


Moses Meets God at a Burning Bush and is Commissioned

Exodus 3


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Moses Comes to Horeb/Sinai

- **Exodus 3:1**

Now Moses was pasturing the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian; and he led the flock to the west side of the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God.



A Theophany of Fire

- **Exodus 3:2, 3**

And the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a blazing fire from the midst of a bush; and he looked, and behold, the bush was burning with fire, yet the bush was not consumed. So Moses said, "I must turn aside now, and see this marvelous sight, why the bush is not burned up."



A Theophany of Fire

■ Exodus 19:18

Now Mount Sinai was all in smoke because the Lord descended upon it in fire; and its smoke ascended like the smoke of a furnace, and the whole mountain quaked violently.



A Theophany of Fire

■ Daniel 7:9, 10

"I kept looking Until thrones were set up, And the Ancient of Days took His seat; His vesture was like white snow, And the hair of His head like pure wool. His throne was ablaze with flames, Its wheels were a burning fire. A river of fire was flowing And coming out from before Him; Thousands upon thousands were attending Him, And myriads upon myriads were standing before Him; The court sat, And the books were opened."



The Angel of the Lord; The Lord; Elohim are One

■ Exodus 3:3, 4

So Moses said, "I must turn aside now, and see this marvelous sight, why the bush is not burned up." When the Lord saw that he turned aside to look, God called to him from the midst of the bush, and said, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am."



Holy Ground

■ Exodus 3:5

Then He said, "Do not come near here; remove your sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground."



God Remembers His Promises

■ Exodus 3:6

He said also, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." Then Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.



God Sees . . . Hears . . . Cares . . . Takes Action

■ Exodus 3:7

And the Lord said, "I have surely seen the affliction of My people who are in Egypt, and have given heed to their cry because of their taskmasters, for I am aware of their sufferings."



God Comes Down to Deliver and Provide

■ Exodus 3:8

“So I have come down to deliver them from the power of the Egyptians, and to bring them up from that land to a good and spacious land, to a land flowing with milk and honey, to the place of the Canaanite and the Hittite and the Amorite and the Perizzite and the Hivite and the Jebusite.”



Moses is Commissioned

■ Exodus 3:9, 10

“And now, behold, the cry of the sons of Israel has come to Me; furthermore, I have seen the oppression with which the Egyptians are oppressing them. Therefore, come now, and I will send you to Pharaoh, so that you may bring My people, the sons of Israel, out of Egypt.”



The Promise of God's Presence

■ Exodus 3:11, 12

But Moses said to God, “Who am I, that I should go to Pharaoh, and that I should bring the sons of Israel out of Egypt?” And He said, “Certainly I will be with you, and this shall be the sign to you that it is I who have sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God at this mountain.”



The "Name" Signifies God's Revealed Character and Nature

■ Exodus 3:13

Then Moses said to God, "Behold, I am going to the sons of Israel, and I shall say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you.' Now they may say to me, 'What is His name?' What shall I say to them?"



The Great I Am

■ Exodus 3:14

And God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM"; and He said, "Thus you shall say to the sons of Israel, 'I AM has sent me to you.'"



The Great I Am

■ Isaiah 52:5, 6

"Now therefore, what do I have here," declares the Lord, "seeing that My people have been taken away without cause?" Again the Lord declares, "Those who rule over them howl, and My name is continually blasphemed all day long. Therefore My people shall know My name; therefore in that day I am the one who is speaking, 'Here I am.'"



God Remembers His Promises – They Will Remember His Name

■ Exodus 3:15

And God, furthermore, said to Moses,
“Thus you shall say to the sons of Israel,
‘The Lord, the God of your fathers, the
God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and
the God of Jacob, has sent me to you.’
This is My name forever, and this is My
memorial-name to all generations.”



God “Has Visited” His People

■ Exodus 3:16 (NKJV)

Go and gather the elders of Israel together,
and say to them, ‘The Lord God of your
fathers, the God of Abraham, of Isaac, and
of Jacob, appeared to me, saying, “I have
surely visited you and *seen* what is done to
you in Egypt;



God Remembers His Promises

■ Exodus 3:17

So I said, “I will bring you up out of the
affliction of Egypt to the land of the
Canaanite and the Hittite and the Amorite
and the Perizzite and the Hivite and the
Jebusite, to a land flowing with milk and
honey.”



They are to Start With a Limited Request

■ **Exodus 3:18**

They will pay heed to what you say; and you with the elders of Israel will come to the king of Egypt and you will say to him, "The Lord, the God of the Hebrews, has met with us. So now, please, let us go a three days' journey into the wilderness, that we may sacrifice to the Lord our God."



God Will Prove His Authority Over All by Doing Miracles

■ **Exodus 3:19, 20**

"But I know that the king of Egypt will not permit you to go, except under compulsion. So I will stretch out My hand and strike Egypt with all My miracles which I shall do in the midst of it; and after that he will let you go."



Genesis 15:14 Predicts This

■ **Exodus 3:21, 22**

"I will grant this people favor in the sight of the Egyptians; and it shall be that when you go, you will not go empty-handed. 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."



God's Promise to Abram

■ Genesis 15:13, 14

God said to Abram, "Know for certain that your descendants will be strangers in a land that is not theirs, where they will be enslaved and oppressed four hundred years. But I will also judge the nation whom they will serve, and afterward they will come out with many possessions."



Applications

- God cares and takes action on behalf of His people, so do not fear.
- How we can know the God who is.
- God will be with us.



Trust God and Do Not Fear Man

■ Hebrews 13:5, 6

Make sure that your character is free from the love of money, being content with what you have; for He Himself has said, "I will never desert you, nor will I ever forsake you," so that we confidently say, "The Lord is my helper, I will not be afraid. What will man do to me?"



The God Who Is Came in the Flesh

■ John 1:14

And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we saw His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth.

■ John 8:58

Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was born, I am."



The God Who Is Visited His People

■ Luke 1:67 - 69

And his father Zacharias was filled with the Holy Spirit, and prophesied, saying:
"Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, For He has visited us and accomplished redemption for His people, And has raised up a horn of salvation for us In the house of David His servant."



God Promises to be With Those He Commissions

■ Matthew 28:19 - 20

"Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

