



Lesson 25 – Moses Part II

Based on Exodus 3-4

Moses had just spent the last forty years living and working as a shepherd in Arabia under the tutelage of his father-in-law Jethro who was the Priest of Midian. One of Abraham's descendants from his third wife, Keturah.

1) What happened at just the right time?

Exodus 2:23-25 And it came to pass in process of time, that the king of Egypt _____: and the children of Israel sighed by reason of the bondage, and they cried, and their cry came up unto God by reason of the bondage. And God _____ their groaning, and God remembered his covenant with Abraham, with Isaac, and with Jacob. And God looked upon the children of Israel, and God had _____ unto them.

The time for Israel's deliverance had come. But God's purpose was to be accomplished in a manner to pour contempt on human pride. The deliverer was to go forth as a humble shepherd, with only a rod in his hand; but God would make that rod the symbol of His power.

2) Who visited Moses?

Exodus 3:1-2 Now Moses kept the flock of Jethro his father in law, the priest of Midian: and he led the flock to the backside of the desert, and came to the mountain of God, even to _____. And the angel of the LORD appeared unto him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush: and he looked, and, behold, the _____ burned with fire, and the bush was not consumed.

Exodus 3:3-4 And Moses said, I will now turn aside, and see this great _____, why the bush is not burnt. And when the LORD saw that he turned aside to see, God _____ unto him out of the midst of the bush, and said, Moses, Moses. And he said, Here am I.

3) What did God tell him?

Exodus 3:5-8 And he said, Draw not nigh hither: put off thy _____ from off thy feet, for the place whereon thou standest is holy ground. Moreover he said, I am the God of thy father, the God of _____, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. And Moses _____ his face; for he was afraid to look upon God.

Humility and reverence should characterize the deportment of all who come into the presence of God. In the name of Jesus, we may come before Him with confidence, but we must not approach Him with the boldness of presumption, as though He were on a level with ourselves. There are those who address the great and all-powerful and holy God, who dwelleth in light unapproachable, as they would address an equal, or even an inferior. There are those who conduct themselves in His house as they would not presume to do in the audience chamber of an earthly ruler. These should remember that they are in His sight whom seraphim adore, before whom angels veil their faces.

4) What did God tell him?

Exodus 3:7-8 And the LORD said, I have surely seen the _____ of my people which are in Egypt, and have heard their cry by reason of their taskmasters; for I know their sorrows; And I am come down to _____ them out of the hand of the Egyptians...



- 5) What calling did Moses get?
Exodus 3:10 Come now therefore, and I will send _____ unto Pharaoh, that thou mayest bring forth my people the children of Israel out of Egypt.
- 6) Was Moses giddy with excitement?
Exodus 3:11 And Moses said unto God, _____, that I should go unto Pharaoh, and that I should bring forth the children of Israel out of Egypt?
- 7) What promise did God give him?
Exodus 3:12 And he said, Certainly I will be with thee; and this shall be a token unto thee, that I have sent thee: When thou hast brought forth the people out of Egypt, ye shall serve God upon this _____.

In this place, God would speak the Ten Commandments to His people.

- 8) Thinking of the difficulties ahead, what did he ask God?
Exodus 3:13 And Moses said unto God, Behold, when I come unto the children of Israel, and shall say unto them, The God of your fathers hath sent me unto you; and they shall say to me, What is his _____? what shall I say unto them?
- 9) Without hesitation God said:
Exodus 3:14-15 And God said unto Moses, _____ THAT _____: and he said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, I AM hath sent me unto you. And God said moreover unto Moses, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, The LORD God of your fathers, the God of _____, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, hath sent me unto you: this is my name for ever, and this is my memorial unto all generations.
- 10) What was Moses' first order of business when he got to Egypt?
Exodus 3:16 Go, and gather the _____ of Israel together, and say unto them, The LORD God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, of Isaac, and of Jacob, appeared unto me, saying, I have surely visited you, and seen that which is done to you in Egypt:
- 11) Was Moses to go before Pharaoh alone?
Exodus 3:18 And they shall hearken to thy voice: and thou shalt come, thou and the elders of Israel, unto the king of Egypt, and ye shall say unto him, The LORD God of the Hebrews hath met with us: and now _____, we beseech thee, three days' journey into the wilderness, that we may sacrifice to the LORD our God.

Moses was commanded first to assemble the elders of Israel, the most noble and righteous among them, who had long grieved because of their bondage, and to declare to them a message from God, with a promise of deliverance. Then he was to go with the elders before the king.

Moses was forewarned that Pharaoh would resist the appeal to let Israel go. Yet the courage of God's servant must not fail; for the Lord would make this the occasion to manifest His power before the Egyptians and before His people.

- 12) What became necessary in order for Egypt to take Israel's God seriously?
Exodus 3:20 And I will stretch out my hand, and _____ Egypt with all my wonders which I will do in the midst thereof: and after that he will let you go.



13) What directions were given for the provisions of such a large exodus?

Exodus 3:21-22 And I will give this people favour in the sight of the Egyptians: and it shall come to pass, that, when ye go, ye shall not go _____: But every woman shall borrow of her neighbour, and of her that sojourneth in her house, jewels of silver, and jewels of gold, and raiment: and ye shall put them upon your sons, and upon your daughters; and ye shall _____ the Egyptians.

