

HE BROUGHT US OUT TO BRING US IN

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“And he brought us out from thence, that he might bring us in, to give us the land which he sware unto our fathers.”

Deuteronomy 6:23

In this verse, Moses is teaching the people what to say to their children. Moses instructed the people to tell their children how they were once in such terrible bondage in Egypt, but God brought them out by His strong right hand that He might give them the Promised Land. He did not bring them out of bondage that they might spend their lives as they pleased, with little or no regard for God’s will or plan. He brought them out for a purpose. He brought them out that He might bring them in.

The same could be said of New Testament believers. Why then did God save us? Why did He rescue us from our hopeless state, through the blood of the Passover Lamb? Why did He pay such an unforgettable price for our redemption? Did He just save us from sin and selfishness that we might ignore Him or His Word? Did He deliver us from bondage to the world that we might live the rest of our lives in bondage to self?

We know better than that. He brought us out that He might bring us in. God had a purpose in mind when He saved us. He has a plan for our lives. He brought us out of sin’s darkness that He might bring us into the brilliant light of truth. He wants to bring us into the life He has waiting for us. He wants to bring us into the new life of Christ.

The new life of a born- again believer is not simply a renovation of the old life. It is a new life. Our priorities change. Our values change. Our purpose changes. Our character changes. God wants to make us more and more like Jesus Christ. We are to

put off the old man and put on the new man. He wants to bring us into a life of Spirit-filled living.

The carnal, fleshly life cannot please God. He wants to bring us into the replaced life, where the Spirit of God is filling and controlling our lives, where the way He is replaces the way that we naturally are. He wants to bring us into a life of faith.

Without faith, we cannot please God. He wants us to rely upon Him daily. He wants to bring us into a life of victory through Christ, rather than defeat through ourselves. He wants to bring us into a life of service where we find the joy that only comes from serving others. He wants to bring us into a life of fruitfulness where we are having a part in influencing others for Jesus Christ. Why did He bring us out? He brought us out to bring us in.