

Moses Called!!

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1. GOD MADE MOSES ISOLATED (v.1)

When God calls someone to service, He will probably use these same steps.

Now Moses was tending the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian, and he led the flock to the far side of the desert and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. (Exodus 3:1)

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- Leading a flock of sheep, was a poor employment for a man of his Egyptian background and education.
- Yet, Moses was satisfied with it.
- Moses learn meekness and contentment to a high degree.
- It is Moses' humbleness and contentment that he is more celebrated than for all his other learning.

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- **We should learn to abide and be content in the calling to which we are called**
- **Even those that are qualified for great employments and services must not think it strange if they be confined to obscurity.**

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- God will encourage hard work. The shepherds were keeping their flocks when they received the tidings of our Saviour's birth (Luke 2:8). Satan loves to find us idle; God is well pleased when he find us employed.

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- Sometimes obscure and lonely employment is a good friend to our communion with God. When we are alone, the Father is with us. Moses saw more of God in a desert than ever he had seen in Pharaoh's court.

2. GOD MADE MOSES INTERESTED (v.2-3)

There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in flames of fire from within a bush. Moses saw that though the bush was on fire it did not burn up. So Moses thought, "I will go over and see this strange sight—why the bush does not burn up." (Exodus 3:2-3)

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- The wild acacia or thorn, with which that desert abounds, and which is generally dry and brittle, so much so, that at certain seasons, a spark might kindle a district far and wide into a blaze. A fire, therefore, being in the midst of such a desert bush was a "great sight."

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- It is generally supposed to have been emblematic of the Israelites condition in Egypt--oppressed by a grinding servitude and a bloody persecution, and yet, in spite of the cruel policy that was bent on annihilating them, they continued as numerous and thriving as ever.

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- He saw a fire, but no human agent to kindle it; he heard a voice, but no human lips from which it came; he saw no living being, but One was in the bush, in the heat of the flames, who knew him and addressed him by name. Who could this be but the Divine Being?

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- He saw a flame of fire; for our God is a consuming fire.
- When Israel's deliverance out of Egypt was promised to Abraham, he saw a burning lamp, which signified the light of joy which that deliverance should cause (Gen. 15:17).

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- **But now it shines brighter, as a flame of fire, for God in that deliverance brought terror and destruction to his enemies, light and heat to his people, and displayed his glory before all. (see Isaiah 10:17).**

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- This fire was not in a tall and stately cedar, but in a bush, a thorny bush, so the word signifies.
- For God chooses the weak and despised things of the world (such as Moses, now a poor shepherd), to confound the wise.
- God delights to beautify and crown the humble.

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- **The bush burned, and yet was not consumed, an emblem of the church now in bondage in Egypt, burning in the brick-kilns, yet not consumed; perplexed, but not in despair; cast down, but not destroyed.**

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- The curiosity Moses had to enquire into this extraordinary sight: "I will go over and see this strange sight—why the bush does not burn up."
- He speaks as one inquisitive and bold in his enquiry; whatever it was, he would, if possible, know the meaning of it.
- Things revealed belong to us, and we should diligently enquire into them.

3. GOD SHOWED MOSES HIS IDENTITY (v.4-6)

When the LORD saw that he had gone over to look, God called to him from within the bush, "Moses! Moses!" And Moses said, "Here I am." "Do not come any closer," God said. "Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy ground." Then he said, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob." At this, Moses hid his face, because he was afraid to look at God. (Exodus 3:4-6)

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- When God saw that he took notice of the burning bush, and turned aside to see it, and left his business to attend it, then God called to him.
- If Moses had carelessly neglected it as a thing not worth taking notice of, it is probable that God would have departed, and said nothing to him.
- When Moses turned aside, God called to him.
- We need to pay attention to God's calling.

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- Those that would have communion with God must attend Him and approach Him, in those ordinances where He is pleased to manifest himself.
- Though God's power and glory may be in a bush; they must come to the treasure, though in an earthen vessel.

