

**YAG RETREAT SPIRITUAL LEADERSHIP III**  
**4-5 November 2011**  
**DEEPER PRAYER LESSONS**  
**Session #1**

**Friday, 4 November 2011**  
**8.00pm**

**Text: Exodus 5:1-23**

**GOALS OF RETREAT**

1. Discovering lessons Moses learned about prayer
2. Discovering what and how God taught Moses to learn about prayer through experience
3. Deepening our prayer-life
4. Moving on to “the next level”
5. Learning from mistakes made in prayer
6. Deepening sense of purpose in prayer
7. Finding greater motivation and inspiration to pray

**BASIC LEVELS OF PRAYER**

1. Working Definitions of Prayer
  - a) Talking to God
  - b) Making our Requests known to God
  - c) Supplicating/Pleading
  - d) Relating Prayer to Ministry and Life
2. Where Prayers do not seem to be answered
  - a) Setbacks occur
  - b) More problems arise
  - c) Discouragement sets in
  - d) Doubts assail
  - e) On the brink of despair

### 3. Despairing (early) Prayers of Moses

Exodus 5:22-23; 6:12, 30

#### How Not To Pray!

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| a) Blaming God      | Exodus 5:22a |
| b) Querying God     | Exodus 5:22b |
| c) Doubting God     | Exodus 5:23  |
| d) Whining unbelief | Exodus 6:30  |
| e) Wrong focus      |              |

### ESSENTIAL LESSONS GOD TAUGHT MOSES ABOUT PRAYER

Exodus 6:1-13

#### 1. Coming into the Presence of The LORD

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| a) "I am the LORD"  | Exodus 6:2  |
| i) Appearing as God Almighty to the patriarchs                      | Exodus 6:3a |
| ii) Covenant established with them                                  | Exodus 6:4a |
| iii) The Promised Land of Canaan                                    | Exodus 6:4b |
| b) "I am the LORD"  | Exodus 6:6  |
| i) "LORD" would be the new Title of God with the children of Israel | Exodus 6:3b |
| ii) This LORD had heard the groaning of Israel in Egypt             | Exodus 6:5a |
| iii) He had remembered His covenant                                 | Exodus 6:5b |
| c) "I am the LORD"  | Exodus 6:7  |
| i) He will bring them out of their burdens imposed by Egypt         | Exodus 6:6b |
| ii) He will rescue them from bondage                                | Exodus 6:6c |
| iii) He will redeem them with great judgment                        | Exodus 6:6d |
| iv) He will take Israel as His people (formally)                    | Exodus 6:7a |

- v) He will be their God Exodus 6:7b
- d) "I am the LORD" Exodus 6:8
  - i) Experiential knowledge in mind
  - ii) Personal knowledge too
  - iii) National solidifying knowledge
  - iv) Powerful life-impacting knowledge through rescue from bondage Exodus 6:7
  - v) Promise to the patriarchs would be fulfilled -- Israel would inherit Canaan Exodus 6:8

## 2. Significance

- a) Knowledge
  - i) Historical
  - ii) Current
- b) Consciousness
  - i) Little consciousness
  - ii) Limited consciousness
  - iii) Great consciousness desired
- c) Lordship
  - i) Acknowledged
  - ii) Appreciated
  - iii) Renewed
  - iv) Deepened
- d) Potential Impact on prayer
  - i) Hope revived
  - ii) Faith renewed

- iii) Trust deepened
- iv) Spurring greater effort in prayer
- v) Creating a desire to know God even more deeply
- vi) Anticipation of what God would do to fulfill what He Has promised
- vii) Standing in greater awe of God
- viii) Humbled in spirit