

神的帶領 ↔ 人的安排

摩西 ↔ 叶忒罗

一位不跟随,追求主和关心圣徒们的人,就很难得着主新鲜的启示,在作事和服事中很容易落入人的安排里。

God's Leading ↔ Man's Arrangement

Moses ↔ Jethro

A person who does not follow and pursue, and care for the saints, it is difficult to have the Lord's fresh revelation, and it is easy for him to fall into man's arrangements during his works and services.

叶忒罗

出埃及記 18

- 1 摩西的岳父，米甸祭司叶忒罗，听见神为摩西和神的百姓以色列所行的一切事，就是耶和华将以色列从埃及领出来的事，
- 2 便带着摩西的妻子西坡拉，就是摩西从前打发回去的，
- 3 又带着西坡拉的两个儿子，一个名叫革舜，因为摩西说：我在外邦作了寄居的；
- 4 一个名叫以利以谢因为他说：我父亲的神帮助了我，救我脱离法老的。
- 5 摩西的岳父叶忒罗带着摩西的妻子和两个儿子来到神的山，就是摩西在旷野安营的地方。
- 6 他对摩西说：我是你岳父叶忒罗，带着你的妻子和两个儿子来到你这里。
- 7 摩西迎接他的岳父，向他下拜，与他亲嘴，彼此问安，都进了帐棚。

摩西可从他替他的两个儿子取的名字（出18:3,4）知道他是一位敬畏和愿意追随和依靠神的人。叶忒罗(在圣经中他有三个不同的名字;另两个是流珥:出2:18和何巴:民10:29)是摩西的岳父，可能是一位米甸人的酋长。他是什么样的祭司不清楚，但他愿意带着摩西的妻子和两个儿子到神的山(西奈山也是何烈山)来见摩西。

摩西非常敬重他的岳父（出18:7）。

Jethro

Exodus 18

- 1 And **Jethro**, the priest of Midian, **Moses'** father-in-law, heard of all that God had done for **Moses** and for Israel His people—that the LORD had brought Israel out of Egypt.
- 2 Then **Jethro**, **Moses'** father-in-law, took Zipporah, Moses' wife, after he had sent her back,
- 3 with her two sons, of whom **the name of one was Gershom (for he said, “I have been a stranger in a foreign land”)**
- 4 **and the name of the other was Eliezer (for he said, “The God of my father was my help, and delivered me from the sword of Pharaoh”);**
- 5 and **Jethro**, **Moses'** father-in-law, came with his sons and his wife to **Moses** in the wilderness, where he was encamped at the mountain of God.
- 6 Now he had said to **Moses**, “I, your father-in-law **Jethro**, am coming to you with your wife and her two sons with her.”
- 7 So **Moses went out to meet his father-in-law, bowed down, and kissed him.** And they asked each other about *their* well-being, and they went into the tent.

One can know Moses from the names he gave his two sons (Exo.28:3,4) that he was a man who feared God and willing to follow and depend on God. Jethro (he had three different names in the Bible; the other two are Reuel: Ex 2:18 and Hobab: Num. 10:29) is the father-in-law of Moses and may be a chief of the Midianites. What kind of priest he is is not clear in the Bible, but he is willing to take Moses' wife and two sons to the mountain of God (Mount Sinai is also Mount Horeb) to meet Moses.

Moses respected his father-in-law very much (Exo.18:7).

叶忒罗

- 8 摩西将耶和華為以色列的缘故向法老和埃及人所行的一切事，以及路上所遭遇的一切艰难，并耶和華怎样搭救他们，都述说与他岳父听。
- 9 叶忒罗因耶和華待以色列的一切好处，就是拯救他们脱离埃及人的手，便甚欢喜。
- 10 叶忒罗说：耶和華是应当称颂的；他救了你们脱离埃及人和法老的手，将这百姓从埃及人的手下救出来。
- 11 我现今在埃及人向这百姓发狂傲的事上得知，耶和華比万神都大。
- 12 摩西的岳父叶忒罗把燔祭和平安祭献给神。亚伦和以色列的众长老都来了，与摩西的岳父在神面前吃饭。
- 13 第二天，摩西坐着审判百姓，百姓从早到晚都站在摩西的左右。
- 14 摩西的岳父看见他向百姓所做的一切事，就说：你向百姓做的是甚麽事呢？你为甚麽独自坐着，众百姓从早到晚都站在你的左右呢？
- 15 摩西对岳父说：这是因百姓到我这里来求问神。
- 16 他们有事的时候就到我这里来，我便在两造之间施行审判；我又叫他们知道神的律例和法度。

