

Numbers 15:41

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

I am the LORD your God, which brought you out of the land of Egypt, to be your God: I am the LORD your God.

Analysis

The concluding formula 'I am the LORD your God, which brought you out of the land of Egypt' grounds the command for holiness in redemption. God didn't command holiness and then redeem—He redeemed first, then called the redeemed to holiness. This establishes the biblical pattern: salvation precedes obedience, which flows from gratitude for redemption rather than earning it. The phrase 'to be your God' emphasizes covenant relationship—God chose Israel as His special possession, requiring reciprocal commitment from them.

Historical Context

This formula, repeated throughout the Pentateuch, constantly reminded Israel that their relationship with God was founded on grace—His unmerited choice to redeem them from slavery. Egypt represented bondage to sin and idolatry; deliverance from Egypt represented salvation from sin's power. Paul later uses the Exodus as a type of Christian salvation (1 Corinthians 10:1-4), showing that redemption always precedes and motivates holiness.

Related Passages

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Study Questions

1. How does remembering your redemption in Christ motivate pursuit of holiness rather than earning salvation?
2. What practical difference does it make to root obedience in gratitude for grace rather than in earning favor?

Interlinear Text

אֲנִי יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵיכֶם: אֲשֶׁר הוֹצֵאתִי אֶתְכֶם
H589 I am the LORD H3068 to be your God H430 H834 which brought you out H3318 H853

יְהוָה אֲנִי אֱלֹהֵיכֶם: לָכֵן לְהִי יוֹת מִצְרַיִם מֵאֶרֶץ
of the land H776 of Egypt H4714 H1961 H0 to be your God H430 H589 I am the LORD H3068

אֱלֹהֵיכֶם:
to be your God H430

Additional Cross-References

Leviticus 22:33 (References God): That brought you out of the land of Egypt, to be your God: I am the LORD.
