

Sermon Reflections

Saved on Purpose (Exodus 19:1-6)

Summary: Shape your thinking and your life by these four defining attributes of God's people.

This is what God means for you to be in Christ. What God meant you to be:

1. A promised people: See how faithful He is to you (vv. 1-2)

- Look at Exodus 3:12 – God explained to Moses that he would worship on Mt. Sinai and that would be his confirmation. God showed His faithfulness to Moses, He's been with him the entire way. This is a sign/reaffirmation to Moses on previous prophecies. We need to store up these assurances in the Christian life.
- We look past His graces for today by looking at tomorrow. How have you seen God's grace repeatedly in your life? How can remembering past grace help you in new or current struggles?

2. A redeemed people: Remember how He saved you (vv. 3-4)

- In verse 3, God's word reminds the Israelites that He "saved" them, past tense; it's already been done. How can we be encouraged in today's world knowing that the work has already been done to save us?
- Death has no power or claim over you. He's conquered sin; live like it. Salvation is the work of God, not you and God.
- We obey because He first loved us. We do not obey so that He will save us. Why does God give this message first before giving the laws of the later chapters?

3. An obligated people: Obey what He tells you (v. 5a)

- Is there a direction of your life towards Christ? Not a perfection. Faith looks like obedience. Turning from sin, we have seen the goodness of the gospel.
- Read Deuteronomy 10:12-13. What does God say obeying these commands He has given us is for?

4. A commissioned people: Fulfill His role for you (vv. 5b-6)

- What does it mean to be God's "treasured possession"? The words in Exodus were first given to Israel, how can this apply to us now? (hint, read 1 Peter 2:9)
- Be a nation that is different than every other nation. This is now our mission.
- Read Revelation 5:9. What is the purpose of your life? Are your daily, weekly, future plans aligned with the purpose given to you?