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- **Those that seek God diligently shall find him and find God a rewarder.**

**Draw near to God,
and he will draw near to you.**

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- God called him by name, *Moses, Moses*. What he heard surprise him much more than what he saw. The word of the Lord always went along with the glory of the Lord for every divine vision was designed for divine revelation.

**It stopped, but I could not tell what it was. A form stood before my eyes and I heard a hushed voice.
(Job 4:16)**

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- Moses must express his reverence, and his readiness to obey as a servant. **"Take off your sandals"** was then what putting off our hat is now, a token of respect and submission.

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- “for the place where you are standing is holy ground.” made so by this special manifestation of the divine presence. During this glorious time, God retained His magnificent character; therefore tread not on that ground with soiled shoes.”

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- **We ought to approach God with a solemn pause and preparation.**
- **Though bodily exercise alone profits little, yet we ought to glorify God with our bodies, and to express our inward reverence with a reverent behavior in the worship of God.**
- **We need to carefully avoid everything that looks light, rude, and unbecoming.**

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I am the God.....

- God lets him know that it is God who is speaking to him.
- His purpose is to engage his reverence and attention, his faith and obedience.
- Let us always hear the word as the word of God,
(1 Thess. 2:13)

4. GOD GAVE MOSES INSTRUCTION (v.7-10)

The LORD said, "I have indeed seen the misery of my people in Egypt. I have heard them crying out because of their slave drivers, and I am concerned about their suffering. So I have come down to rescue them from the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land into a good and spacious land, a land flowing with milk and honey—

4. GOD GAVE MOSES INSTRUCTION (v.7-10)

—the home of the Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites. And now the cry of the Israelites has reached me, and I have seen the way the Egyptians are oppressing them. So now, go. I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people the Israelites out of Egypt.” (Exodus 3:7-10)

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- This time, as well as all the circumstances of this miraculous appearance, were such as to give him an illustrious display of God's faithfulness to His promises.
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Then the LORD said to him, “Know for certain that your descendants will be strangers in a country not their own, and they will be enslaved and mistreated four hundred years.” (Genesis 15:3)

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- **Now that Moses had put off his shoes (for, no doubt, he observed the orders given him and covered his face) God enters upon the particular business that was now to be concerted, which was the bringing of Israel out of Egypt.**

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- **Now, after forty years of Israel's bondage and Moses' banishment, when we may suppose both Israel & Moses began to despair (they of being delivered and he of delivering them) at length, the time has come, even the year of the redeemed.**

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Three things God took cognizance of:

1. Their sorrows

2. Their cry

3. The tyranny of their persecutors:

**I have seen the way the Egyptians are oppressing
them**

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- **This deliverance was typical of Christ's redemption in which the eternal Word came down from heaven to deliver us.**

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- God also promises their happy settlement in Canaan, that they should exchange:
- **bondage for liberty,**
- **poverty for plenty,**
- **labor for rest,**
- **and the condition of tenants for the ease and honor of being the Lord's proprietors.**

What We Are CALLED FROM and CALLED TO:

1. Called from labor to rest (Matthew 11:28)
2. Called from death to life (1 John 3:14)
3. Called from bondage to liberty (Gal. 5:13)
4. Called out of darkness into light (1 Peter 2:9)
5. Called from bondage to peace (1 Cor. 7:15)
6. Called to the fellowship of His Son (1 Cor. 1:9)

What We Are Made by Obeying the Call:

- 1. We are made sons of God (John 1:12)**
- 2. We are made the children of God (Gal. 3:26)**
- 3. We are made the servants of God (Matt. 25:21)**
- 4. We are made God's saints (Col. 1:1)**
- 5. We are made God's witnesses (I Thess. 2:10)**
- 6. We are made workers with God (2 Cor. 6:1)**
- 7. We are called to a high calling (Phil. 3:14)**
- 8. We are called to a holy calling (2 Tim. 1:9)**
- 9. We are called to a heavenly calling (Heb. 3:1)**

OUR CALLING

LET'S PRAY: