

Is it really Idle Worship

Exodus 5:1 And **afterward** Moses and Aaron went in, and **told Pharaoh**, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, Let my people go, that they may hold a feast unto me in the wilderness. 2

And **Pharaoh said, Who is the LORD, that I should obey his voice to let Israel go? I know not the LORD, neither will I let Israel go.** 3 And they

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hath met with us: let us go, we pray

thee, three days' journey into the desert, and sacrifice unto the LORD our God; lest he fall upon us with pestilence, or with the sword. 4 And the king of Egypt said unto them, Wherefore do ye, Moses and Aaron, **let the people from their works?**

get you unto your burdens. 5 And Pharaoh said, Behold, the people of the land now *are* many, and **ye make them rest**

from their burdens. 6 And Pharaoh commanded the same day the taskmasters of the people, and their officers, saying, 7

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heretofore: let them go and gather straw for themselves. **8**

And the tale of the bricks, which they did make heretofore, ye shall lay upon them; ye **shall not diminish ought** thereof: for

they be idle; therefore they cry, saying, **Let**

us go and sacrifice to our

God. **9** Let there **more work** be laid upon the men, that

they may labour therein; and **let them not regard**

vain words. **10** And the taskmasters of the people went

out, and their officers, and they spake to the people, saying,

Thus saith Pharaoh, **I will not give you straw.** **11** Go ye, get

you straw where ye can find it: yet not ought of your work

shall be diminished. **12** So the people were scattered abroad

throughout all the land of Egypt to gather stubble instead of

straw. **13** And the taskmasters hasted *them*, saying, Fulfil your

works, *your* daily tasks, as when there was straw. **14** And the

officers of the children of Israel, which Pharaoh's taskmasters

had set over them, were **beaten, and demanded,**

Wherefore have ye not fulfilled your task in making brick both

yesterday and to day, as heretofore? **15** Then the officers of the children of Israel came and **cried unto Pharaoh**, saying, **Wherefore dealest thou thus with thy servants?** **16** There is no straw given unto thy servants, and they say to us, Make brick: and, behold, thy servants *are* beaten; but **the fault is in thine own people.** **17** But he said, **Ye are**

idle, ye are idle: therefore ye say, **Let us go *and* do sacrifice to the**

LORD. **18** Go therefore now, *and* work; for there shall

no straw be given you, yet shall ye deliver the tale of bricks.

19 And the officers of the children of Israel did see *that* they *were* in evil case, after it was said, Ye shall not minish *ought*

from your bricks of your daily task. **20** And **they met**

Moses and Aaron, who stood in the way, as they came

forth from Pharaoh: **21** And they said unto them, The LORD look upon you, and judge; because ye have made our savour to be abhorred in the eyes of Pharaoh, and in the eyes of his

servants, to put a sword in their hand to slay us. 22 And Moses returned unto the LORD, and said, **Lord, wherefore hast thou so evil entreated this people?**

why is it that thou hast sent me? 23 **For since I came to Pharaoh to speak in thy name, he hath done evil to this people; neither hast thou delivered thy people at all.** 6:1 **Then** the LORD said unto Moses, **Now**

shalt thou see what I will do to Pharaoh: for with a strong hand shall

he let them go, and with a strong hand shall he drive them out of his land. 2 And **God spake unto Moses,** and said

unto him, **I am the LORD:** 3 And **I**

appeared unto Abraham, unto Isaac, and unto Jacob, by

the name of God Almighty, but by my name JEHOVAH was I

not known to them. 4 And **I have also established my**

covenant with them, to give them the land of Canaan, the

land of their pilgrimage, wherein they were strangers. 5 And I

have also heard the groaning of the children of Israel,

whom the Egyptians keep in bondage; and **I have**

remembered my covenant. 6 Wherefore say unto 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: 7 And **I will take you** to

me for a people, and **I will be** to you a God: and ye shall

know that **I am the LORD your God**, which bringeth

you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians. 8 And **I**

will bring you in unto the land, concerning the which I did swear to give it to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob; and **I will give it you** for an heritage: **I am the**

LORD. 9 And Moses spake so unto the children of Israel: but they hearkened not unto Moses for anguish of spirit, and for cruel bondage. 10 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, 11 Go in, speak unto Pharaoh king of Egypt, that he let the children of Israel go out of his land. 12 And Moses spake before the LORD, saying, Behold, the children of Israel have not hearkened unto me; how then shall Pharaoh hear me, who *am* of uncircumcised lips? 13 And the LORD spake unto Moses and unto Aaron, and gave them a charge unto the children of Israel, and unto Pharaoh king of Egypt, to bring the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt.

