



CHAPTER 4 – DELIVERANCE

DISCUSSION OF GENERAL QUESTIONS

- ❶ What is God saying?
- ❷ For what does this section lead me to give thanks? (See God’s grace and promises!)
- ❸ What sins does this section lead me to confess? (See God’s expectations for his people)
- ❹ For what does this section lead me to pray? (As you ponder the Word, what needs of heart and life for yourself and others come to mind? Consider every word you read as an invitation to turn it into a prayer you speak back to your Lord!)

DIGGING IN

- 1) When Moses came to the burning bush the LORD told him that he was standing on holy ground. In the footnote of the THE STORY (pg 45) the editors explain: “God invites people to be holy and live in a way that is set apart to serve him.” Read Ephesians 5:25-26. Does God invite us to be holy or does he make us holy?...and what’s the difference?
- 2) When Moses asked for God’s “official” name God replied, “I AM WHO I AM.” What does this name tell us about the true God? What comfort does a believer have when he or she hears this name? (note: whenever you see the name LORD in all capital letters, it is a translation of this name that God revealed to Moses)

- 3) Moses was reluctant to go back to Egypt. Make a list of the excuses that Moses used and note the Lord's response to each. (pg 46-47) Do we ever sound like Moses? Give examples.

- 4) Pharaoh and his people were "plagued" many times. Which of the plagues sounds the worst to you? (note: Initially Pharaoh hardened his own heart, but eventually God hardened Pharaoh's heart in judgment against him.)

- 5) Read the Lord's Passover instructions on page 51. 1 Corinthians 5:7 calls Jesus "our Passover Lamb." Identify the parallels between the Passover and Jesus' death on the cross.

- 6) When the Israelites were pinned between the Red Sea and the Egyptian army, Moses calmed the people with the words, "The LORD will fight for you; you need only to be still." (top of pg 54). Give examples of situations when it would be good to remember this verse.

- 7) In chapter 2, God tested Abraham to build up his faith and trust in God's promises. At the end of chapter 4, the Israelites tested the Lord. What does it mean to test God? How might we be guilty of this?

FOR NEXT TIME

Chapter 5: New Commands and a New Covenant
Bible Reference: Exodus 19-20; 24-25; 32-34; 40