

The Blueprint for True Freedom:

RESCUE!

Exodus 6:1-9


Current Realities of the Yoke

- **A Disproportionate Burden:** While making up only 13% of the general U.S. population, Black Americans account for 38% of the people currently in prison or jail.
- **The Weight of Life Sentences:** Nearly half—48%—of all people serving life, life without parole or “virtual life” sentences are Black.
- **A Threat to the Next Generation:** A Black male born in the year 2001 has a 1 in 5 (20%) chance of serving time in prison during his lifetime, compared to a 1 in 15 (6.6%) chance for the general population.
- **The Daily Reality of Policing:** In 2020, there were 1.99 million arrests of Black Americans – more than double that of our Anglo-American brothers and sisters (4,223 vs. 2,092 per 100,000).
- **The Expanding Reach of the System:** The yoke of the injustice system extends far beyond prison walls, with Black Americans making up 30% of all people on probation or parole.
- **The Impact on Women:** The system is rapidly expanding its grip on women. Between 1980 and 2023, the number of incarcerated women skyrocketed by over 600%, rising from roughly 26,000 to over 186,000.
- **A Shared Struggle:** This systemic crisis impacts other marginalized communities as well; the prison incarceration rate for Native people is staggering, sitting at 763 per 100,000 compared to the national average of 350. Similarly, Hispanic adults are incarcerated at nearly twice the national average (606 per 100,000), consistently receiving disproportionately longer federal sentences.

1. **A BROKEN SPIRIT:** Prolonged bondage takes a devastating psychological, emotional and spiritual toll on people that often results in a broken spirit (Exodus 6:9).

- ▶ **The Reality of Deafness Due to Discouragement** – When discouragement becomes excessively commonplace for certain people groups, it frequently deafens their ears to the sound of good news (Exodus 6:9).
- ▶ **The Reality of Brokenness Due to Harshness** – When people are subjugated to harsh systems that are designed to extract their energy to the point of exhaustion, it results in a broken capacity to hope (Exodus 6:9).

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2. **THE COVENANT KEEPER:** In spite of deafness due to discouragement and brokenness due to harshness, our God is committed to keeping His Covenant of protection and provision with us (Exodus 6:2-3).

Two AWESOME Things We Need to Know About God

- ▶ **Our God is the God Who Reveals** – Our God is so committed to us that He comes to the rescue of His people **not** because we are worthy, but because of His identity (Exodus 6:2-3).
- ▶ **Our God is the God Who Delivers** – By making the declaration, “I am the LORD,” God reminds His people that our Deliverer is greater than any wannabe dictator who dares to hold us hostage (Exodus 6:2-3).

3. **TRUST THAT THE “I AM” IS ALSO THE “I WILL:”**
We have to stop trusting our own hustle and start trusting that the God, who is the Great “I AM” is also the Great “I WILL (Exodus 6:6-8).”

Accept and Embrace

- √ **Accept the Outstretched Arm of God** – God has promised to bring you out. So, surrender to a rescue and redemption that relies entirely on divine intervention (Exodus 6:6-8).
- √ **Embrace the Mighty Acts of God** – The mighty act that God has performed for us is the salvation of our souls through Jesus Christ. Meaning, your rescue is not just about escaping your current reality; it is about entering into an exclusive, intimate relationship with the Lord (Exodus 6:6-8).

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