

**SLAVES SET FREE**  
**A Study in the Book of Exodus**  
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**God Brings Order**

**Exodus 18**

*"Do not be afraid. Stand firm and you will see the deliverance the LORD will bring you today.  
The Egyptians you see today you will never see again. The LORD will fight for you;  
you need only to be still."* Exodus 14:13-14

**Day 1: Read Exodus 18:1-4.**

1. List some things that we find out about Jethro in this passage. How is he an example of Genesis 22:18?
  
  
  
  
  
2. What are the names of Moses' two sons, and what does each name mean? (18:3-4)

Is there a sense in which believers of all times experience being strangers? (Heb. 11:8-10, 13-16; Ps. 84:5.)

**Day 2: Read Exodus 18:5-8.**

3. What do Moses and Jethro talk about in the tent at their reunion?
  
  
  
  
  
4. What do you talk about when you meet your friends and relatives after a separation? Is it ever "what God has done"?
  
  
  
  
  
5. What two things can you expect to find coupled in your own life that Moses experienced in his? (18:8)

**Day 3: Read Exodus 18:9-12.**

6. What does Jethro "know" after Moses tells him all that God has done? (18:11)
  
  
  
  
  
7. When verse 11 says the Lord is greater than all other gods, is the Bible teaching polytheism? Are there really other gods? (Is. 37:18-20, 45:5-7; Jer. 2:11, 16:20)

**Day 4: Read Exodus 18:13–16.**

8. In verses 15 and 16, what word is used synonymously (or interchangeably) with God's "will"?
9. Compare Psalm 18:30 and Psalm 19:7 to find another synonym for God's "law."
10. Why are reading and meditating on God's Word central for the Christian life?
11. In verse 20, find a clause that shows how practical God's Word is. (📖\* Ps. 119:93, 97–100.)

**Day 5: Read Exodus 18:17–27.**

12. What is Jethro's criticism of Moses? What is his advice? (18:17–23)
13. How does Moses take the criticism? (18:24; 📖 Num. 12:3)
14. How is Jethro's insight still helpful today?
15. What kind of men does Jethro advise Moses to choose? (18:21)
16. What does this chapter teach us about the importance of every Christian to every other Christian? (📖 Rom. 12:3–8.)

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\*📖 indicates the passage is for further study.