


For Discussion 4:29-5:5

Theme	First Panel 1:1-4:18	Second Panel 4:19-40:38
Entering Egypt	1:1-7, Eleven tribes go to Egypt & multiply	4:19-31, Moses returns to Egypt with his family
Oppression	1:8-22, Pharaoh oppresses Israel	5:1-6:1, Oppression increases
Leaders raised up	2:1-4, Moses born	6:2-27, Moses & Aaron appointed
Moses & Pharaoh	2:5-10, Moses as a son	6:28-13:16, Moses as a deliverer
Travel to Horeb	2:11-15, Moses flees to Midian	13:17-17:7, Israel from Egypt to Sinai
Conflict	2:16-17, Moses overcomes shepherds	17:8-16, Moses overcomes Amalek
Moses and Jethro	2:18-22, Moses' Midianite family	18:1-27, Moses' Midianite family
Encounter with God at Horeb	2:23-4:18, Moses to "serve God upon this mountain," 3:12	19:1-40:38, At Horeb, Israel enters covenant with God

- How do 4:29-31 fulfill the pattern that God gave Moses in 4:15-16?
- How does 4:31 contrast with chapter 5?
- What three phases of the believer's experience do Exodus 4:31-6:1 illustrate?
- Where does the NT document these phases?
- How is Exodus 5 organized?
- How does Moses' meeting with Pharaoh in 5:1-5 differ from his later meetings?
- What does this difference show about Moses' attitude at this point?
- How is this attitude reflected in a comparison of the meeting with the plan God gave in 3:18-19?
- How does Pharaoh's question in 5:2 set the stage for the plagues?
- What spiritual principle does Pharaoh's opposition indicate?

Scene 4, 4:29-31

Who: Moses,
Aaron, Elders
Where: Egypt

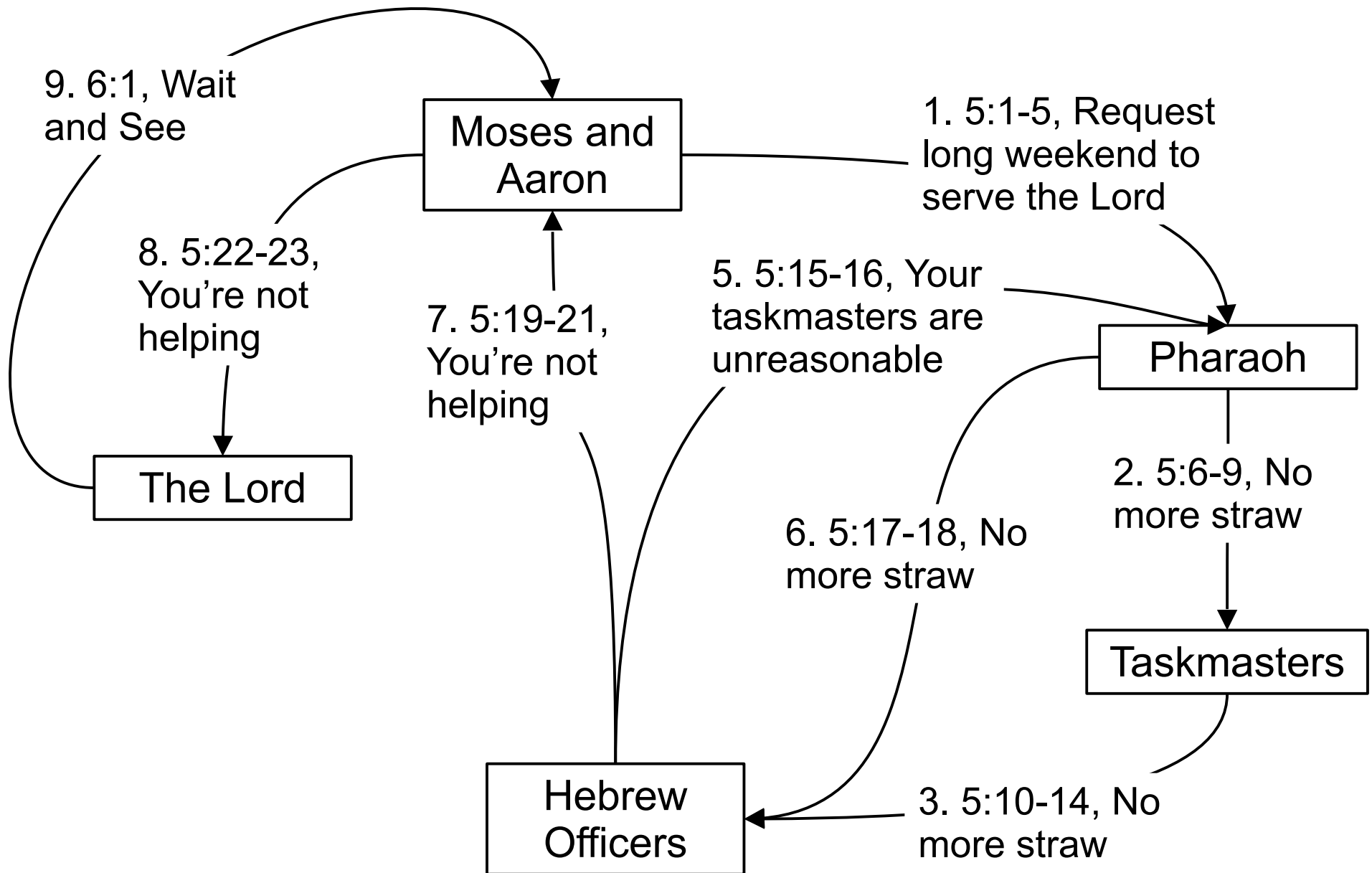
Mode	Question, Positive		Statement, Negative
Focus	God Said ...		The LORD Said ...
Moses	3:11-12 Moses: Who am I? God: I will be with you.		4:10-12 Moses: I cannot speak The LORD: Go , I will be with your mouth
The People	3:13-15 Moses: (They will ask) What is his name? God: The LORD God of your fathers		4:1-9 Moses: They will not believe The LORD: Three signs
3:16-22 Go + God's Purpose			