摩西向他的岳父见证神拯救以色列人脱离埃及人和法老的手的大作为，叶忒罗甚欢喜和称颂神，且向神献燔祭和平安祭。摩西，亚伦和以色列的众长老都来与叶忒罗一同在神面前吃饭。

摩西在叶忒罗面前服侍以色列人，且告知叶忒罗他是如何的服侍以色列人。

Jethro

- 8 And **Moses** told his father-in-law all that the LORD had done to Pharaoh and to the Egyptians for Israel's sake, all the hardship that had come upon them on the way, and *how* the LORD had delivered them.
- 9 Then **Jethro** rejoiced for all the good which the LORD had done for Israel, whom He had delivered out of the hand of the Egyptians.
- 10 And **Jethro** said, "Blessed *be* the LORD, who has delivered you out of the hand of the Egyptians and out of the hand of Pharaoh, *and* who has delivered the people from under the hand of the Egyptians.
- 11 Now I know that the LORD *is* greater than all the gods; for in the very thing in which they behaved proudly, *He was* above them."
- 12 Then **Jethro, Moses'** father-in-law, took a burnt offering and *other* sacrifices *to offer* to God. And Aaron came with all the elders of Israel to eat bread with **Moses'** father-in-law before God.
- 13 And so it was, on the next day, that Moses sat to judge the people; and the people stood before Moses from morning until evening.
- 14 So when **Moses'** father-in-law saw all that he did for the people, he said, "What *is* this thing that you are doing for the people? Why do you alone sit, and all the people stand before you from morning until evening?"
- 15 And **Moses** said to his father-in-law, "Because the people come to me to inquire of God.
- 16 When they have a difficulty, they come to me, and I judge between one and another; and I make known the statutes of God and His laws."

Moses testified to his father-in-law the great work of God Who saved the Israelites from the hands of the Egyptians and Pharaoh. Jethro was very happy and praised God, and offered burnt offerings and peace offerings to God. Moses, Aaron, and the elders of Israel all came to eat with Jethro before God.

Moses served the Israelites in front of Jethro, and told Jethro how he served the Israelites.

叶忒罗的說話

- 17 摩西的岳父说：你这做的不好。
- 18 你和这些百姓必都疲惫；因为这事太重，你独自一人办理不了。
- 19 现在你要听我的话。我为你出个主意，愿神与你同在。你要替百姓到神面前，将案件奏告神；
- 20 又要将律例和法度教训他们，指示他们当行的道，当做的事；
- 21 并要从百姓中拣选有才能的人，就是敬畏神、诚实无妄、恨不义之财的人，派他们作千夫长、百夫长、五十夫长、十夫长，管理百姓，
- 22 叫他们随时审判百姓，大事都要呈到你这里，小事他们自己可以审判。这样，你就轻省些，他们也可以同当此任。
- 23 你若这样行，神也这样吩咐你，你就能受得住，这百姓也都平平安安归回他们的住处。

叶忒罗从来没有服侍过耶和华和以色列人，但他立刻替摩西出个主意，因他爱和关心他的女婿，不须如此单独劳苦的来服侍这么多的以色列人。若如此，摩西和百姓们必都疲惫

我们须看圣经中记载的先后秩序。出18:19 先是我为你出个主意，后是愿神与你同在。出18:23 先是你若这样行，后是神也这样吩咐你。这就是天然能力的表显；好像没有错，还提到神，但“我和我的意见”都是在先，神在后。

Words of Jethro

- 17 **So Moses'** father-in-law said to him, "The thing that you do *is* not good.
- 18 Both you and these people who *are* with you will surely wear yourselves out. For this thing *is* too much for you; you are not able to perform it by yourself.
- 19 **Listen now to my voice; I will give you counsel, and God will be with you:** Stand before God for the people, so that you may bring the difficulties to God.
- 20 And you shall teach them the statutes and the laws, and show them the way in which they must walk and the work they must do.
- 21 Moreover you shall select from all the people able men, such as fear God, men of truth, hating covetousness; and place *such* over them *to be* rulers of thousands, rulers of hundreds, rulers of fifties, and rulers of tens.
- 22 And let them judge the people at all times. Then it will be *that* every great matter they shall bring to you, but every small matter they themselves shall judge. So it will be easier for you, for they will bear *the burden* with you.
- 23 **If you do this thing, and God so commands you,** then you will be able to endure, and all this people will also go to their place in peace."

