

## New Hebron Missionary Baptist Church

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"...from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation..."

(2 Tim. 3:15)

## The Importance of Scripture

{Exodus 18:13-16}

Survey of chapter 18

v.1) "heard of all that God had done for Moses"

- The news of Israel's experiences was travelling fast. Many have heard about millions of people crossing the Red Sea and the miracles that the Lord was performing.
- v.2-4) "Then Jethro, Moses' father in law, took Zipporah, Moses' wife, after he had sent her back, (\*) And her two sons; of which the name of the one was Gershom; for he said, I have been an alien in a strange land: (\*) And the name of the other was Eliezer; for the God of my father, said he, was mine help, and delivered me from the sword of Pharaoh:"
  - We see a reunion with his immediate family which included his father in law, his wife and his two sons.
  - Moses' children have names with spiritual significance: [Gershom] stranger; this is a reminder that Midian was not his home but the land of Canaan was. [Eliezar] God is my help; which speaks to the deliverance that God gave him to flee safely from Pharoah.
  - We should have the type of Christianity that is not limited to just Sunday and Wednesday but it also extends to our family life. {Eph. 6:4}
- v.7) "did obeisance, and kissed him"
  - Moses welcomed Jethro according to the customs of the time by giving him a respectful greeting.
  - We must take into account that Moses is no longer a lowly shepherd but now he is the leader of millions of people but he was still humble. {Jas. 4:6}
- Being a person of high stature should not decrease your humility it should enhance it. v.8) "all that the LORD had done"
  - Moses did not take credit for anything because he knew that God was the driving force behind all of their success. {Ps. 107:2}

- Moses had a lot he could've complained about but he didn't focus on the trials more than the triumphs.
- v.9) "Jethro rejoiced"
  - Moses' message about God's victories made Jethro rejoice. {Ps. 34:3}
- v.11) "Now I know"
  - Apparently Jethro viewed the God of Israel as If He was one of many gods but now he renounces that and declared that our God has no equal.
  - This is directly connected to what he learned about God. {Matt. 11:29}
- v.12) "took a burnt offering and sacrifices"
  - When we learn the truth about God we are compelled to worship Him. {Jn. 4:23}
- v.13) "And it came to pass on the morrow, that Moses sat to judge the people"
  - Moses has been away from his family and now his heart if filled with joy and satisfaction to be with them again. But he does not let his family ties stop him from serving the Lord.
  - The God that protects us from danger never excuses us from our duty. {Jn. 8:2; Matt. 10:37}
  - This took place from "morning unto the evening". So even though it was a difficult duty it was duty none the less.
- v.16) "When they have a matter, they come unto me; and I judge between one and another, and I do make them know the statutes of God, and his laws."
  - Moses settled disputes, questions or quarrels by looking into God's word for a solution. {Ps. 119:10,11}

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