



EXODUS

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MOSES AT THE BURNING BUSH – EXODUS 3

I. INTRODUCTION: REVIEW...

- A. Moses tried to deliver Israel in his own way and time...
 - 1. But Israel was not ready to be delivered...still way too _____...
 - 2. And... they were not broken, yet (Ps. 51:17)
 - 3. Moses had _____ without knowledge (Ro. 10:2)...
 - a. Because he had all the wisdom of Egypt...of this world (Jn. 7:15)
 - b. Mighty in words and _____...Acts 7:22
 - c. But... an abomination to God's ways (Lk. 16:15)
 - d. And God will not let man glory in His presence (I Cor. 1:29)
- B. Praise God who makes all things beautiful in His _____ (Ecc. 3:11)
 - 1. Making the wrath of man to praise Him (Ps. 76:10)
 - 2. Reversing things for His eternal glory (Gen. 50:20)
 - 3. Encouraging us to learn to _____...(Isa. 40:31)
 - a. The people are now ready to be delivered from bondage...
 - b. Moses is ready to deliver...
 - c. God guarantees deliverance!

II. INSTRUCTION: EXODUS 3

- A. God puts him on the backside of the desert (v1)
 - 1. Bringing Moses to God's _____ mountain range of Horeb; Mt. Sinai = peak of God
 - a. Cf. Elijah's commissioning by God there too...(I Kg. 19:8)
 - b. When in the desert, we need to find a mountain to climb and feed upon
 - c. Humbling for Moses to go from the palace to the sheepfold, i.e. to learn how to meet God
 - i. BUT...into the holy presence of Almighty God (Ps. 16:11)



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- ii. To raise the _____ on Moses' thoughts (Isa. 55)
 - iii. And hear ONLY God's voice (Ps. 46:10)...400 years of waiting
 - a) Cf. Malachi to Christ
 - b) 400 years of silence before deliverer comes
 - iv. Where you learn a fresh appreciation of _____, as all is dark there
2. God keeps Moses here 40 years in Midian to purge him thoroughly
- a. As he learns to wait on God for _____ communion, utter dependency
 - i. To be much for God, must spend much time with God (Isa. 55:6)
 - ii. Forty years of boot camp (Gal. 6:14); cf. John the Baptist...
 - b. Isa. 28:16; I Tim. 3:6
 - c. Preparation that readies him for _____ warfare (Gen. 46:31)
 - i. As a type of Christ...hated by this world's system
 - ii. There's no set curriculum in God's _____
 - a) Unique training for each servant-soldier
 - b) His _____ agendas...a must!
- B. And Jesus shows up as a Flame in an "ordinary" bush (v2-5)
1. God dwelt in that bush (Deut. 33:16)...the pre-incarnate Christ!
 - a. A picture of His willingness to indwell ordinary common man (Ro. 10:13), who will "turn aside to see"...
 - b. "Dwelt" = "shah-chan"(Hebrew) = shekinah
 - i. Therefore He gets all the _____
 - ii. Mt. 5:16
 2. Before Moses can be sent on a mission...



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- a. He has to see the glory God intends for that _____...
 - b. He needs a fresh vision of God in a burning bush (Prov. 29:18)
 - c. He needs energy from God to _____ the impossible odds (2 Cor. 3:18)
 - i. As Isaiah did in his difficult calling (Isa. 6)
 - ii. As Paul needed on the Damascus road (Acts 9)
3. The flame symbolizes judgment and accountability (Deut. 4:9, 24; Heb. 12:28-29)
- a. The bush not consumed = _____! (Hab. 1:13; Eph. 2:8-10)...as Israel is burning under the fires of Pharaoh, but is not consumed, as God's grace preserves her
 - b. Grace that grants the _____ of righteousness (Ro. 5:21) through the gospel!
4. God reminds him he is on holy ground (v5)..._____ near humbly...(Jas. 4:7-8)
- a. The law reminds us we are sinners (Ro. 3:23)...walking in a filthy world
 - b. Grace reminds us of the _____ (Gal. 3:13)...worship demands reverence!
 - i. Where we must be crucified _____ (I Cor. 15:31)...
 - ii. So we can experience resurrection life daily (Jn. 11; Phil. 3:10)
- C. Teaching Moses he needs a sharper concept of God to build stronger convictions (v6)
1. I AM is the Living God of living _____ (Ps. 138:8; Mt. 22:32; Lk. 20:37-38)
 2. APPLICATION...Remember it was only after Israel rejected their deliverer Moses, that God truly revealed Himself at the bush (Ex. 2:14)
 3. Cf. when Israel rejected Christ, and then He revealed Himself unto His own!
- D. God fully sees the _____ of His people (v7)...cf. Isa. 63:9
1. He has heard their cry of brokenness...(Ps. 51)
 2. As He has allowed this cruel world to crush their _____...
 - a. And has freed them from the temporary pleasures of this world
 - b. Ro. 12:1-2



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3. Jesus will come to the aid of His oppressed sheep (Job 23:10; Mal. 3:1ff)
- E. God clearly declares emphatically unconditional loving _____...(v8)...cf. Isa. 55:11
1. I AM come down...foreshadowing Christ in Bethlehem 1500 years later...
 2. To deliver...foreshadowing the cross and grace (Eph. 2:8-9)
 3. To bless them with good land, flowing milk, honey
 - a. Foreshadowing riches of Christian _____ (Phil. 4:19)...
 - b. And the unending joy of faith (Jn. 15:11)
- F. "Now therefore" (v9-10)...God responds to prayer that's fervent...
1. Time to _____...immediate obedience for Moses...NOW...A CALLING FROM God!
 2. MISSION...Moses to Pharaoh as deliverer
 - a. God uses ordinary people (2 Tim. 2:21), when He could have sent an angel to miraculously deliver as He did for Hezekiah
 - b. The prophesied 400 years of affliction is now to _____ (Gen. 15:13)
 - i. Trials of 400 years should greatly enhance gratitude, worship
 - ii. But time will tell (Eccles. 8:5-6)..."truth and time" ...
- G. And Moses questions God's plans (v11)...issue of "self preoccupation"...
1. At age 80, not nearly as SELF-confident as age 40! (Acts 7:25)
 2. Wilderness experiences tend to sober the _____ (I Peter 5:7-8)
 - a. As God gives us major tests first...as He frequently tests weapons before using them in _____
 - b. And answers the lessons of life later (e.g. disciples in boat/storm)...opportune moments of teach-ability!
- H. "Certainly" ...God is with us as we serve Him by _____ (v12-14)
1. As we tell sinners of a God they've never met or seen (Acts 1:8)



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2. As God makes no attempts initially to prove His existence
 - a. Just a simple message: "Let my people go"...
 - b. No miracles..._____!
 - c. The Jews knew about God, but didn't know Him personally (v13)... "what is His Name?"
 - d. Simply trust and _____ the "I Am" (all you need...)-v14
- I. The God of Abraham (v15)...family (Heb. 2:11, 14)
 1. The LORD..."my memorial unto all generations"
 - a. REMEMBER Who sent you! (Ps. 103:1-2; Isa. 46:10)
 - b. God's personal, covenantal Name...
 2. They will listen to you (eventually)-v18
 3. And I will give you _____ (v21)...Prov. 16:7
 4. And you will learn my grace is sufficient for all I _____ you to do
 - a. 2 Cor. 12:9-10
 - b. Phil. 2:12-16; 4:13
 - c. "Success" is guaranteed (Josh. 1:8-9)
 5. Back wages (v22)...there's a payday _____ (Gal. 6:7)