

Intro:

Main Point of Text: *Pharaoh again tries to slow the Israelite population growth by commanding abortion; but the midwives fear God Who sees and blesses their obedience to Him.*

Sermon Point: *Fear God and Be Honored.*

Move 1: Satan pressures you to sin and threatens your existence.

Vss. 9-11; 13-14: didn't work. Tries more evil approach: Vss. 15-16, forced abortion of sons disguised as birthing complications. To take away military threat/subsume women. Satanic (Gen. 3:15).

Move 2: Do not fear man, and obey only God.

Vss. 17, 21a: midwives “feared” God. Thus they obey 6th commandment and disobey the king. But did not break the 9th. They surely prayed, asked God to provide. By their resolve to honor God, He did. Gracious providence after seeing obedience, babies came quickly: more of vss. 1-7. Acts 5:29; Matthew 10:28. *The LORD is on my side; I will not fear: what can man do unto me?* (Psalm 118:6)

Move 3: God will honor you when you serve him.

God honors names of them who honor His name: Vs. 15: not Pharaoh, midwives! Like Deborah (Gen. 35:8). Vss. 19-21: God good to the midwives: people grew fast; “make them houses” figurative expression meaning built up families (Gen. 46:27; 1 Sam. 25:28). God poured blessing for obedience. 1 Sam. 2:30: “... them that honour me I will honour ...”

Conclusion:

... he honoureth them that fear the LORD (Psa 15:4)

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