



Spiritual
Lessons from
the Life of
Moses

Lesson 3-
Suffering of
the Hebrew
slaves

Exodus 5-6

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Moses Moves to Midian



(1) Background:
After meeting the angel of the Lord in the burning bush, Moses moved back to Egypt from Midian.

(1a) Watch video Chap 5, Bible Movie app, beginning to end:
<https://biblemovie.subspla.sh/62aa4dd>

Watch video Chap 6, Bible Movie app, beginning to 01:36:
<https://biblemovie.subspla.sh/6db8430>

Please watch the videos with discernment as parts may be inaccurate.

Question:

After Moses pleaded for the release of the Israelite slaves, did Pharaoh give in to Moses or make life harder of the Israelite slaves?



Moses goes to Pharaoh

Exodus 4:29 – 7:16



(2) Exodus 4:29-31
When Moses and Aaron arrived in Egypt they gathered together the leaders (elders) of the Hebrews (Israelites) to tell them the news that God was going to deliver them and lead them to the Promised Land.

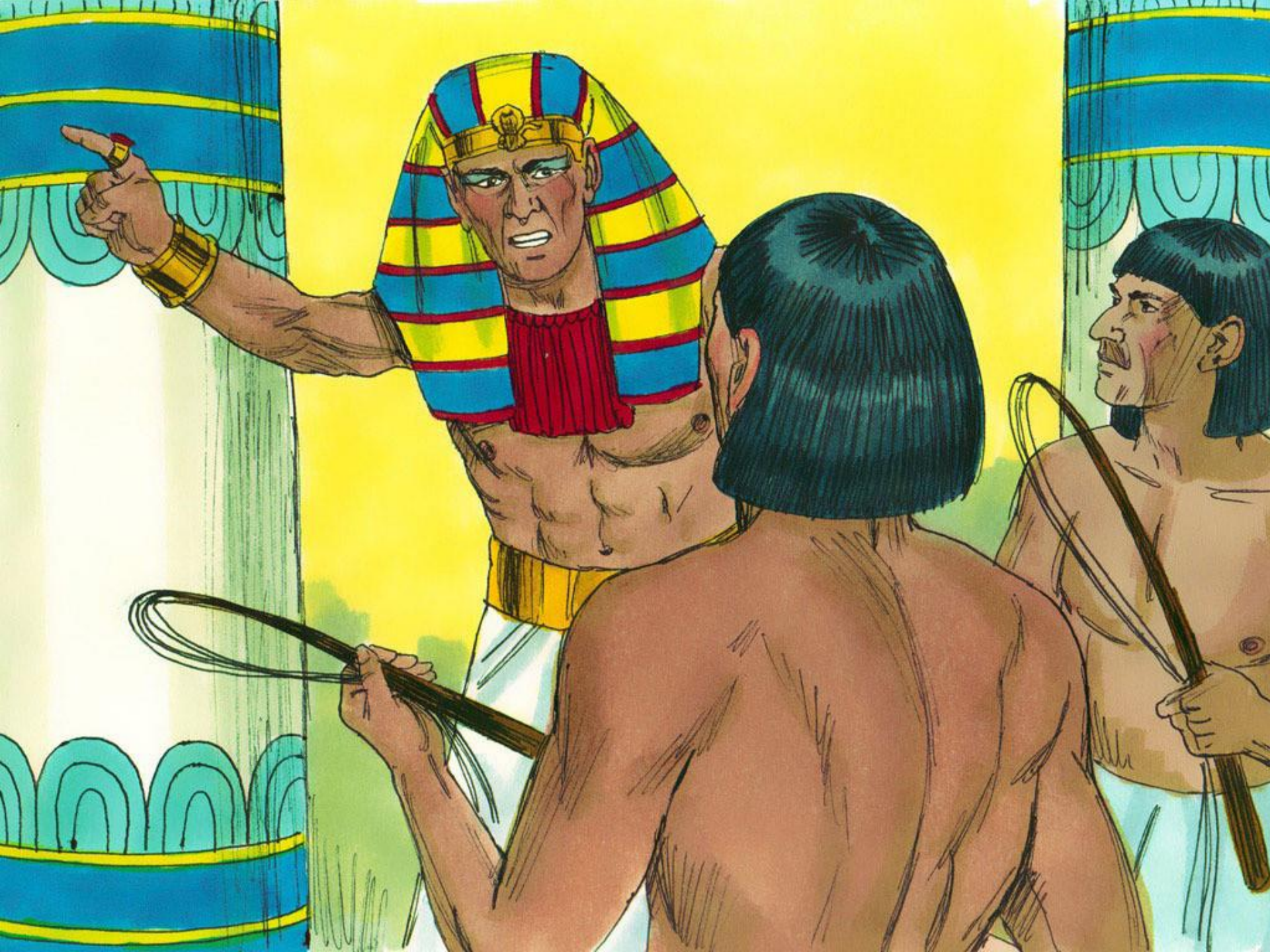
The leaders and the people bowed down to worship God.



