



Grace Assembly Of God

## CHAPTER-BY-CHAPTER BIBLE READING DEVOTIONAL

Scripture:	Exodus 19	Title:	I have Brought you to Myself
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Summary of Chapter	Three months had passed since the Israelites came out of Egypt and they pitched in the desert of Sinai. In this chapter, God instructed Moses on what the Israelites should do. If they obey Him and keep His covenant, they will be God's treasured possession, a kingdom of priests and a holy nation. The Israelites agreed to do everything He said.		

Key Verse(s) NLT	How does it speak to me?
4 <i>You have seen what I did to the Egyptians. You know how I carried you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself.</i>	<p>This key verse tells of God's purpose in delivering His people from slavery. The deliverance of the Israelites was not because of their military might but because of God's gracious love. God did more than just delivering them from oppression, more than just providing for them in the desert, He deliver them to Himself. God's desire was always to have an intimate relationship with them.</p> <p>In our walk with the Lord, we always desire for God to set us free from all kinds of struggles and issues in our lives. But we stop short of understanding His purpose for setting us free. Likewise, we pray for God to provide for us for our needs, but we stop short of praying beyond those needs. The deliverances and provisions are not an end in themselves, but merely to bring us to abide in Him. Abiding would mean growing in our obedience to Him and becoming His holy people. I once came across a young believer who used to dabble in the occult. He came to know the Lord through a deliverance encounter and was so thankful that God had set him free. However, his experience didn't bring him too far in his growth. He stopped coming to church and remained a nominal believer. He failed to realize that God set him free from his bondage so that he can draw close to Him.</p> <p>Today, let's remember that whenever God provides for us or delivers us, He does it for the purpose of bringing us to himself and helping us to become a holy people for His glory.</p>

### APPLICATION REFLECTIONS

Adult:	When was the last time God had provided for you and delivered you? How would you respond to what He has done for you?
Youth:	How have you grown in your faith and in your obedience after you experienced God's gracious love your life?
Child:	What do you think God would want you to do after He answered your prayers?

### PRAYER

Praying Scripture:	Dear heavenly Father, we thank You for your providence and for all that you have done and are doing for us. May we always remember that you set us free from our struggles in order to bring us back to Yourself. That we will grow in our obedience and faith. So that we can be your holy people.
Thanksgiving Prayer:	I/We thank you for _____ (e.g. delicious food we ate, places we went, prayer that was answered, etc)
Intercessory Prayer:	I/We want to pray for _____ (e.g. healing of sickness, family members, work or study, leaders, nation, etc)
Salvation Prayer:	I/We pray for the salvation of my/our unsaved loved ones _____ (add one name per day). In Jesus' Name I/we pray. Amen.