



The Exodus

Lesson 2: God Calls Moses

(Exodus 3:1-4:31)

Moses was taking care of the flock for Jethro (his wife's father). When he led them to Horeb (the mountain of God), Moses saw a great sight! The Angel of the Lord appeared to Moses in a flame of fire from a bush. Moses could see this bush burning with fire, but not being burned up. Moses went to see why this was happening.

When Moses turned to look at this bush, God called to him from the burning bush, saying, "Moses, Moses!" (Exodus 3:4). Moses said, "Here I am" (Exodus 3:4). Then, God told Moses not to come any closer and to take the sandals off his feet because he was standing in a very special place (on holy ground). God told Moses that He is the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. When he heard this, Moses hid his face and was afraid to look upon God.

God told Moses that He had seen how bad the Egyptians had treated the Israelites and had heard their cry. So, God said that He had come down to rescue the Israelites and bring them to the land of Canaan. He said that this land was a good and large land that was flowing with milk and honey.

Then, God told Moses that He would send him to Pharaoh so that Moses would bring the Israelites out of Egypt. But, Moses asked God who he was that he could do such a thing. God answered and said that He would be with Moses in this great work and promised that he would bring the people out of Egypt and worship on this mountain.

When Moses asked what He should tell the Israelites about the name of God, God said "I AM WHO I AM" (Exodus 3:14). So, Moses was to tell them that "I AM" sent him and that He is the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob who promised to rescue them from Egypt and bring them to Canaan.

God told Moses that the Israelites would listen to him. Then, he was to go to Pharaoh with the elders of Israel and tell Pharaoh that God had met with them and

that they needed to go three days' journey into the wilderness to sacrifice to God. But, God knew that the king would not let them go. So, He told Moses that He would strike Egypt with great wonders to make the king let them go. And, when he would let them go, they would take silver, gold, and clothing with them.

Still, Moses asked what he should do if no one believed him. So, God gave him some signs to perform as proof that God had appeared to him. God told Moses to throw his staff to the ground. Then, it became a snake and he ran from it. God told him to grab it by the tail – and it became a staff again! Next, God told Moses to put his hand in his coat. When he did, his hand became leprous and looked as white as snow. Then, when he did it again, it was back to normal. Finally, if they would not believe these two signs, God told him to take water from the river and pour it on dry ground. God said that this water would become blood on the ground.

Finally, Moses told God that he could not talk very well. But, God said that He was the one who made man's mouth and that He would be with Moses' mouth and help Moses with what he should say. Yet, Moses wanted God to send someone else.

This made God angry with Moses. But, God knew that Moses' brother, Aaron, could speak well. So, God said that He would send Aaron with Moses to speak before the people. The two of them would go to the people and to Pharaoh.

Then, Moses went back to Jethro and asked him to let him go to Egypt. Jethro agreed. So, when God said that all the people who had wanted to kill Moses were dead, Moses took his wife, his sons, and his staff and went back to Egypt. Then, God told Aaron to meet Moses on the mountain of God. Moses told him what God had said, and they went to the Israelites. Together, they told the Israelites the words of God, did the signs so that they people believed, and worshiped.

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Memory Verse:

“Come now, therefore, and I will send you to Pharaoh that you may bring My people, the children of Israel, out of Egypt” (Exodus 3:10).

Draw a picture of the lesson you learned about: