

SERMON ON EXODUS 1:15-21

V. Thesis and Goal:

I. Text: Exodus 1:15-21:

"And the king of Egypt spake unto the Hebrew midwives, of which the name of one was Shiphrah, and the name of the other, Puah:

And he said, When ye do the office of a midwife to the Hebrew women, and see them upon the stools; if it be a son, then ye shall kill him: but if it be a daughter, then she shall live.

IV. Introduction: But the midwives feared God, and did not as the king of Egypt commanded them, but saved the men children alive.

And the king of Egypt called for the midwives, and said unto them, Why have ye done this thing, and have saved the men children alive?

And the midwives said unto Pharaoh, Because the Hebrew women are not as the Egyptian women; for they are lively, and are delivered ere the midwives come in unto them.

Therefore God dealt well with the midwives: and the people multiplied, and waxed very mighty.

And it came to pass, because the midwives feared God, that he made them houses."

I. Major Objective: Consecrational

I. Central Idea: The fear of God under adverse circumstances, and always, brings the protection and blessings of God.

. Subject: The fear of God which was in the Hebrew midwives and its reward.

The Fear of God

Formulate in better statement

V. Thesis and Goal:

1. Proposition: This passage teaches the virtue of godly fear no matter what the conditions, and that this fear of God as such brings its own reward.
2. Specific objective: To bring the listeners into an appreciation of the fear of God exhibited by the midwives and to move them to walk before God with fear born of love and respect.

IV. Introduction: The fear of God is a subject of which we hear very little. It seems to have disappeared from our vocabulary. Not only do we hear little about it, still less do we see it in the lives of modern man. It has gone out style in our thinking. To this modern age it seems old-fashioned and Puritan. The words of Paul, "There is no fear of God before their eyes", serve as a sad commentary on our lives. The absence of this Godly fear manifests itself in the attitude people have towards God. They blaspheme His name; they familiarize His name with songs and jokes; they desecrate His day, and desert His house. Wherever there is no fear of God you will find arrogance and haughtiness; there will be no broken and contrite spirit, no repentance of sin. On the other hand where there abounds Godly fear you will find true humility, a sense of one's own unworthiness, of one's sinfulness. Here will be found the broken and contrite spirit, filled with love for God and regard for man.

Only a fool does not fear God. He makes a mock at sin, and lives as if there were no death, no hereafter, no judgment, no hell! But it is a blessed and refreshing thing to find

a person who fears God and endeavors in his daily walk to please God above all others. Those of us who have been the objects of His grace and recipients of His mercy ought to walk before Him in fear and trembling—Fear, not born out of terror, but of love, and respect for His person. The Christian should never treat the Name of God lightly and with disrespect. He should not forsake His house on His day. These are the evidences of one whose fear of God has grown small and his love waxed cold.

The passage before us tells of a group of women who feared God. Their great fear of God and its outcome is a lesson we need to learn, and a life we need to emulate.

VII. Body:

- Little counsel
This is too much to say to a*
- their Fear of God was TESTED (by The King's Commandment)*
- I. ~~The King's Commandment was a Thing to be Feared.~~ *Commandment*
(Exodus 1:15-16)
 1. He was the absolute authority of the land, holding the power of life and death in his hand.
 2. He had set himself against God's people.
 - (1) It was a shame and reproach to a Hebrew woman to be childless.
 - (2) Their reward was in the same area of their babies for political reasons. Such a man would not hesitate to order the same fate to those who
 3. He was ruthless, willing to slaughter the Hebrew babies for political reasons. Such a man would not hesitate to order the same fate to those who

VIII. Conclusion would disobey his commandment. (Exodus 1:16) written in three words, "They feared God". There has never been a great person who lacked this one essential quality. It is we find instances of a king's command to kill those one of the grandest things that can be said about one of who would call Jesus Lord and many Christians died, His children. If we fear God as we ought our lives will rather than deny their Lord.

II. The Fear of God was Greater Than the Fear of Man.

(Exodus 1:17-19)

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III. Their Fear of God was Vindicated and Rewarded.

(Exodus 1:20,21)

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1. God's blessings were not on their lie to the king but their obedience to His will. (Exodus 1:20)

2. God's people were preserved and His plan promoted. (Exodus 1:20)

3. God blessed the midwives with the highest honor given to a Hebrew woman - - children. (Exodus 1:21)

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(2) Their reward was in the same area of their service, - children.

II. Conclusion: The story of the great men of God can be written in three words, "They feared God". There has never been a great person who lacked this one essential quality. It is one of the grandest things that can be said about one of His children. If we fear God as we ought our lives will

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be lives of holiness and service. There will be no Christian growth in faith and stewardship until this Godly fear permeates our very beings. We hear much about the shallowness and unfaithfulness of many Christians. It is truly a blight on the Christian church, and cause our testimony to filled with contradiction. But no matter how much we decry this type of "slothful discipleship" the only antidote is the fear of God in our hearts. If we have been guilty of dealing in a flipiant, careless, manner with God; forsaking His commandments; neglecting His work, we need to seek His face and ask for a fresh realization of the greatness of His Person, and a new filling of Godly fear. Let it be said of us, "They feared God...and He dealt well with them."