



# Grace Hill Church

*The Mission of Grace Hill Is to Gather People to the Table of Christ, Who Is the Bread of Life, to Be Transformed by His Grace, Renewed in His Truth, and Sent on His Mission.*

[A]nd the people of Israel groaned because of their slavery and cried out for help. Their cry for rescue from slavery came up to God. <sup>24</sup> And God heard their groaning, and God remembered his covenant with Abraham, with Isaac, and with Jacob. <sup>25</sup> God saw the people of Israel—and God knew. ~Ex. 2:23-25

But for this purpose I have raised you up, to show you my power, so that my name may be proclaimed in all the earth. You are still exalting yourself against my people and will not let them go. ~Exodus 9:16-17

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## Expressing Our Love and Praise: Worship in Song

### Declaring What We Believe: New City Catechism, Question #38

**Question:** What is prayer?

**Answer:** Prayer is pouring out our hearts to God in praise, petition, confession of sin, and thanksgiving.

## Welcoming Each Other

### Giving Worship to God: Offering

### Hearing God's Word: Scripture Reading *Nehemiah 9:9-12, Exodus 14:19-31*

"And you saw the affliction of our fathers in Egypt and heard their cry at the Red Sea, <sup>10</sup> and performed signs and wonders against Pharaoh and all his servants and all the people of his land, for you knew that they acted arrogantly against our fathers. And you made a name for yourself, as it is to this day. <sup>11</sup> And you divided the sea before them, so that they went through the midst of the sea on dry land, and you cast their pursuers into the depths, as a stone into mighty waters. <sup>12</sup> By a pillar of cloud you led them in the day, and by a pillar of fire in the night to light for them the way in which they should go.

#### *Exodus 14:19-31*

Then the angel of God who was going before the host of Israel moved and went behind them, and the pillar of cloud moved from before them and stood behind them, <sup>20</sup> coming between the host of Egypt and the host of Israel. And there was the cloud and the darkness. And it lit up the night without one coming near the other all night.

<sup>21</sup> Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and the Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night and made the sea dry land, and the waters were divided. <sup>22</sup> And the people of Israel went into the midst of the sea on dry ground, the waters being a wall to them on their right hand and on their left. <sup>23</sup> The Egyptians pursued and went in after them into the midst of the sea, all Pharaoh's horses, his chariots, and his horsemen.

<sup>26</sup> Then the Lord said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots, and upon their horsemen." <sup>27</sup> So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and the sea returned to its normal course when the morning appeared. And as the Egyptians fled into it, the Lord threw the Egyptians into the midst of the sea. <sup>28</sup> The waters returned and covered the chariots and the horsemen; of all the host of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea, not one of them remained. <sup>29</sup> But the people of Israel walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters being a wall to them on their right hand and on their left.

<sup>30</sup> Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the hand of the Egyptians, and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. <sup>31</sup> Israel saw the great power that the Lord used against the Egyptians, so the people feared the Lord, and they believed in the Lord and in his servant Moses.

## Understanding God's Word and Our Lives

**Series:** God's Story Helps Us Pray, Pray to Live in God's Story: Neh. 9 and Acts 4

**Sermon:** *God Compassionately Rescues His People in the Exodus Because of the Covenant*

Outline:

1. The True Story: Creation (9.6), [Rebellion/Hiding: 9.6d], Covenant (9.7-8), and Exodus (9.9-12)
2. The Exodus Shows God is a Rescuer: His Compassion and Strength for His People
  - a. Sin in the World: Pharaoh and His People Acted Arrogantly: Slavery, v.10
  - b. God Sees and Hears, v. 9
  - c. God Acts with Signs and Wonders, v. 10-11
  - d. God Leads and Protects His People, v. 12
  - e. God Making His Name Known is Part of His Rescuing, v. 10
3. God's Rescue in the Exodus Helps Us to Pray
  - a. "Thank You that Your covenant with me in Christ means You always see and hear me."
  - b. "Thank You that You love Your people ("My son") and You use Your great strength for us."
  - c. "Lord Jesus please fight for me; please rescue me from myself and from all Your enemies."
  - d. "You are able to lead me; please be a pillar of cloud and fire to lead me in Your way."
  - e. "Jesus, You are my rescuer, but in all my situations, would You also make Your name great."

## **Recognizing our Brokenness: Confession of Sin**

### **Public Prayer**

God, forgive us when we don't really believe that You see us (but you do!) or that You are hearing our prayers (but you are!). Sometimes we still think you are far off.

Father, because of Your Covenant with us, we are your cherished people. Christ has made us to belong to You; we are Your sons and daughters. And so You see us and hear us. Convince us that You are full of compassion and strength towards us. Holy Spirit, grow our hearts to cry out to You. Mature our love and loyalty to You because You have indeed rescued us. You see us, You love us, and You are leading us.

### **Private Reflection**

#### **The Grace and Forgiveness of Christ**

The Lord passed before him and proclaimed, "The Lord, the Lord, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, keeping steadfast love for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, but who will by no means clear the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children and the children's children, to the third and the fourth generation." And Moses quickly bowed his head toward the earth and worshiped. And he said, "If now I have found favor in your sight, O Lord, please let the Lord go in the midst of us, for it is a stiff-necked people, and pardon our iniquity and our sin, and take us for your inheritance. ~Exodus 34:6-9

## **Baptism of Kayli Havener and Communicant Vows for David Durham**

### **Responding to the Lord with Worship**

#### **Taking hold of the Good Word: Benediction ("the good word")**

Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen. (Heb. 13:20-21)

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#### **Additional Quotes:**

For we have heard how the Lord dried up the water of the Red Sea before you when you came out of Egypt, and what you did to the two kings of the Amorites who were beyond the Jordan, to Sihon and Og, whom you devoted to destruction. And as soon as we heard it, our hearts melted, and there was no spirit left in any man because of you, for the Lord your God, he is God in the heavens above and on the earth beneath. ~Joshua 2:10-11

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The Israelites cried out for help to the Lord: "We have sinned against you. We abandoned our God and worshiped the Baals." The Lord said to the Israelites, "Did I not deliver you from Egypt?" ... finally the Lord grew tired of seeing Israel suffer so much. ~Judges 10:10-11

You must say to Pharaoh, 'Thus says the LORD, "Israel is my son, my firstborn, and I said to you, 'Let my son go that he may serve me,' but since you have refused to let him go, I will surely kill your son, your firstborn!" ' ' ~Ex. 4:22-23

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#### **Announcements:**

- **Worship in Offering:** Three ways to worship the Lord with your tithes and offerings
  - Use your bank's BillPay system to give to Grace Hill
  - Send a physical check
  - Use our mobile giving option (either as a guest or by setting up an account):
    - <https://faithlife.com/grace-hill-church/give> or text the word "Give" to 919 296 1330.
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