

Vs. 1-5

Moses & Aaron approach Pharaoh:

- “Let my people go ...

Pharaoh:

- “Who is Yahweh?”
- They shall not go!

Moses & Aaron:

- “Yahweh? The Hebrew God ...”
- A three-day’s journey ... lest He fall upon us

Pharaoh:

- Why do you take them from their work?
- They are many—they must work

Vs. 6-9

Pharaoh to his taskmasters:

- No longer provide straw
- They must provide straw
- No straw; same quota
- They are idle—why else would they desire to feast?

Vs. 10-14

Taskmasters: Thus says Pharaoh

- No straw; same quota
- The people search for straw

Taskmasters to foremen:

- Why have you not done as told?
- Foremen were beaten

Vs. 15-21(22)

Foremen to Pharaoh:

- The fault is not ours: your own people
- More work; same quota

Pharaoh to foremen:

- You’re idle (lazy)—you want to feast
- No straw; same quota

Foremen:

- We’re in trouble:
- To Moses:



- Yahweh judge you: You're killing us

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Key words and Thoughts: feast/pilgrimage (תַּגַּג); obey (מָשָׁה); to know (); sacrifice/slaughter (זָבַח); sword (חֶרֶב); work (מַעֲשֵׂה); burdens/hard labor (סִבְלָה); straw/stubble (קֶשׁ); idle/sink/relax (אֵוֵת); lies (); scattered (); to beat/smite (נָכַה); to cry (צָעַק); judge (שָׁפַט); stink (בָּאֵשׁ); evil/harm (רָעַע)

Questions:

1. How do you think the Israelites felt as Moses went to ask Pharaoh to let them go worship in the desert? How do you think Moses felt in going with Aaron to approach Pharaoh for the first time?
2. The work of the Israelites gets much more difficult as they have to gather straw before making bricks but with the same daily quota. What about your current job or past job have made them difficult? How do you handle difficult work?
3. The Israelite foremen first blame Pharaoh (verses 15-16) and then blame Moses and Aaron (verses 20-21) for the new restrictions put on them. When everything seems to go wrong, what do you do? Do you think God handle our frustrations and even our overwhelming problems?