Plan, 3:16-18	Execution, 4:29-31
16 Go, and gather the elders of Israel together,	29 And Moses and Aaron went and gathered together all the elders of the children of Israel:
and say unto them , The LORD God of your fathers ... appeared unto me, saying, I have surely visited you, and seen that which is done to you in Egypt: ...	30 And Aaron spake all the words which the LORD had spoken unto Moses, and did the signs in the sight of the people.
18 And they shall hearken to thy voice:	31 And the people believed : and when they heard that the LORD had visited the children of Israel, and that he had looked upon their affliction , then they bowed their heads and worshipped.

The Paradox of Suffering Believers

Stage	Exodus 4-6	Romans 5	John 16:33	Acts 14:22
Reception by faith of God's promises	4:31 the people believed , and ... <u>worshipped</u>	1 Therefore being justified by faith , we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ: 2 By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and <u>rejoice</u> in hope of the glory of God.	These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have <u>peace</u> exhorting them to continue in the faith ,
The road can be painful ...	5:1-22 increased oppression	3 And not only so, but we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience; 4 And patience, experience; and experience, hope :	In the world ye shall have tribulation :	and that we must through much tribulation
... but will ultimately lead to the glory	6:1 now shalt thou see what I will do	5 And the hope maketh not ashamed ; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.	but be of good cheer ; I have overcome the world.	enter into the kingdom of God .

5:1-6:1, Passing the Buck



Spiritual Principles in Pharaoh's Opposition

Ref.	Participants	Conversation	Principle
1-5	Moses and Pharaoh	Moses requests a feast; Pharaoh refuses	God's people live in a world ruled by a wicked personal adversary, who seeks to frustrate their faith
6-9	Pharaoh and Taskmasters	Pharaoh tells taskmasters to withhold straw	Satan stirs up opposition to believers among his own servants
10-14	Taskmasters and Officers	Taskmasters implement the policy through Hebrew officers	God's people are sometimes part of the opposition, often against their will.
15-18	Officers and Pharaoh	Officers plead with Pharaoh, who refuses	We can engage oppressing powers, but should not expect success
19-21	Officers and Moses	Officers complain to Moses	Spiritual leaders should expect to be the focus of believers' discontent
22-23	Moses and the Lord	Moses goes to the Lord, who encourages him	We all, and leaders in particular, must cast our cares on him.

