Bible/College Class Notes - The Christian Pilgrimage – Lesson 49

Salvation and Freedom From Sin's Slavery

This week – continuing our lessons which teach the almighty saving power of Jesus Christ.

God said unto Moses, "I AM THAT I AM": and He said, "Thus shall thou say unto the Children of Israel, 'I AM hath sent me unto you". Exodus 3v14.

Bible Readings for this week:

(Choose a regular time each day to read the bible and pray whether it be when you first wake up or just before you go to sleep)

Day	Bible Reading	Tick When Read
Sunday	Exodus 3v1-10 (God appears to Moses in the bush)	
Monday	Exodus 3v11-22 (God says, 'I AM hath sent you')	
Tuesday	Exodus 4v1-17 (God promises to go with Moses)	
Wednesday	Exodus 4v18-31 (Moses joins with Aaron)	
Thursday	Acts 7v30-37 (Moses a Type (Picture) of Christ)	
Friday	John 16v1-16 (The Comforter Promised)	
Saturday	2 Corinthians 1v1-7 (The God of all comfort)	

Important Lesson for us Today: God sees all that happens to us. He knows every one of our experiences, as they all fall under His Eternal, Sovereign and permissive (allowed) will. God knew and allowed, (but was not the cause of), every detail of His People's suffering at the hands of the Egyptians. He allowed their suffering to turn them from the love of Egypt which was in their heart and replace it with love for Him alone. He patiently waited to *'hear their cry'* for His mercy, (Exodus 3v7), so that He would enact His plan to free them from slavery and take them to the Promised Land. The Lord allows hard things to happen in our lives to turn us from the hold that this world has over us - causing us to make it our priority to love, worship and obey Him. When we see His power and holiness it makes us cry out to Him in sincere repentance for our sin (our first real prayer), believing that Jesus Christ died on the cross in our place to save us.

He alone is the 'God of all comfort', 2 Corinthians 1v3-7.

Hymn 474 Encourages us to gladly surrender to the Will of The Lord:

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1. In full and glad surrender	3. Reign over me, Lord Jesus	
I give myself to Thee,	O make my heart Thy throne;	
Thine utterly and only	It shall be Thine, dear Saviour,	
And evermore to be.	It shall be Thine alone.	
2. O Son of God, Who loves me,	4. O, come and reign, Lord Jesus.	
I will be Thine alone;	Rule over everything;	
And all I have, and am, Lord,	And keep me always loyal	
Shall henceforth be Thine own.	And true to Thee, my King.	

EDT Bible/College Class Take Home Sheet

This sheet is given to remind you of the lesson and to encourage you to read your Bible.

God calls Moses at the Burning Bush.

• Background to Todays' Lesson.

- \circ $\,$ Moses, aged 40, had chosen the narrow, more difficult way God's way.
- \circ $\;$ Moses, in faith left Egypt, and spent 40 years in the Land of Midian.
- \circ $\;$ He marries, has children, and works as a shepherd for his father-in-law.
- \circ $\;$ Back in Egypt the Children of Israel now cry out to God for deliverance.
- Moses, aged 80, Witnesses an Amazing Sight on Mount Horeb.
- $\circ~$ A Burning Bush Fiercely on fire, but miraculously alive and not consumed.
- He Investigates He hears a voice calling him by name. It is The Lord God.
- \circ $\ \$ Holy Ground Moses approaches with humility, ready to hear God's Plan.
- **God has heard** The Children of Israel have cried to Him for help. Moses is to return to Egypt and demand of Pharaoh that he must let God's People go.
- Moses asks, 'Who shall I say has sent me?' Exodus 3v11.
- \circ ~ The Sovereign and Almighty God replied, "'I AM THAT I AM"...hath sent you'.
- $\circ\quad$ Moses expresses doubt 'But the People and Pharaoh will not listen to me'.
- o **God gives -** miracle signs, His promised help, and help of his brother, Aaron.
- God Has Many Amazing Surprises for Us Too.
- God is alive and sees all We must believe that God is "I AM THAT I AM".
 The only true and living God All-powerful, All-seeing, All-knowing, Eternal.
- We are not fit to approach Him He is Holy so we must revere His Name.
 We must not speak it lightly or use it as a swear-word, as many do today.
 The Lord sees all our sin so we must approach Him with repentant hearts.
- **God has a mighty plan to save us** God has given us His Word (The Bible), and sent His Son, Jesus Christ, to die on Calvary to be our Saviour and Lord.
- God's Power can be experienced in Our Lives We have no power to save ourselves, but when we trust Christ as our personal Saviour we live our lives in the Power of God – NOT to perform miracles, BUT with victorious power over our sin, doubts, and fears. God has promised to be with us every day of our lives as He takes us on the journey through this life to eternal Heaven.
- How Do We Know That We Have Been Converted and Saved?
- When God The Holy Spirit works in our soul we feel a deep conviction of sin, have a repentant heart, believe in Christ's death for us on Calvary, know assurance of being forgiven, and a desire to reject and leave this sin-sick world to walk obediently with our Creator God.

The Lord Jesus prayed for believers, *"Father, I will that they also, whom Thou hast given Me, be with Me where I am; that they may behold My glory, which thou hast given Me: for Thou lovedst Me before the foundation of the world". John 17 v24.*