

## Freedom of Religion

Exodus 5:1-3a, 6-9

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness."  
– Declaration of Independence

The Plagues of Egypt

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- Feast (v. 1)
- Sacrifice (v. 5)

Luke 4:18

"THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD IS UPON ME,  
BECAUSE HE ANOINTED ME TO PREACH THE GOSPEL TO THE POOR.  
HE HAS SENT ME TO PROCLAIM RELEASE TO THE CAPTIVES,...  
TO SET FREE THOSE WHO ARE OPPRESSED."

### Freedom from Religion (no)

Psalms 103:9 "He will not always strive with us, nor will He keep His anger forever."

### Freedom in Religion (freedom from fear)

Philippians 4:7 "And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

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What of this story is TRUE?

## Exodus 5:1-3, 6-9, 19-22 NASB

<sup>1</sup>And afterward Moses and Aaron came and said to Pharaoh, "Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, "Let My people go that they may celebrate a feast to Me in the wilderness." <sup>2</sup>But Pharaoh said, "Who is the Lord that I should obey His voice to let Israel go? I do not know the Lord, and besides, I will not let Israel go." <sup>3</sup>Then they said, "The God of the Hebrews has met with us. Please, let us go a three days' journey into the wilderness that we may sacrifice to the Lord..."

<sup>6</sup>So the same day Pharaoh commanded the taskmasters over the people and their foremen, saying, <sup>7</sup>"You are no longer to give the people straw to make brick as previously; let them go and gather straw for themselves. <sup>8</sup>But the quota of bricks which they were making previously, you shall impose on them; you are not to reduce any of it. Because they are lazy, therefore they cry out, 'Let us go and sacrifice to our God.' <sup>9</sup>Let the labor be heavier on the men, and let them work at it so that they will pay no attention to false words."