5:1 Is Moses Over-Eager?

6:10 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, 11 **Go in, speak unto Pharaoh** king of Egypt, ...

7:14 And the LORD said unto Moses ... 15 **Get thee unto Pharaoh** in the morning ... (1, water to blood)

8:1 And the LORD spake unto Moses, **Go unto Pharaoh**, and say unto him, ... (2, frogs)

Exo 8:8 Then **Pharaoh called** for Moses and Aaron, ...

8:20 And the LORD said unto Moses, Rise up early in the morning, and **stand before** Pharaoh; ... (4, flies)

8:25 And **Pharaoh called** for Moses and for Aaron, ...

9:1 Then the LORD said unto Moses, **Go in unto Pharaoh**, ... (5, murrain)

9:8 And the LORD said unto Moses and unto Aaron, Take to you handfuls of ashes of the furnace, and let Moses sprinkle it toward the heaven **in the sight of Pharaoh**. (6, boils)

9:13 And the LORD said unto Moses, Rise up early in the morning, and **stand before Pharaoh**, ... (7, hail)

9:27 And **Pharaoh sent, and called** for Moses and Aaron, ...

10:1 And the LORD said unto Moses, **Go in unto Pharaoh**: (8, locusts)

10:16 Then **Pharaoh called** for Moses and Aaron in haste; ...

10:24 And **Pharaoh called** unto Moses, ... (9, darkness)

Expect Step by Step Guidance

Gen 17:1 ... the LORD appeared to Abram, and said unto him, I am the Almighty God; **walk before me**, and be thou perfect.

Isa 30:21 And thine ears shall hear a word behind thee, saying, This is the way, walk ye in it, **when ye turn** to the right hand, and **when ye turn** to the left.

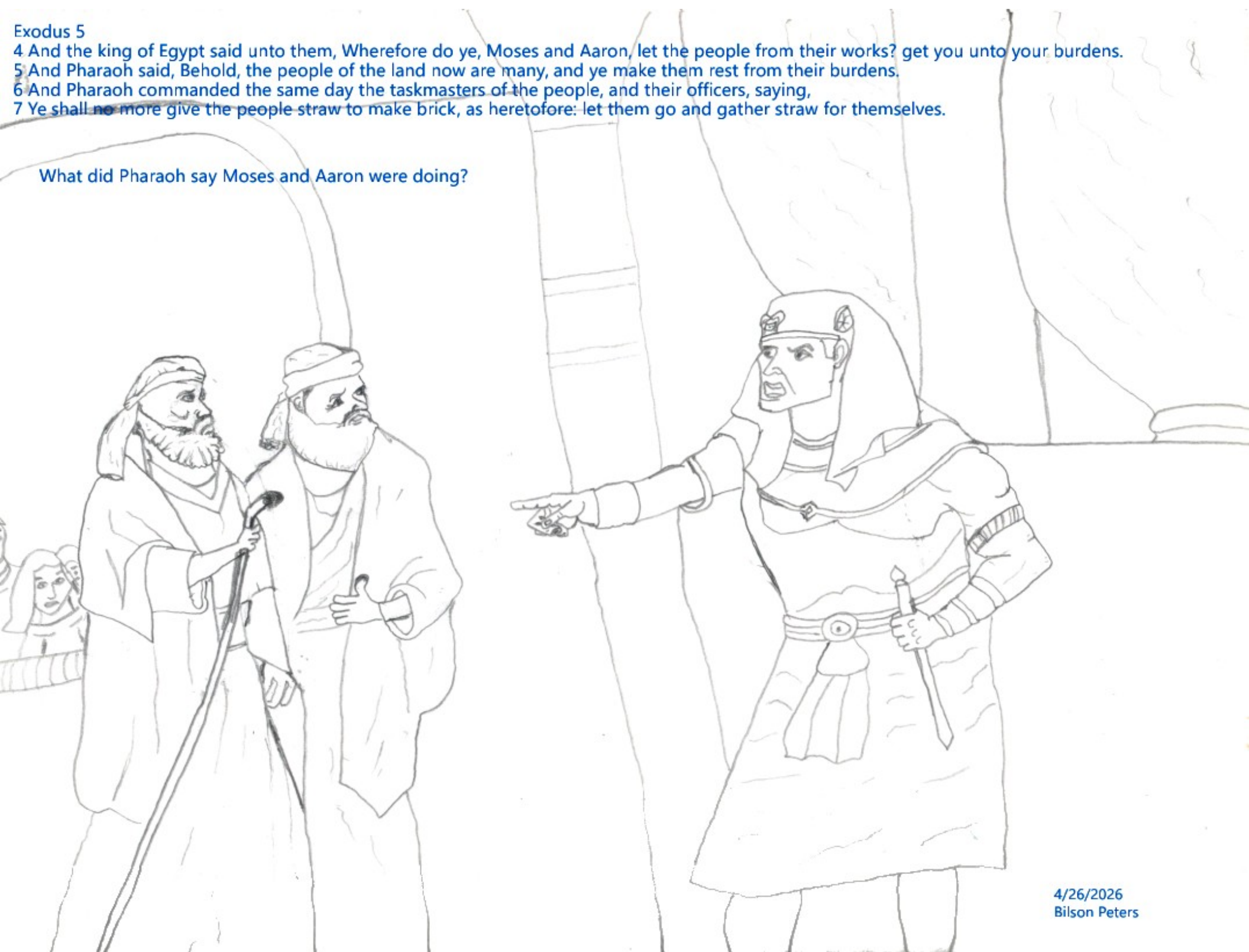
How Well does Moses Follow Instructions?

