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## *Redemption*

The end of the Exodus story, entering the promised land, was present at the beginning as a hope and an aspiration. . . . God said, "I will bring you into a land flowing with milk and honey," and also said, "You shall be to Me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation." The land is the opposite of Egyptian bondage: free farming instead of slave labor. . . . The kingdom is the opposite of Egyptian corruption: holiness instead of idolatry. Both these promises require human cooperation.

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(*adapted*)