Jethro had never served Jehovah and the Israelites, but he immediately suggested an idea for Moses, because he loved and cared for his son-in-law, so Moses did not have to work so alone to serve so many Israelis. If so, Moses and the people would be tired

We must look at the order recorded in the Bible. In Ex 18:19 first **I will give you counsel, and God will be with you.** In Ex 18:23 **If you do this thing, and God so commands you.** This is the manifestation of natural ability; it seems that there is nothing wrong because God is mentioned, but "I and my counsels" are all the first, and God is the second.

Jethro's Influence and person

- 24 **So Moses heeded the voice of his father-in-law and did all that he had said.**
- 25 And **Moses** chose able men out of all Israel, and made them heads over the people: rulers of thousands, rulers of hundreds, rulers of fifties, and rulers of tens.
- 26 So they judged the people at all times; the hard cases they brought to **Moses**, but they judged every small case themselves.
- 27 Then **Moses** let his father-in-law depart, and **he went his way to his own land.**

But Moses listened to the advice of his father-in-law Jethro.

His father-in-law, Jethro, had no burden on God's people, the Israelites, so after his suggestions to Moses he left and went back to his own land. This also means that although he loves and cares about his son-in-law and family, and even the Israelis, he does not know that God's intention is for the Israelis (churches) to know and follow God's leading. God also desires Jethro to follow Him and be with the Israelis.

1st Sam. 8: 11,12 also mentioned commanders of thousands and commanders of fifties which also meant negatively.

神的說話

民數記 11

- 16 耶和華對摩西說、你從以色列的長老中招聚七十個人、就是你所知道作百姓的長老和官長的、到我這裡來、領他們到會幕前、使他們和你一同站立。
- 17 我要在那裡降臨與你說話、也要把降於你身上的靈分賜他們、他們就和你同當這管百姓的重任、免得你獨自擔當。
- 21 摩西對耶和華說：這與我同住的百姓、步行的男人有六十萬，你還說：我要把肉給他們，使他們可以吃一個整月。
- 22 難道給他們宰了羊群牛群，或是把海中所有的魚都聚了來，就夠他們吃麼？
- 23 耶和華對摩西說：耶和華的膀臂豈是縮短了麼？現在要看我的話向你應驗不應驗。
- 24 摩西出去，將耶和華的話告訴百姓，又招聚百姓的長老中七十個人來，使他們站在會幕的四圍。
- 25 耶和華在雲中降臨，對摩西說話，把降與他身上的靈分賜那七十個長老。靈停在他們身上的時候，他們就受感說話，以後卻沒有再說。

民數記11章告知我們神如何愛和引領摩西和这么多的以色列人，但是神的說話和帶領與叶忒羅的建議完全不一樣。

民11:22,23神告知略有懷疑的摩西(民11:21) 祂是有大能的，也會信實的應驗祂應許的話的。摩西相信而順服了。很可能摩西就停止了他岳父叶忒羅建議的方法，而順服神的帶領。在摩西五經里，就沒有再提到千夫長、百夫長、五十夫長、十夫長作百姓的首領。在民數記31:14, 48, 52提到的千夫長是軍事上的體系，而不是百姓的首領。

Words of God

Numbers 11

- 16 So the LORD said **to Moses**: “**Gather to Me seventy men of the elders of Israel**, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them; bring them to the tabernacle of meeting, that they may stand there with you.
- 17 Then I will come down and talk with you there. **I will take of the Spirit that *is* upon you and will put *the same* upon them; and they shall bear the burden of the people with you, that you may not bear *it* yourself alone.**
- 21 And **Moses** said, “The people whom I *am* among *are* six hundred thousand men on foot; yet You have said, ‘I will give them meat, that they may eat *for* a whole month.’
- 22 Shall flocks and herds be slaughtered for them, to provide enough for them? Or shall all the fish of the sea be gathered together for them, to provide enough for them?”
- 23 And the LORD said to **Moses**, “Has the LORD’s arm been shortened? Now you shall see whether what I say will happen to you or not.”
- 24 So **Moses went out and told the people the words of the LORD, and he gathered the seventy men of the elders of the people and placed them around the tabernacle.**
- 25 Then the LORD came down in the cloud, and spoke to him, and **took of the Spirit that was upon him, and placed *the same* upon the seventy elders**; and it happened, when the Spirit rested upon them, that they prophesied, although they never did so again.

Chapter 11 of the Numbers tells us how God loves and leads Moses and so many Israelis. But God’s words and leadership are completely different from Jethro’s advices.

