



## “God Hears ‘The Egyptianized’”

**Exodus 3:7-10; Psalm 106:7-14; Romans 7:14-25**  
**Scripture Verses: Joshua 24:5-7; Nehemiah 9:9; Psalm 34:15-20; 107:6**

This is the first Sunday in the Lenten Season for 2010 and also the third Sunday of African History Life, here at Providence. We proudly and strategically remember the history and legacy of our foremothers and forefathers. We highlight this time by services, sermons, and acts of remembrance about, not only, how “we got over,” but where do we go. This year is the beginning of the 40 days before Jesus’ Resurrection that starts in this month. This is a season in which Christians, once again, reflect and prepare their hearts to remember the most precious gift the world has ever received. It is the gift of God humbling Himself into the form of a human being who suffered, bled, and died so that in 2010 you and I can --**If We Choose**-- have our souls redeemed.

Never forget, even if we live our lives apart from God, that all we have to do is repent and call on Him and He will hear our prayers. This Lenten Season encourages us to re-examine our lives and reconnect them to the uplifting of God’s Kingdom here on earth.

The verses we look to for the defining of this morning’s sermon are found in Exodus, Psalm, Joshua, and Nehemiah where the plight of the Israelites is defined from the pre-slavery era until the post slavery era. The chosen verses demonstrate how God’s children, living in Egypt adopted the Egyptian way of life. They saw and loved the decadent behavior of the people who had enslaved their bodies and now had enslaved their minds, religion, and culture. One could say that their new lives reflected that they had become “Egyptianized.”

They forgot the promises which God made to Abraham and lavished themselves in the “instant pleasures” of their surroundings. They became slaves to bad habits, unhealthy relationships, and addicted to their own fleshly desires. They left their praying lives and chased a destructive lifestyle.

In 2010, many Christians have become “Egyptianized” as the lure of the world around them separates them from a God who begs them to be obedient and faithful. I have briefly outlined below some points to assist you with the Word of God to see if you have been lured away from God and drifting further into an undesired way of living.

### **God’s Children Had Become Egyptianized**

- I. God hears the prayers of the Israelites — (Joshua 24:5-7; Nehemiah 9:9; Psalm 34:15-20; 107:6)
  - A. In their minds — (Exodus 14:11,12; 15: 24,25; 16:2-4 Numbers 14:1-4; 20:2-5; Psalm 106:7-14)
  - B. In their worship — (Exodus 32:1-6)
- II. God is calling us out of our personal Egypts  
**Many Have Become Egyptianized in 2010**
  - A. In our minds — (I John 2:15-17; James 4:4; Ephesians 4:13,14 II Corinthians 10:1-11)
    1. Slaves to bad habits
    2. Slaves to unhealthy relationships (Judges 16:1; I Corinthians 15:33; II Corinthians 6:17; Ephesians 5:6-20)
  - B. In our Worship
    1. Prayer life limited or non-existing
    2. Inconsistent study of God’s Word
    3. Serving only our own needs
- III. Everyday God is Calling “The Egyptianized” to be free
  - A. To love and follow God — (Luke 18:18-23)
  - B. To Promise God (Psalm 100)
  - C. To serve God (John 12:26; Colossians 3:24; Romans 12:1,11)

In 2010 during this sacred season of remembrance, reflecting, and rededication, let’s diligently seek God’s guidance and He will hear our prayer and free

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