

## Jethro's Advice

“The narratives of chapters 13-18, taken as a visual aid of the pilgrim path of the redeemed, forewarn us that our faith will never remain untested, assure us that in the midst of troubles and trials that seem meaningless there are deep purposes of God at work, and call us to the obedience of faith. They also illustrate the comforting truth of a God of providential care, foreseeing our needs, planning ahead for our welfare, and awaiting us with his solutions and sufficiency. In a word, the trials of the pathway may take us by surprise, but never him. They may catch us unprepared, but never him. Left to ourselves, they would be more than we could bear, but we are never left to ourselves. By ourselves, we would not know which way to turn, but we are not by ourselves. God has planned the course we are to take and walks with us. We can say with David, ‘As for God, his way is perfect.’” (Psalm 18:30)

- Alec Motyer, *The Message of Exodus*

Outline, 2 parts:

### I. Jethro Visits (18:1-12)

- A. Moses is REUNITED with his family.
- B. Jethro and Moses are concerned about one another's PEACE.
- C. Jethro and Moses meet in the TENT.

\*\* 2 Climactic things:

- 1. Jethro says, “Now I know...”
- 2. Jethro makes SACRIFICES.

### II. Jethro Advises (18:13-24)

- A. Choose ELDERS.
  - 1. Qualifications:
    - a) ABLE
    - b) FEAR God
    - c) TRUSTWORTHY
    - d) WONT TAKE A BRIBE