Num. 11: 22,23 God informed Moses who had a slightly doubt at that time (Num 11:21) that He is powerful and will faithfully fulfill His promises. But Moses believed and obeyed. It was likely that Moses stopped the method suggested by his father-in-law Jethro and obeyed God's leading. In the Pentateuch of Moses, there was no mention of commanders of thousands, centurions, commanders of fifties, and commanders of tens as leaders of the people. The commanders mentioned in Numbers 31:14, 48, 52 are in the military systems, were not leaders of the people.

神僕人摩西的說話

民數記 11

- 26 但有两个人仍在营里，一个名叫伊利达，一个名叫米达。他们本是在那些被录的人中，却没有到会幕那里去。灵停在他们身上，他们就在营里说预言。
- 27 有个少年人跑来告诉摩西说：伊利达、米达在营里说预言。
- 28 摩西的帮手，嫩的儿子约书亚，就是摩西所拣选的一个人，说：请我主摩西禁止他们。
- 29 摩西对他说：你为我的缘故嫉妒人麼？**惟愿耶和华的百姓都受感说话！愿耶和华把他的灵降在他们身上！**
- 30 於是，摩西和以色列的长老都回到营里去了。

民数记11章告知我们神要用祂的灵来感动人来服侍祂和祂的百姓。祂是主，祂有一切的智慧和主权。祂膏了与摩西站在一起的**68位**长老，也膏了**2位**单独留在营里的长老（而这些长老都是按着神的吩咐而摩西招聚的(民11:6)）。神的心胸是大的。

较年幼的约书亚，是摩西的帮手。他想替摩西打抱不平，因这**2位**没听从摩西到会幕前去，与摩西一同站立(民11:6)而仍在营里(民11:26)。摩西在(民11:29)的说话印证了他是位大魂，心宽宏的服事者（林后6:11,另译，哥林多人哪，我们的口向你们是张开的，我们的心是宽宏的）摩西希望神用灵膏每个人，亲自来引领每一位来跟随神。在新约教会时代，教会也是须如此教导每位圣徒须操练凭灵而活，凭灵而行(加5:25,另译，我们若凭着灵活着，也就当凭着灵而行。)的生活，而不是靠人的安排。我们也须成长能像摩西一样是为大魂心宽宏的服侍者。

Words of one Servant of the Lord: Moses

Numbers 11

- 26 But two men had remained in the camp: the name of one was Eldad, and the name of the other Medad. And the Spirit rested upon them. Now they were among those listed, but who had not gone out to the tabernacle; yet they prophesied in the camp.
- 27 And a young man ran and told Moses, and said, “Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.”
- 28 So Joshua the son of Nun, Moses’ assistant, *one* of his choice men, answered and said, “Moses my lord, forbid them!”
- 29 Then Moses said to him, “Are you zealous for my sake? Oh, that all the LORD’s people were prophets *and* that the LORD would put His Spirit upon them!”
- 30 And Moses returned to the camp, he and the elders of Israel.

Numbers 11 tells us that God will use His Spirit to move people to serve Him and His people. He is the Lord, and He has all wisdom and sovereignty. He anointed the 68 elders who stood with Moses and also anointed two elders who stayed alone in the camp and not with Moses (and these elders were recruited by Moses following the command of God (Num. 11: 6)). God ‘s heart is very grand.

The young Joshua was Moses’ helper, wanted to support Moses and criticize these two elders, because they did not listen to Moses to go to the Tent of Meeting and stand with Moses (Num. 11: 6), rather stayed alone in the camp (Num. 11:26). Moses’ speaking in Num. 11:29 confirmed that he had a great soul and was a considerate minister (2 Corinthians 6:11, Our mouth is opened to you, Corinthians; our heart is enlarged.) Moses hoped that God would anoint everyone with His Spirit and Himself would lead everyone to follow God. In the era of the New Testament church, the church must also teach that every saint must practice to live by the spirit and walk by the spirit (Gal. 5:25 If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit.), and not rely on human arrangements. We must also grow to be like Moses as a man with a large heart and soul.

马太福音 16

23 耶稣转过来，对彼得说，撒但退我后边去吧。你是绊我脚的。因为你不体贴神的意思，只体贴人的意思。

箴言 29

18 没有异象，民就放肆。惟遵守律法的，便为有福。

因此我们需操练参加许多单独的和团体的祷告聚集，与属灵同伴和团队常有追求和交通，和避免单独。

Matthew 16

23 But He (Jesus) turned and said to Peter, Get behind Me, **Satan!** You are a stumbling block to Me, **for you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of men.**

Proverb 29

18 Where there is no prophetic vision the people cast off restraint, but blessed is he who keeps the law.

Therefore we need to exercise to participate much individual and corporate prayers, fellowship always with spiritual companions and teams, and avoid independent.