(3) Exodus 5:1
Then Moses
and Aaron
went to
Pharaoh. 'The
God of Israel
says, "Let my
people go so
they can
worship me in
the
wilderness."



(4) Exod 5:2- 3
Who is the Lord
that I should
obey Him?'
replied Pharaoh.
'I do not know
the Lord and I
will not let His
people go.' 'If we
don't obey God,
He may bring
plagues,'
warned Moses
and Aaron



(5) Exod 5: 6-9
The same day,
Pharaoh gave
orders to the
slave drivers to
make the
Hebrews work
harder.

They were no
longer given
straw to make
bricks but had to
collect their own
straw while still
making as many
bricks as before.



(6) Exod 5:12
The slaves
scattered all
over to gather
stubble to use
as straw.

The slave
master kept
on pressing
them.



(7) Exod 5:21
The Israelite
leaders
complained to
Moses and
Aaron. 'May
God judge
you. You have
made
Pharaoh hate
us and our
lives are in
danger.'

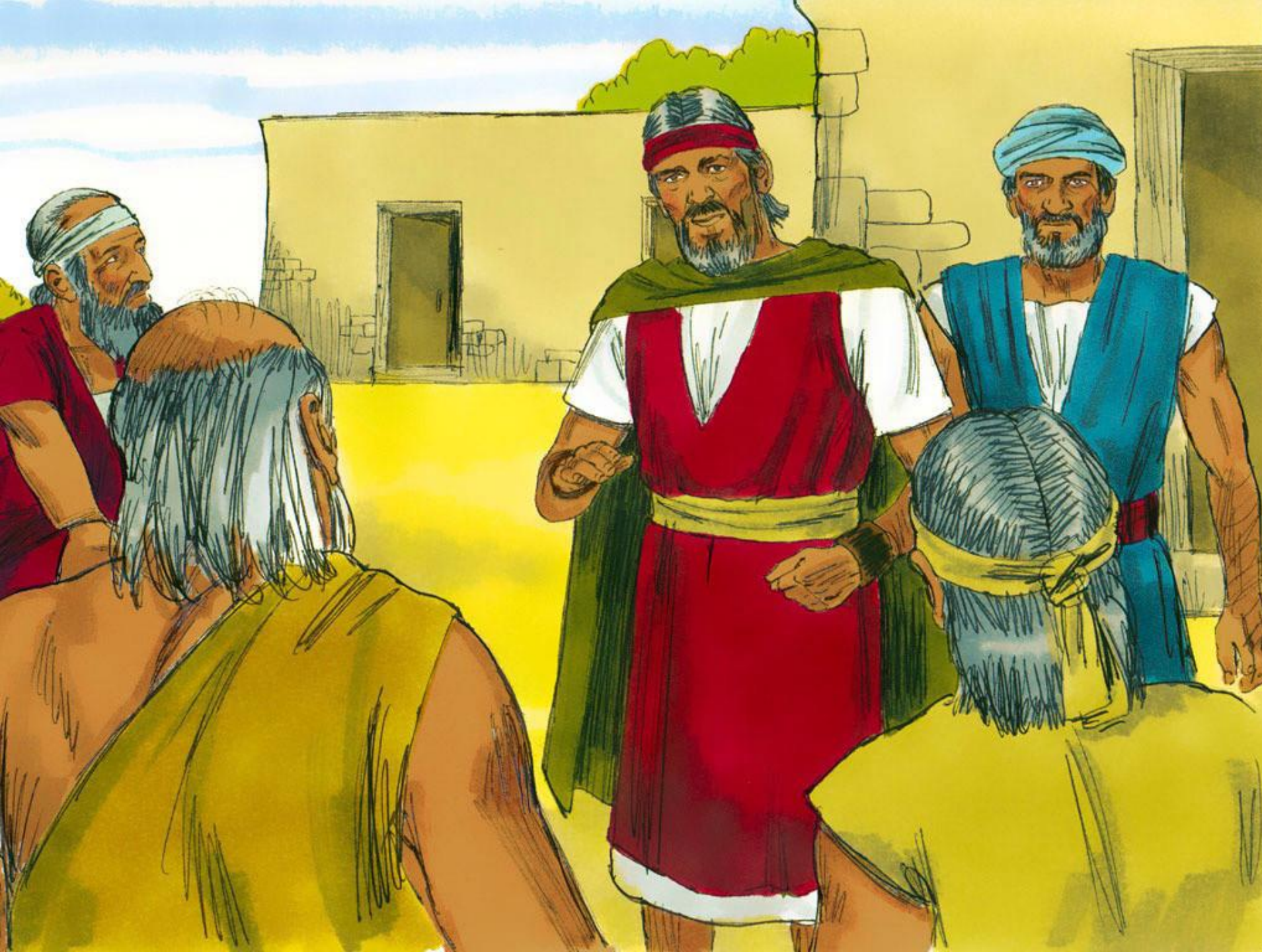


(8) Exod 5: 22
Moses spoke
to God. 'Why
have you
brought
trouble on
these people?

I spoke to
Pharaoh in
your Name
but you have
not rescued
them.'



(9) Exodus 6:6-8
God replied,
'My mighty
hand will drive
the people out
of Egypt. I keep
my promises. I
will take you as
my people and
I will be your
God etc...'



(10) Exod 6:9
Moses
reported this
to the Israelite
leaders but
they were too
discouraged
by their bad
treatment to
listen to him.

(11) Spiritual Lessons:

(a) The Israelites were discouraged as God did not remove Pharaoh and release the Israelites immediately.

Exod 5:22, 23

“ 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.”

Exodus 6: 9

“⁹ And Moses spake so unto the children of Israel: but they hearkened not unto Moses for anguish of spirit, and for cruel bondage.”

(b) Application to us

- When we go to God with our trouble, God’s reply to us may be:
 - (i) Yes
 - (ii) Wait
 - (iii) No

- Whichever reply from God, it is the best for us.
- When God says:
 - “Yes” – God desires to help us.
 - “Wait” - God wants us to wait. [NUS]
 - “No” - Is there sin in our life?
 - “My grace is sufficient for you” 2 Cor 12:9.

(b) Why “Wait”?

God’s plan to take place in the Exodus:

- 10 plaques
- Timing for the punishment of the Amorites. (Gen 15:16)

If we go to God with our request, we must also wait and be patient:

- Events and circumstances according to God’s will