The Egyptians had been enriched by the labor unjustly exacted from the Israelites, and as the latter were to start on the journey to their new home, it was right for them to claim the reward of their years of toil. They were to ask for articles of value, such as could be easily transported, and God would give them favor in the sight of the Egyptians. The mighty miracles wrought for their deliverance would strike terror to the oppressors, so that the requests of the bondmen would be granted.

14) Moses was overwhelmed, was it possible?

Exodus 4:1-3 And Moses answered and said, But, behold, they will not _____ me, nor hearken unto my voice: for they will say, The LORD hath not appeared unto thee. And the LORD said unto him, What is that in thine hand? And he said, A rod. And he said, Cast it on the ground. And he cast it on the ground, and it became a _____; and Moses fled from before it.

Exodus 4:4-6 And the LORD said unto Moses, Put forth thine hand, and take it by the tail. And he put forth his hand, and caught it, and it became a _____ in his hand: That they may believe that the LORD God of their fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, hath appeared unto thee. And the LORD said furthermore unto him, Put now thine hand into thy bosom. And he put his hand into his bosom: and when he took it out, behold, his hand was _____ as snow.

Exodus 4:7 And he said, Put thine hand into thy bosom again. And he put his hand into his bosom again; and plucked it out of his bosom, and, behold, it was turned again as his other _____.

By these signs and others, the Lord assured Moses that His own people, as well as Pharaoh, should be convinced that One mightier than the king of Egypt was manifest among them.

15) Was Moses fully convinced to go?

Exodus 4:10 And Moses said unto the LORD, O my Lord, I am not _____, neither heretofore, nor since thou hast spoken unto thy servant: but I am slow of speech, and of a slow tongue.

16) What was the reply?

Exodus 4:11-12 And the LORD said unto him, Who hath made man's mouth? or who maketh the dumb, or deaf, or the seeing, or the blind? have not I the LORD? Now therefore _____, and I will _____ thy mouth, and teach thee what thou shalt say.

17) Was Moses ready now?

Exodus 4:14 And the anger of the LORD was kindled against Moses, and he said, Is not _____ the Levite thy brother? I know that he can speak well. And also, behold, he cometh forth to meet thee: and when he seeth thee, he will be glad in his heart.

Moses was now directed to Aaron, his elder brother, who, having been in daily use of the language of the Egyptians, was able to speak it perfectly. He was told that Aaron was coming to meet him.



18) The next Words of God were a direct command:

Exodus 4:15-16 And thou shalt speak unto him, and put words in his _____: and I will be with thy mouth, and with his mouth, and will _____ you what ye shall do. And he shall be thy spokesman unto the people: and he shall be, even he shall be to thee instead of a mouth, and thou shalt be to him instead of God.

The divine command given to Moses found him self-distrustful, slow of speech, and timid. He was overwhelmed with a sense of his incapacity to be a mouthpiece for God to Israel. But having once accepted the work, he entered upon it with his whole heart, putting all his trust in the Lord. The greatness of his mission called into exercise the best powers of his mind. God blessed his ready obedience, and he became eloquent, hopeful, self-possessed, and well fitted for the greatest work ever given to man. This is an example of what God does to strengthen the character of those who trust Him fully and give themselves unreservedly to His commands.

19) Having received his commission from God, what was his next step?

Exodus 4:18 And Moses went and returned to _____ his father in law, and said unto him, Let me go, I pray thee, and return unto my brethren which are in Egypt, and see whether they be yet _____. And Jethro said to Moses, Go in peace.

He had not dared to make known the object of his mission, lest they should not be allowed to accompany him. Before reaching Egypt, however, he himself thought it best for their own safety to send them back to the home in Midian.

20) What unexpected thing happened while on the trip?

Exodus 4:24 And it came to pass by the way in the inn, that the LORD met him, and sought to _____ him.

On the way from Midian, Moses received a startling and terrible warning of the Lord's displeasure. An angel appeared to him in a threatening manner, as if he would immediately destroy him. No explanation was given; but Moses remembered that he had disregarded one of God's requirements; yielding to the persuasion of his wife, he had neglected to perform the rite of circumcision upon their youngest son. He had failed to comply with the condition by which his child could be entitled to the blessings of God's covenant with Israel; and such a neglect on the part of their chosen leader could not but lessen the force of the divine precepts upon the people.

21) Fearing what would happen to Moses, what did Zipporah do?

Exodus 4:25-26 Then Zipporah took a sharp stone, and cut off the foreskin of her son, and _____ it at his feet, and said, Surely a bloody husband art thou to me. So he let him _____: then she said, A bloody husband thou art, because of the circumcision.

In his mission to Pharaoh, Moses was to be placed in a position of great peril; his life could be preserved only through the protection of holy angels. But while living in neglect of a known duty, he would not be secure; for he could not be shielded by the angels of God.

In the time of trouble just before the coming of Christ, the righteous will be preserved through the ministration of heavenly angels; but there will be no security for the transgressor of God's law. Angels cannot then protect those who are disregarding one of the divine precepts.

Can you see that with blessings come responsibility?

Would you like to be given your commission?

When is the time to ask?