1. Pharaoh has no respect for God 2 And **Pharaoh said, Who is the LORD, that I should obey his voice to let**

Israel go? **I know not the LORD, neither will I let Israel go.**

- a. Moses and Aaron go to Pharaoh and tell him to let them go and worship their God because God wants Pharaoh to let His people go **5:1** And **afterward** Moses and Aaron went in, and **told Pharaoh**, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, Let my people go, that they may hold a feast unto me in the wilderness.
- b. The Egyptians worshipped many gods. Some say as many as 8,700 gods
- c. The God of the Bible wasn't one of them nor will He ever accept being one of many gods
- d. Pharaoh's response is Who is the LORD or Jehovah
- e. He said that he did not know and would not obey
- f. What would one more god mean to the Pharaoh who considered himself a god also
- g. Pharaoh said for the Jews to believe that God had spoken was to listen to vain words **9** Let there **more work** be laid upon the men, that they may labour therein; and **let them not regard vain words.**

h. This is exactly how the world feels about the LORD, the God of Heaven, Jehovah

i. Who is He?

ii. What does He have to do with my life?

iii. They don't know Him and they do not want to obey Him!

iv. Most people want to act as God deciding what is right and wrong for themselves

v. The world feels that if they listen to the words of God they are listening to vain, empty, worthless, words

i. Do you respect God?

i. Do you feel like He is real, has power, is in control, and is able to bless and discipline

ii. Do you believe that He is worth your worship even if it costs you?

iii. Do you question whether God is anyone that to direct and guide your life?

2. Moses and Aaron now reiterate that it is the God of the Hebrews who met with them **3** And they said, **The**

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met with us: let us go, we pray thee, three days' journey into the desert, and sacrifice unto the LORD our God; lest he fall upon us with pestilence, or with the sword.

- a. They knew that disobeying God would have consequences in their lives
- b. God wants Moses, Aaron, and the children of Israel to know that He is God
- c. God wants it clear that He really is the LORD. He is the God. There is no other **6:2** And **God spake unto**

Moses, and said unto him, ***I am the***

LORD:

- i. God reminds them that He is the God that appeared to His forefathers **6:3** And **I appeared** unto Abraham, unto Isaac, and unto Jacob, by *the name of*

God Almighty, but by my name JEHOVAH was I not known to them.

- ii. God tells them that He gave His word **6:4** And **I have also established my covenant** with them, to give them the land of Canaan, the land of their pilgrimage, wherein they were strangers.
- iii. God has heard their cries and remembers His covenant, His promise **6:5** And **I have also heard the groaning** of the children of Israel, whom the Egyptians keep in bondage; and **I have remembered my covenant.**
- d. God wants Israel to know who He is and how powerful He

is **6:6** Wherefore say unto 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: **7** And **I will take**

you to me for a people, and **I will be** to you a God:
and ye shall know that **I am the LORD your**
God, which bringeth you out from under the burdens of
the Egyptians. **8** And **I will bring you** in unto the
land, concerning the which I did swear to give it to
Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob; and **I will give it**
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- e. God makes it abundantly clear that He is God and wants them to know it
 - i. He is a God that is truly able to do things
 - ii. He hears and answers prayer
 - iii. He meets needs
 - iv. He fears no one
- f. Do you see how hungry God is to be known as the great God of Heaven?
 - i. He wants them and us to know that He is God
 - ii. And that He is the One that has accomplished all the great things in our lives

iii. Do you give Him the glory and credit for what He is doing in your life?

