

**May 21, 2014**  
**“Experiencing Opposition”**  
**Exodus 5:1-7:13**

**I. Rejection from Adversary**

**A. Request “Let My people go...” (5:1)**

**B. Rebuke “Who is Yahweh that I should obey Him by letting Israel go? I do not know anything about Yahweh and besides, I will not let Israel go.” (5:2)**

**C. Retaliation “Don’t continue to supply the people with straw for making bricks as before. They must go and gather straw for themselves.” (5:7)**

**II. Rebuff from Allies**

**“May the Lord take note of you and judge...because you have made us reek in front of Pharaoh and his officials-putting a sword in their hand to kill us.” (5:21) “But Moses said in the Lord’s presence: ‘If the Israelites will not listen to me, then how will Pharaoh listen to me, since I am such a poor speaker?’” (6:12)**

**III. Realization of Attack**

**“But then Pharaoh called the wise men and sorcerers-the magicians of Egypt, and they also did the same thing by their occult practices.” (7:11)**

**IV. Reliance on God’s Assurance**

**A. Perception “Now you are going to see what I will do to Pharaoh; he will let them go because of My strong hand; he will drive them out of his land because of My strong hand.” (6:1)**

**B. Perspective “But I will harden Pharaoh’s heart...” (7:3) “However, Pharaoh’s heart hardened, and he did not listen to them, as the Lord had said.” (7:13)**

Exo 5:1-23 Later, Moses and Aaron went in and said to Pharaoh, "This is what Yahweh, the God of Israel, says: Let My people go, so that they may hold a festival for Me in the wilderness." (2) But Pharaoh responded, "Who is Yahweh that I should obey Him by letting Israel go? I do not know anything about Yahweh, and besides, I will not let Israel go." (3) Then they answered, "The God of the Hebrews has met with us. Please let us go on a three-day trip into the wilderness so that we may sacrifice to Yahweh our God, or else He may strike us with plague or sword." (4) The king of Egypt

said to them, "Moses and Aaron, why are you causing the people to neglect their work? Get to your work!" (5) Pharaoh also said, "Look, the people of the land are so numerous, and you would stop them from working." (6) That day Pharaoh commanded the overseers of the people as well as their foremen: (7) "Don't continue to supply the people with straw for making bricks, as before. They must go and gather straw for themselves. (8) But require the same quota of bricks from them as they were making before; do not reduce it. For they are slackers--that is why they are crying out, 'Let us go and sacrifice to our God.' (9) Impose heavier work on the men. Then they will be occupied with it and not pay attention to deceptive words." (10) So the overseers and foremen of the people went out and said to them, "This is what Pharaoh says: 'I am not giving you straw. (11) Go get straw yourselves wherever you can find it, but there will be no reduction at all in your workload.'" (12) So the people scattered throughout the land of Egypt to gather stubble for straw. (13) The overseers insisted, "Finish your assigned work each day, just as *you did* when straw was *provided*." (14) Then the Israelite foremen, whom Pharaoh's slave drivers had set over the people, were beaten and asked, "Why haven't you finished making your prescribed number of bricks yesterday or today, as *you did* before?" (15) So the Israelite foremen went in and cried for help to Pharaoh: "Why are you treating your servants this way? (16) No straw has been given to your servants, yet they say to us, 'Make bricks!' Look, your servants are being beaten, but it is your own people who are at fault." (17) But he said, "You are slackers. Slackers! That is why you are saying, 'Let us go sacrifice to the LORD.' (18) Now get to work. No straw will be given to you, but you must produce the same quantity of bricks." (19) The Israelite foremen saw that they were in trouble when they were told, "You cannot reduce your daily quota of bricks." (20) When they left Pharaoh, they confronted Moses and Aaron, who stood *waiting* to meet them. (21) "May the LORD take note of you and judge," they said to them, "because you have made us reek in front of Pharaoh and his officials--putting a sword in their hand to kill us!" (22) So Moses went back to the LORD and asked, "Lord, why have You caused trouble for this people? And why did You ever send me? (23) Ever since I went in to Pharaoh to speak in Your name he has caused trouble for this people, and You haven't delivered Your people at all."

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