
GOD'S UNSTOPPABLE COVENANT

EXODUS 4:18-31



“Covenant” is one of the key words in the Bible. If we understand it, it opens up the whole Bible, and deepens our relationship with God. If we misunderstand it, much of the Bible will remain closed to us, and our relationship with God will be shallow. Let's see what Moses learned about the covenant in Exodus 4:18-31 so that we can use this key to open up the Bible and enter into a deeper relationship with God.

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- **GOD'S COVENANT IS A WORSHIP RELATIONSHIP (27-31)**

LEARNING

GOD'S COVENANT IS UNSTOPPABLE (18-23)

Moses had fled Egypt after making a terrible mistake. As Moses fled, it looked like God's covenant had failed. But now, forty years later, God commissions Moses to return to Egypt to deliver God's covenant people (18-20). Human mistakes cannot stop God's covenant.

God warned Moses that even when he does all the miracles to show God's power, Pharaoh will not let the people go (21). But human opposition cannot stop God's covenant.

Pharaoh had claimed God's people as his own. But God tells Moses to reclaim them. **Then you shall say to Pharaoh, 'Thus says the Lord, Israel is my firstborn son, and I say to you, "Let my son go that he may serve me." If you refuse to let him go, behold, I will kill your firstborn son'"** (22-23). But human claims can't stop God's commitment.

EVEN WHEN THE DEVIL PULLS OUT ALL THE STOPS
HE CANNOT STOP THE UNSTOPPABLE GOD

Well if it's unstoppable, I can just sit back and let God work. No, God's covenant also calls us to responsibility.

GOD'S COVENANT DOES NOT EXCUSE DISOBEDIENCE (24-26)

As Moses travelled to Egypt with his family, **the Lord met him and sought to put him to death** (24). Why? From what happens in verses 25-26, it's clear that God was judging Moses for covenant disobedience, specifically, failing to circumcise his son.

SERVING GOD DOES NOT EXCUSE
DISOBEYING GOD.

Is it just a law covenant, just a legal relationship? No, it's fundamentally a loving relationship.

GOD'S COVENANT IS A WORSHIP RELATIONSHIP (27-31)

Moses and Aaron go to Egypt, gather the elders of Israel, and **Aaron spoke all the words that the Lord had spoken to Moses and did the signs in the sight of the people** (30). They spoke God's Word and showed God's signs.

How did the people respond? **And the people believed; and when they heard that the Lord had visited the people of Israel and that he had seen their affliction, they bowed their heads and worshiped** (31). God drew them into a loving relationship where they communed with him in humble worship. It's a love relationship, not a law relationship.

THE CORE OF THE COVENANT IS
COMMUNION NOT COMMANDMENT.

LOVING

God has given us the key to his Word and the key to his heart. The key of covenant opens up the Bible to us and opens up God's heart to us. The unstoppable, holy, relational God is on mission to connect the disconnected with himself. We see that in Moses's redemption of Israel in the old covenant. We see it even more clearly in Christ's redemption of his people in the new covenant. With this key of covenant we unlock the Bible, and God unlocks our hearts and his.

LIVING

Covenant with the unstoppable, holy, and relational God of the covenant to unlock the Bible and unlock God's heart.
