

# The Nature of God revealed in the Exodus of Israel

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The Exodus (Israel's history) teaches us a lot about God's Nature, as well as that of our own!

(Pr 19:3; 1 Cor 10:11-12) It reveals God's nature as:

1. **Pure/Holy** Ex 3:5 *"put off thy shoes ... for the place whereon thou standest is holy ground."*
  - A. This is the 1st of over 1000 references to holiness in the Bible. Lev 19:2 *"Speak unto all the children of Israel, and say... Ye shall be holy: for I the LORD your God am holy."* (Qādôsh': sacred)
  
2. **Perceptive/Aware** Ex 3:7 *"I have surely seen the affliction of my people which are in Egypt, and have heard their cry by reason of their taskmasters; for I know their sorrows;"*
  - A. Jesus Revealed this! Mt 10:29-31 *"the very hairs of your head are all numbered"*
  - B. Jesus Reflected this. Hebrews 4:15-16; 7:26
  
3. **Preserving/Redemptive** Ex 3:8 *"I'm come down to deliver them (from) the Egyptians..."*
  - A. The price was the blood of the Passover lamb. Ex 12:13 *"when I see the blood, I will passover you, and the plague shall not destroy you."*
    - 1) The Passover seder supper illustrates this with the 4 times they drink from the cup. Ex 6:6
  - B. This is the price of our redemption as well. 1Pt 1:19; 1 Cor 5:7  
*"For Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us:"* (See also Luke 22:19,20)
  
4. **Powerful/Almighty. Demonstrated by:**
  - A. How he Delivered them. Ex. 3:19,20 *"I will stretch out my hand, and smite Egypt with all my wonders which I will do in the midst thereof: and after that he will let you go."*
    - 1) He's The Most High God אֱלֹהֵי עֵלְיוֹן (El Elyon)  
Ex 12:12 *"against all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgment: I am the LORD."*
  
  - B. How he Directed them. Ex 13:21 *"the LORD went before them by day in a pillar of a cloud, to lead them the way; and by night in a pillar of fire, to give them light; to go by day and night:"*
    - 1) Even into an apparent trap. Ex. 14:1-4
  
  - C. How he Protected them. Ex 14:13,14 *"Fear ye not, stand still, and see the salvation of the LORD, which he will shew to you...: for the Egyptians whom ye have seen to day, ye shall see them again no more for ever."*  
14 *The LORD shall fight for you...*
  
  - D. How He Provided for them. Ps 78:19 *"Can God furnish a table in the wilderness?"*
    - 1) Miracle Manna Ex. 16:4 *"I will rain bread from heaven for you..."* (See also Ps 78:24,25)
    - 2) Miracle Meat. Ex. 16:13; Ps 78:27 *"He rained flesh also upon them as dust, and feathered fowls like as the sand of the sea:"*
    - 3) Miracle Moisture: Water in the desert. Ex. 17:6 *"I will stand before thee there upon the rock in Horeb; and thou shalt smite the rock, and there shall come water out of it..."*

**5. Personal/Relational. (Desiring a Partnership)** Ex 3:10-12 *“Come now and I will send thee unto Pharaoh, that thou mayest bring forth my people ... out of Egypt. Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh...? Certainly I will be with thee; and this shall be a token, that I have sent thee: When thou hast brought forth the people out of Egypt, ye shall serve God upon this mountain.”*

**A. This was validated at Mt. Sinai.** Ex. 19:4-6 *“Ye have seen what I did unto the Egyptians and how I bare you on eagles' wings, and brought you unto myself. Now therefore, If you'll obey my voice indeed... then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people... And ye shall be unto me a kingdom of priests, and an holy nation.”*

### Conclusion:

**God's Nature is revealed through the Exodus to remind us that He's:  
Pure/Holy; Perceptive/Aware (*Omniscient*); Preserving/Redemptive  
Powerful/Almighty (*Omnipotent*); Personal/Relational  
and Available (*Omnipresent*) Ps. 139**

**As well as Practical /Applicable!** Pr 9:10 *“The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom: and the knowledge of the holy is understanding.”*

1 Cor. 10:11 *“These things happened unto them for examples, and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come. 12 Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall.”*

**Application: Most seem to avoid God.** Ex. 20:19-21

*“they said to Moses, speak thou with us and we'll hear: but let not God speak with us, lest we die. And Moses said unto the people, Fear not: for God is come to prove you, and that his fear may be before your faces, that ye sin not.*

*And the people stood afar off, and Moses drew near unto the thick darkness where God was.”*

**Even After Israel's apostacy in Ex. 32 Moses pleads for Israel in Ex. 33 and says in vs 18:** *“I beseech thee, show me thy glory”* God responds by saying in Vs 19 *“I will make all my goodness pass before thee, and I will proclaim the name (shēm: position, authority, character) of the LORD before thee;”*

**God's Nature is revealed in His Names!**

20 *“And he said, Thou canst not see my face: for there shall no man see me, and live. 21 Behold there is a place by me, And thou shalt stand upon a rock, 22 ... while my glory passeth by, that I will put thee in a cleft of the rock, and will cover thee with my hand while I pass by:”*

**Exodus 34 describes this scene.** Ex 34:5-8 *“The LORD descended in the cloud, and stood with him there, ... And the LORD passed by before him, and proclaimed, The LORD, The LORD God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abundant in goodness and truth, Keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, and that will by no means clear the guilty; visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children, ... unto the third and to the fourth generation.  
And Moses ... bowed his head ... and worshipped.”*

**This experience (understanding God's nature/names) changed Moses (vs 29); and it will change us!** 2 Cor. 4:13-18 *“we all, beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed!”*

**See Ps 91 and James 4:21-27 for a record of this change.**

*“He that abideth in the secret place of the most high shall abide under the shadow of the almighty”*