3. Pharaoh thinks that they simply do not want to work 5:4

And the king of Egypt said unto them, Wherefore do ye, Moses and Aaron, **let the people from their works?** get you unto your burdens. 5 And Pharaoh said, Behold, the people of the land now *are* many, and **ye make them rest from their burdens.**

a. The only reason Pharaoh thought that they wanted to go worship was so that they could get time away from their work 5:8 And the tale of the bricks, which they did make heretofore, ye shall lay upon them; ye **shall not**

diminish ought thereof: for **they be idle;**

therefore they cry, saying, **Let us go and sacrifice to our God.**

b. Pharaoh believed that anyone saying that they had heard from God were lying. They were empty words 5:9 **Let there more work** be laid upon the men, that they may

labour therein; and **let them not regard vain words.**

c. The very idea of wanting to go and worship was based in

laziness [5:17](#) But he said, ***Ye are idle, ye***

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LORD.

d. The world never respects the worship of God

i. They feel like we waste our time

ii. They feel like it is someone trying to get money out of us

iii. They feel like serving God and believing in Him is because we are weak

iv. Many have told young men I know to get a real job, not be lazy, not seek the easy way to live. They seem to think that preaching is only for those that are lazy--idle

- e. How do you regard your worship. Is it as important as work? Do you feel like worship is somehow less than what you do for a living?
 - f. Do you think that worship is a wasted time? Do you find God getting in the way of what you want to really do?
4. Pharaoh begins to punish them for being lazy and wanting to worship! **5:6** And Pharaoh commanded the same day the taskmasters of the people, and their officers, saying, **7** Ye shall **no more give the people straw** to make brick, as heretofore: let them go and gather straw for themselves.
- a. They were given more work **5:9** Let there **more work** be laid upon the men, that they may labour therein; and **let them not regard vain words.**
 - b. They had to get their own straw **5:10** And the taskmasters of the people went out, and their officers, and they spake to the people, saying, Thus saith Pharaoh, **I will not give you straw.** **11** Go ye, get you straw where ye can find it: yet not ought of your work shall be diminished. **12** So the people were scattered abroad throughout all the land of Egypt to gather stubble instead

of straw. **13** And the taskmasters hastened *them*, saying, Fulfill your works, *your* daily tasks, as when there was straw.

c. They were beaten and mistreated **5:14** And the officers of the children of Israel, which Pharaoh's taskmasters had set over them, were **beaten, and demanded,** Wherefore have ye not fulfilled your task in making brick both yesterday and to day, as heretofore?

d. They asked Pharaoh to consider them and not mistreat them **5:15** Then the officers of the children of Israel came and **cried unto Pharaoh,** saying, **Wherefore dealest thou thus with thy servants?** **16** There is no straw given unto thy servants, and they say to us, Make brick: and, behold, thy servants *are* beaten; but **the fault is in**

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work; for there shall no straw be given you, yet shall ye deliver the tale of bricks.

- e. Worship will cost you one way or another? If you are going to serve and worship God then you will have to be ready to pay the price!
- f. You will be mocked. People will think you strange-- especially if you let your worship get outside the doors of the church

5. God's people began to doubt Him

- a. Their desire to worship had cost them and now they were in bad shape **5:19** *And the officers of the children of Israel did see that they were in evil case, after it was said, Ye shall not minish ought from your bricks of your daily task.*
- b. The first step was to blame the men of God who had brought them the message **5:20** *And **they met Moses and Aaron,** who stood in the way, as they came forth from Pharaoh: **21** And they said unto them, The LORD look upon you, and judge; because ye have made our savour to be abhorred in the eyes of Pharaoh,*

and in the eyes of his servants, to put a sword in their hand to slay us. 6:9 And Moses spake so unto the children of Israel: but they hearkened not unto Moses for anguish of spirit, and for cruel bondage.

c. Even Moses began to wonder and doubt 5:22 And Moses returned unto the LORD, and said, **Lord,**

wherefore hast thou so evil entreated this people? *why is it that* thou hast sent me? 23

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- d. Moses doubts again now and is not ready to handle meeting with Pharaoh **10** And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, **11** Go in, speak unto Pharaoh king of Egypt, that he let the children of Israel go out of his land. **12** And Moses spake before the LORD, saying, Behold, the children of Israel have not hearkened unto me; how then shall Pharaoh hear me, who *am* of uncircumcised lips?
- e. God wants them to know how great He is and what He is

doing **6:1** **Then** the LORD said unto Moses, **Now shalt thou see what I will do to Pharaoh:** for with a strong hand shall he let them go, and with a strong hand shall he drive them out of his land.

- f. God sends Moses to do what He told him to do in the beginning **6:13** And the LORD spake unto Moses and unto Aaron, and gave them a charge unto the children of Israel, and unto Pharaoh king of Egypt, to bring the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt.

g. When things go wrong we always want to doubt God? We try to figure out what is wrong? We need someone to blame? We blame God? We blame the church? We blame God's messengers?