

## GOD'S DIVINE HAND

Daily Meditation - Monday June 15, 2026

The Bible says, "But I know that the king of Egypt will not permit you to go, except *under compulsion*" (Ex. 3:19).<sup>1</sup> Many times God is dealing with stubborn individuals and He uses His Divine Hand to get His way. We see in the following verse, that God informs Moses; only under compulsion will Pharaoh do His will.

I have a question for you? Did God get His way? The answer is yes, He always does! Not only did Pharaoh let the people go but they also stripped the Egyptians. Let us examine the last verse in that chapter, "But every woman shall ask of her neighbor and the woman who lives in her house, articles of silver and articles of gold, and clothing; and you will put them on your sons and daughters. Thus you will plunder the Egyptians" (Ex. 3:22). Wow, God sent one man and one angel and stripped a whole nation.

Let us examine this terminology again in chapter six. The Bible says, "Then the Lord said to Moses, "Now you shall see what I will do to Pharaoh; for *under compulsion* he will let them go, and *under compulsion* he will drive them out of his land" (Ex. 6:1). The next time the devil tries to get you to worry about some Mickey Mouse problem, remember; the God you serve can strip a whole nation. Therefore, He can straighten out your problem as well.

Let us examine a definition: "Compulsion - a force that compels / an irresistible impulse to perform an irrational act."<sup>2</sup> In the New Testament, God informs His people not to *worship Him* (through tithes and offerings) or to *serve Him under compulsion*. Let us examine two verses.

The Apostle Paul said, "Each one must do just as he has purposed in his heart, not grudgingly or *under compulsion*, for God loves a cheerful giver" (2 Cor. 9:7).

The Apostle Peter stated, "...shepherd the flock of God among you, exercising oversight not *under compulsion*, but voluntarily, according to the will of God; and not for sordid gain, but with eagerness" (1 Pet. 5:2).

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<sup>1</sup> All Scripture quotations, unless otherwise noted, are from the *New American Standard Bible*.

<sup>2</sup> Webster, Merriam. "compulsion" *Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary*. 10th ed, Edited by Fredrick C. Mish. Springfield, MA: Merriam-Webster, Incorporated, 2001), 237.

PRAYER FOR SALVATION - Father God, I repent of all my sins, and I believe You raised Jesus from the dead. I confess that Jesus Christ is the Lord of my life. Jesus, wash me with your holy blood. Holy Spirit fill me so I can be a mighty witness for King Jesus!