



WEEK 4: October 13 – October 19 – The Story 31 Week Lectionary

Deliverance - Moses

Prayer: (From *The Lutheran Book of Prayer* – Monday)

“Lord, in the morning hour I come boldly to Thy throne of grace in full assurance that I shall obtain mercy and find grace this day and help in time of trouble. I need Thy guidance and grace as I return to my daily task. Grant me true faithfulness in the performance of my calling. Guard me against selfishness and carelessness. In the pursuance of my daily work may I do my duty not with eye service as a man pleaser, but as a servant of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart. Grant useful employment to all who are out of work. Feed me with food convenient for me, and teach me to receive my daily bread with thanksgiving. Grant me that godliness and contentment without which there can be no true happiness, and let me so walk in this temporal world that I lose not the things eternal. For Jesus’ sake. Amen.”

Today’s Devotion Would Suggest:

Monday – Exodus 1-3, Tues. – Ex. 4-6; Wed. – Ex. 7, 10; Thurs. Ex. 11-12; Fri. Ex. 13-14; Sat. & Sun. Ex. 15-17

If Time Allows: Exodus 1-18; Ps. 22-28; Pr. 10 (Allows Reading the Bible through in 31 Weeks)

Reflection Questions: (See Reverse Side)



The Angel of Death and the First Passover (illustration from the 1897 Bible Pictures and What They Teach Us by Charles Foster)

Questions for the Week: Oct. 13 – Oct. 19 – Chapter 4

Consider journaling your response to these questions. If you have time consider reading: Exodus 1-18; Ps. 22-28; Pr. 10

1. Monday (Sept. 26): Read Exodus 1-3. (*The Story* pg. 43-46) The more Pharaoh tried to stop the Israelites (Hebrews) from growing the more they grew. If God has a plan can we stop it? How did Moses' unusual upbringing prepare him to lead God's people out of Egypt? Was Moses a murderer? How did God call Moses to serve Him? What is God's name? (In the NIV translation the word "LORD" translates the unpronounceable name YHWH, which with the vowels means "I was" "I am" "I will be," Jesus uses the same designation eight times: (See John 6: 35, 48 I am the bread of life John 8: 12, 9:5 I am the light of the world John 8: 58 Before Abraham was, I am John 10:9 I am the door John 10:11 I am the good shepherd John 11:25 I am the resurrection and the life John 14:6 I am the way, the truth, and the life John 15:1 I am the true vine.)
2. Tuesday: Read Exodus 4-6. (*The Story* pg. 47-48) Do you ever feel unqualified to serve God like Moses in a task he gives you? What tasks has God given you to do? How does God help Moses? Does God still help us today? Did everything go right when Moses delivered the message to Pharaoh? When you have followed God does everything always go right? Think of time that following God made life harder? Did God desert you? (The Story does not include a short episode Ex. 4:18-27 about Circumcision; Moses' wife hated circumcision, but so that her family would not be killed she obeyed God. Do we still today always understand God's ways?)
3. Wednesday: Read Exodus 7, 10. (*The Story* pg. 48 bottom – 50 middle) The ten plagues are given. For whose benefit were the 10 plagues given? (The Egyptians, The Hebrews, Moses, or People Today?) Note that the Egyptian magicians were able to do the first couple of plagues apparently on a small scale, but starting with the plague of gnats they could not. Why? What did they admit in Exodus 8:19: "The magicians said to pharaoh, 'This is the finger of God.' But Pharaoh's heart was hard and he would not listen, just as the LORD had said?"
4. Thursday: Read Exodus 11-12 (*The Story* pg. 50-52). It has been rightfully said that this chapter is the single most important event of the whole Old Testament outside of God's initial plan of creation and plan to save all people with one special "Descendant of Eve." (See Genesis 3:15-16) How does this whole section point directly to Jesus? How does it show God's great love for His chosen people? (Check out: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jH_aojNJM3E)
5. Friday Read Exodus 13-14 (*The Story* pg. 53-54) Who was in the Pillar of Fire by Night and the Pillar of Cloud by day? How does God lead us today? What physical things does God give us today that He uses to help lead us? How is the crossing the Red sea a miniature baptism? What sins in our own life our drowned? What sins are we saved from still today in our own baptism? Look up your baptism date and discuss how God kills you daily and raises you daily. (There is some debate over the exact location where the Israelites crossed the Red Sea – A helpful website: [Location of the Red Sea](#) or <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GdaVWp0rwB4>)
6. Saturday & Sunday: Exodus 15-17 (*The Story* pg. 55-57) – Even though God has just saved the Hebrews they complain. Is our life now as good as we would like it to be? Do we ever complain concerning how God has saved us and the life He gives us? How is the Lord's Supper similar to the Manna and Quail? What daily bread has God given you today? How does this section of the Bible teach us to pray? Do we pass tests/trials of today by praying or do we complain anyway?