Plan, 3:18b-19	Execution, 5:1-4	
18b And they shall hearken to thy voice: and thou shalt come , thou and the elders of Israel , unto the king of Egypt,	1 And afterward Moses and Aaron went in,	
18c and ye shall say unto him, The LORD God of the Hebrews hath met with us:	and told Pharaoh, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel,	3 And they said , The God of the Hebrews hath met with us:
18d and now let us go , we beseech thee, three days' journey into the wilderness , that we may sacrifice to the LORD our God.	Let my people go , that they may hold a feast unto me in the wilderness .	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.
19 And I am sure that the king of Egypt will not let you go , no, not by a mighty hand.	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 .	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.

Exodus 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.
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.

What did Pharaoh say Moses and Aaron were doing?



5:2 I know not the LORD

Ex. 7:17 Thus saith the LORD, In this **thou shalt know that I am the LORD**: behold, I will smite with the rod that is in mine hand upon the waters which are in the river, and they shall be turned to blood.

Ex. 8:10 And he said, To morrow. And he said, Be it according to thy word: that **thou mayest know that there is none like unto the LORD our God**.

Ex. 8:22 And I will sever in that day the land of Goshen, in which my people dwell, that no swarms of flies shall be there; to the end **thou mayest know that I am the LORD** in the midst of the earth.

Ex. 9:14 For I will at this time send all my plagues upon thine heart, and upon thy servants, and upon thy people; that **thou mayest know that there is none like me** in all the earth.

Ex. 9:29 And Moses said unto him, As soon as I am gone out of the city, I will spread abroad my hands unto the LORD; and the thunder shall cease, neither shall there be any more hail; that **thou mayest know how that the earth is the LORD'S**.

Some Helpful References

3 pestilence (דֵּבֵר deber H1689)

Ex. 9:3 Behold, the hand of the LORD is upon thy cattle which is in the field, upon the horses, upon the asses, upon the camels, upon the oxen, and upon the sheep: there shall be a very grievous **murrain**.

Ex. 9:15 For now I will stretch out my hand, that I may smite thee and thy people with **pestilence**; and thou shalt be cut off from the earth.

Pharaoh's Real Problem

Rom 8:7 ... the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be.

Principle: A Personal Adversary

Eph 6:10 Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. 11 Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the **wiles** (μεθοδεΐα *methodeia* G3180) of the devil. 12 For **we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.** 13 Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

1Pe 5:8 Be sober, be vigilant; because **your adversary the devil**, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:

2Co 2:10 To whom ye forgive any thing, I forgive also: for if I forgave any thing, to whom I forgave it, for your sakes forgave I it in the person of Christ; 11 Lest **Satan should get an advantage of us**: for we are not **ignorant** of his **devices** (νόημα *noēma* G3540).