise to Abraham.

When He was ready, nothing could stand in the way of it being done.

Don't forget what God has promised, and said.

You need to remember God's promises.

You need to know the nature and character of God.

Others may lie, but God is true.

God Had A Plan for Abraham's descendents.

God told Abraham what he was going to do.

God said they would come out with great possessions.

God said He would make them great and make them a blessing.

When they came to the Red Sea, God knew what He was going to do.

God Had a Plan

The people did not know what was in the heart of God.

They did not know the power of God.

When Pharaoh came after them, God knew what He was going to do.

God Had a Plan

God had claimed them as His own people hundreds of years before.

God Had a Plan

When God does anything for you there is a reason.

They did not get out of Egypt because they wanted out.

It wasn't the will of man that brought them out.

You need to know that it was not because you were so wise or so powerful.

God saved you because He is so good.

God does good because He is a good God.

He recovered, reconciled, and redeemed you because He is good.

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God will bless you to the glory of His name.

We cannot understand It is difficult for us to understand all of the reasons God has.

God pulled them out from Egypt's bondage.

They were exposed to all of the trouble Egypt could afflict on them.

They had been abused and enslaved.

They were exposed to all the gods of Egypt.

Israel's craftsmen had formed and framed many of the Egyptian gods.

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They had stories of the Invisible God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

They rehearsed the story of the God of the flood.

They were told of Adam and Eve.

They knew Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

Yet, they did not have open worship of Jehovah.

They could not offer a sacrifice to God.

When it was the right time, God pulled them out of Egypt.

God has a plan.

Four Hundred years of captivity had passed.

It is time to call them out.

God wanted to draw people unto Himself.

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Nine times Moses and Aaron went to Pharaoh and said: "The God of Israel says: "Let My People Go that they may serve me..."

God told Moses exactly what would happen.

He said He would be glorified over Egypt.

God told Moses He would harden Pharaoh's heart and would multiply His miraculous signs and wonders in Egypt.

God said when He brought them out; Egypt would know that the Lord is God.

God said: Let My People Go

Pharaoh was standing in the way of what God wanted to do.

You don't want to get in the God's way when He is ready.

God is ready.

The time is right.

Deliverance has come.

The Scriptures says: "He brought them out on eagle's wings."

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Nothing could hinder what God planned.

Pharaoh couldn't stop God's plan.

The Red Sea couldn't get in the way.

The wilderness couldn't hinder God's plan

Nothing can stand in the way of what God planned to do.

They are going out to meet with God, and serve Him.

God was ready to do whatever it took.

They would come out of Egypt and serve Him.

***If God knows that you will serve Him,
He will take you out of anything.***

It does not matter what holds you captive, my God is able to set you free.

These people became known by the God they served.
 They were known by their faith.
 They walked with God.
 They were a peculiar people.

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*God said they would be a special treasure to Him,
 Exodus 19:5.*

This is God's purpose when He is dealing with people.

God will make a difference in you.

You will walk with God.

You cannot walk with God and be like the world.

God is calling you to be different.

He is going to pull us out of the world.

This is God's purpose in dealing with people.

For 400 years, their religion was not powerful.

They could talk about the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

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***God is not content being the God
 of a previous generation.***

*What Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob knew brought them to
 this point, but **God will be the God of the Living.***

They did not know the voice or presence of God.

They had no real relationship with God.

They did not know His power or plan.

They could remember the stories of what God had been
 in the past.

God is making up for lost time.

He is making provision for them to fellowship with the
 invisible God.

They did not have a vital living faith or relationship with
 God.

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God was pulling them out of Egypt to bring them close to Him in worship.

They knew about strange gods.

They were coming into contact with the God who lives.

They were exposed to the power of His presence.

He would dry up the Red Sea for them.

He would feed them manna from Heaven.

He would give them water from that rock in the wilderness.

God is going to speak to them.

They will witness the glory of God.

They will feel the impact of God's presence.

God's glory cloud will cover them.

He will walk with them in the wilderness.

The tabernacle will teach them about God.

The tabernacle illustrated who God was.

When they began to understand who God was He removed the tabernacle and revealed Christ.

The tabernacle represents what Christ really is.

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Exodus 19:5-6 Now therefore, if you will indeed obey My voice and keep My covenant, then you shall be a special treasure to Me above all people; for all the earth is Mine. And you shall be to Me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.'

Before God is finished they will all be a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.

We don't see Israel fulfilling this promise.

They struggled in this area.

There were rare times that they came together with full praise.

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You can see the possibilities and potential of this when Solomon finished the building of the Temple.

Solomon had brought all the elders and men of Israel together.

They carried the Ark of the Covenant into the Temple.

When all of the priests worshipped the Lord and made one sound, the glory of God came down.

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2 Chronicles 5:10-14 Nothing was in the ark except the two tablets which Moses put there at Horeb, when the Lord made a covenant with the children of Israel, when they had come out of Egypt.

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And it came to pass when the priests came out of the Most Holy Place (for all the priests who were present had sanctified themselves, without keeping to their divisions), and the Levites who were the singers, all those of Asaph and Heman and Jeduthun, with their sons and their brethren, stood at the east end of the altar,

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clothed in white linen, having cymbals, stringed instruments and harps, and with them one hundred and twenty priests sounding with trumpets—indeed it came to pass, when the trumpeters and singers were as one, to make one sound to be heard in praising and thanking the Lord,

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and when they lifted up their voice with the trumpets and cymbals and instruments of music, and praised the Lord, saying: “For He is good, For His mercy endures forever,” that the house, the house of the Lord, was filled with a cloud, so that the priests could not continue ministering because of the cloud; for the glory of the Lord filled the house of God.

God inhabits the praises of His people.

When you come into the tabernacle one of the first pieces of furniture that you see is the laver.

It was a great bath.

It was a place of baptism.

It was a place for cleansing.

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Exodus 30:19 "Aaron and his sons shall wash their hands and feet thereat"

The penalty for neglecting to wash was very severe:

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Exodus 30:20-21 (NIV) Whenever they enter the Tent of Meeting, they shall wash with water so that they will not die. Also, when they approach the altar to minister by presenting an offering made to the LORD by fire, they shall wash their hands and feet so that they will not die. This is to be a lasting ordinance for Aaron and his descendants for the generations to come.”

The outward symbol of purity was punishable with death.

What does the impure heart look like in the sight of God?

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The priests were required to draw near to God, with clean hands and feet, and a pure heart.

No worship can be pleasing to God, if the heart is polluted.

The brazen altar typically pointed to the atoning work of Christ.

This is where the sacrifice was burned before God.

The brazen altar testifies that only the blood of Christ can cancel the guilt of sin.

The laver refers to the sanctifying work of the Holy Spirit.

The laver reveals that the defilement of sin can be washed away by the work of the Holy Spirit.

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The Laver represents two things:

First, You are clean by the washing of water by the word.
Second, it represents baptism.

At the age of 30, the priest was brought to the laver and was baptized.

When he came out of the water, he was a priest unto God.

It does not matter what else you do.

It does not matter how many offices you have.

It does not matter how many degrees you have earned.

When you come out of the water, you are a priest unto God.

This is the sanctifying work of the Holy Spirit.