- God’s timing.

For example, if we suffer under:

- (a) Ill health
- (b) Oppressive boss
- (c) Bad work environment
- (d) Joblessness
- (e) Family and relationship conflicts
- (f) Etc...

We must:

- (a) be patient
- (b) continue to pray to God with our request,
- (c) do righteously (Psalm 34:15),
- (d) turn away from sin

We must not be impatient and blame God/others. (The Israelites blamed Moses for their further suffering. Moses was discouraged by God's failure to act)

(12) Suffering of the Israelites as slaves

(a) Genesis 15:13-16:

¹³ And he said unto Abram, Know of a surety that thy seed shall be a stranger in a land that is not theirs, and shall serve them; and they shall afflict them four hundred years;

¹⁴ And also that nation, whom they shall serve, will I judge: and afterward shall they come out with great substance.

¹⁵ And thou shalt go to thy fathers in peace; thou shalt be buried in a good old age.

¹⁶ But in the fourth generation they shall come hither again: for the iniquity of the Amorites is not yet full.

(b) Believers' suffering brings glory to God

- Israelite slaves cried out to God for deliverance and God rescued them from Egypt.
- Joseph's suffering finally elevated him to be Prime Minister of Egypt, bringing glory to God.
- Apostle Paul's suffering was God's calling for him to turn from a well respected Jew to a persecuted missionary. He brought the gospel to the gentiles.
- others

(13) Suffering believers bring glory to God



Christians in
Ukraine:
watch video

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(14) God's will for believers to go through suffering

John 16:33 "In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.

Reasons for suffering:

- (a) Bring glory to God
- (b) Cry out to God for deliverance
- (c) Search for God

**BUT REJOICE THAT YOU SHARE IN
THE SUFFERINGS OF CHRIST, SO
THAT YOU MAY BE OVERJOYED AT
THE REVELATION OF HIS GLORY.**

- 1 PETER 4:13

Those who share in Christ's suffering will also be rewarded in glory.

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PERFECT, STABLISH,
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YOU.

1 PETER 5:10

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Question:

(1) Share an instance on how God has heard your prayer for help and delivered you.