

Be Careful Not to Fall Into One of Israel's Saddest Mistakes

Throughout the Bible there are many places where, as believers, we read the text and immediately grieve in our hearts. One of the saddest dialogs is found in the book of Exodus, yet this same dialog takes place today and, unfortunately, too often we respond in exactly the same way without realizing what we are saying and doing.

In Exodus 6:6, we find one of the most powerful promises Scripture contains.

Therefore say to the children of Israel: 'I am the Lord, and I will bring you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians, and I will rid you out of their bondage, and I will redeem you with a stretched-out arm and with great judgments.'

According to verse 9, when Moses spoke these words to the children of Israel, they did not listen to him because of their spiritual and physical condition. They looked at themselves and their circumstance and then judged G-D's ability to fulfill His promises based upon their situation. Here, we see the Creator of the universe reminding His people that He still loved them and remembered them and was going to redeem them and fulfill His promises. Yet, because the Children of Israel based their assessment of G-D's power and sovereignty on their current state of affairs, knowing how bad their spiritual and physical conditions were, they could not believe G-D's good could overcome their bad.

Reading these verses today, I know that some of you are in difficult circumstances. You know the promises G-D made and the redemption that was brought to you in Messiah Yeshua. You

know who G-D is and can quote John 3:16, Romans 8:28 and Romans 9:9, as well as many other verses filled with promises from G-D by memory. Yet, you are looking at your situation in the same way the children of Israel viewed theirs. You may not be proclaiming your response vocally as the children of Israel did to Moses, but your response is heard by G-D just as loudly. You are allowing your heart to believe that your problems, your Egypt, is more powerful than G-D's promises.

So, let me remind you today that when G-D said these words to Moses to speak to the children of Israel, they were at the lowest point in their lives physically and spiritually. Yet, none of their predicaments kept G-D from promising them that He would deliver them, He would restore their relationship with Him, and that He would bring them to the land of prosperity.

With this in mind, please remember this absolute truth: Your bad, no matter how large it appears to your heart and mind, will never, ever become larger or more powerful than G-D's good. {eoa}

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