

Moses at the Burning Bush

Exodus 3

REFLECTION

God is preparing Moses for a great and mighty task. He will provide every detail for Moses. All He asks in return is his obedience. Do you find yourself telling God, “Here I am,” but then doubting that He will hold up His end of the bargain? Why do we question what God is capable of doing in our lives?

Read Exodus 3:1-4.

QUESTIONS

- Besides being Moses’ father-in-law, what else was Jethro known as in the land of Midian?
- How did the Angel of the Lord appear unto Moses?
- We will read more about fire throughout the life of Moses.
 - Explain how God has used fire in other Bible stories.
- What would you think if you saw a burning bush that was not consumed by the fire?
- What did Moses say when God called his name?
- Why is it difficult for us to say *Here I Am* to God?

Read Exodus 3:5-7.

QUESTIONS

- What was Moses commanded to do by God? Why?
- Why does God refer to Himself as the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob?
- Do you believe we serve the same God today?
- Have you ever been afraid of God? Explain.
- Throughout the Book of Exodus, we will see God's mercy and compassion on His people. How does He exemplify these traits in verse 7?

Read Exodus 3:8-10

QUESTIONS

- God came down in the form of a cloud to rescue His people from the Egyptians. Jesus also came down for us according to John 3:13-17. Explain.
- Describe the land God would give to His people.
- What can we learn about God knowing He would drive various tribes out of the land promised to His children?
- Does God hear and see us when we are hurting?
- What has God called Moses to do?
- What do you think Moses' initial thoughts were when God said He would have him return to Egypt?

Read Exodus 3:11-13

QUESTIONS

- How did Moses respond to God's request?
- Do you ever feel unqualified for what God has called you to do?
- What does God say to reassure Moses that He is in control?
- What will Moses do after he completes the task of bringing the Israelites out of the Land of Egypt? Why?
 - Read Exodus 34:14.
- Moses is still unsure about how the Israelites will respond to him. What is he questioning in verse 13?
- What can you learn from this passage?

Read Exodus 3:14-16

QUESTIONS

- I Am stems from the Hebrew name YAHWEH.
- Read the following I Am statements of God:
 - Genesis 26:24, Exodus 6:2-8, Exodus 20:2, Exodus 34:6, Isaiah 42:8, Isaiah 46:9
- Why do you think God continues to refer to Himself as the same God whom the men in Genesis worshiped?
- Why would God call Moses to speak to the elders, religious leaders, before speaking to the children of Israel?

- What does He command Moses to tell the leaders? Why?
- Do you believe God can see the struggles you face today?
- Why is it sometimes difficult for us to believe He sees us?

Read Exodus 3:17-19

QUESTIONS

- What does God promise He will do for His people?
- Do you believe He can do the same for you today?
- Although not literally, God desires to give all His children a land flowing with milk and honey. How can you see His goodness in your personal life and in our nation?
- God has no doubt that the children of Israel will listen to Moses. How can we have this same confidence in God?
- What will the children do when they are let go?

Read Exodus 3:20-22

QUESTIONS

- God told Moses in verse 19 that Pharaoh will not let His people go. How will God respond to Pharaoh's hard heart?
- Even when we do not understand, we must trust that God's plan is always perfect. Explain how this applies to Exodus.

- Not only will God's people find favor in the sight of the Egyptians, but He will also provide them with jewelry and clothing from the Egyptians. Why?
- The Israelites never envisioned becoming slaves. Should we continue serving God even when times are hard and our circumstances change?
 - Why or why not?

CHALLENGE

It is easy to forget that we were created by a Holy God who is not human. His anger becomes aroused when we choose to disobey Him. The Israelites want Him to rescue them when times are hard, but they quickly forget their first love and begin worshiping idols when times are good. We will see this same pattern all throughout the Book of Exodus. This is why God told Moses to tell Pharaoh that His children will be leaving behind thousands of Egyptian gods and returning to the one, true God once they are let go. My challenge for you is to seek God first. Stop making Him the last part of your day. Take off your sandals, the things of this world, and remind yourself that our God is worthy to be praised every day no matter your circumstances.

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