

APPLICATION

1. “These things are recorded faithfully for *our* admonition. ... His delay in delivering Israel and His permitting to endure still greater afflictions accomplished many ends. It furnished fuller opportunity for Pharaoh to manifest the desperate wickedness of the human heart. It gave occasion for the Lord to demonstrate how that He ‘bears with *much* longsuffering the vessels of wrath fitted to destruction.’ It served to show more clearly how righteous God was in visiting Pharaoh and his subjects with sore judgment. And, too, Israel needed to be humbled: they also were a stiff-necked people, as is clear from the words of their leaders to Moses and Aaron on this occasion. Moreover, the more they were afflicted the more would they appreciate the Lord’s deliverance when His time came. [Let us then] take this to heart: the Lord always has a good reason for each of His *delays*. Therefore, let us recognize the folly, yea, the wickedness of murmuring at His seeming tardiness. Let us daily seek grace to ‘rest in the Lord, and wait patiently for Him’” (Arthur Pink, *Exodus*, 46-47).
2. “Difficult circumstances in life can tend to harden us. ... Our natural bent is toward unbelief. We’re prone to be discouraged and to allow our life circumstances to control our attitudes and actions” (*Wilderness Wanderings*, p.27).
3. “Servants of God should not assume that obedience will bring them a life of ease and quick success. The kingdom of darkness never rages so fiercely as when the Word invades the world. God’s servants face stiff opposition from the enemy and sometimes from the visible church; they may even find their own hearts rising up against God” (*RHB*).