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Psalm 105:23-45

Psalm 105:23-45 is all about God's faithfulness: God made Israel exponentially fruitful (v. 24), God sent Moses and Aaron (v. 26), God performed miraculous signs (vv. 27-36), God brought Israel out of Egypt (vv. 37-38), and God provided both guidance and sustenance (vv. 39-41).

Why would God do all this? The answer lies in God's covenantal character, and in our purpose: "For he remembered his holy promise given to his servant Abraham. He brought out his people with rejoicing . . . that they might keep his precepts and observe his laws" (vv. 42-43, 45). Human beings were created to express God's holy, faithful character. Despite Israel's struggles and doubt, God fulfills.

The purpose for all of God's chosen people is to move from praise to trust, expressed ultimately through obedience. The goal of God's redeeming work is the creation of a new kind of people who "keep his precepts and observe his laws" (v. 45) through lives transformed by holy love.

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