

Exodus 3-4 –9 April 2020

“The Call of God”

Introduction

The Book of Exodus opens up w/ millions of Israelites having been in Egypt for 430 years & become slaves.

Moses, the Hebrew, grew up as a son to Pharaoh.

Day came that he saw the affliction of the Hebrews by the Egyptians. He tried to help but failed miserably!

Moses is one of the great pictures of Life, Death & Resurrection in the Bible. (40yrs, 40yrs & 40yrs)

When God resurrects one into new life, it's b/c there's a mission, there's a purpose, there's a calling!

Tonight, we look at 3 parts of the calling of God on you and your life

#1 – God reveals His call on our life (Chap 3:1-22)

Read Vs 1-6

1. So Moses meets the God of Israel at the Burning Bush.
2. God does something fanciful to get our attention
 - a. God often does fanciful things but our hearts aren't right or looking God direction.
 - b. This is after Moses "Life" and "Death".
 - i. Moses is very empty of self & sensitive to God
3. Re-read vs 3-4 = Moses turned aside to see
 - a. Have you ever been charging straight ahead and missed what God wanted to do?
 - b. "Be still & know that I am God" is spoken in Psm 46 while God declares what He will do, not what man can do.
4. Look for God activity, not your own.

Read Vs 7-10

1. God hears the cry of Israel in slavery thru their prayers and has GOOD plans for them...& YOU.
2. God's call on your life isn't for you, it's for the salvation and benefit of others to His glory!
3. Turn to John 15:15-17
 - a. The call is to bear fruit toward one another!
4. Turn to I Tim 1:15-16
 - a. We become a pattern of others to follow!

Read Vs 11-12

1. Moses asks, "Who am I", thinking, "I'm nobody".
2. God reveals a call to the humble emptied man.
3. God doesn't call the qualified, He qualifies the called.
4. There must be an understanding that we're nothing before God will call us to a work.
5. Moses strength will be in the fact that 'God is with him'.

Read Vs 13-15

1. “I AM”
 - a. The Becoming One – He becomes all that we need.
 - b. “I AM” infers He was, He is and He ever shall be.
2. God reveals ‘who He is’ in any call to us.
3. The central item we have to give to others in any calling is the person of God Himself.
4. Read Luke 24:27 – Jesus is CENTRAL

Read Vs 16-22

1. Israel WILL receive the msg from Moses, but the Egyptians will not receive the msg.
2. When God reveals a call to you, there will always be some that side w/ you & some that don’t
 - a. Not everyone will like the mission you’re on
 - b. Not everyone will be against it either!
3. Notice God will provide great substance for them

#2 – We reject His call on our life (Chap 4:1-17)

Read Vs 1-9

1. Moses begins to reject God's call b/c of lack of faith...lack of faith in the children of Israel.
 - a. He wants to reject the call of God on his life b/c he thinks they'll reject the call of God on their life.
 - b. Isn't that the very thing he's trying to do?
2. God offers the solution, that He'll do a work in their hearts thru signs and wonders.
 - a. Vs 2-5 – Rod turns to a serpent
 - b. Vs 6-8 – hand turned leprous
 - c. Vs 9 – water turned to blood
 - d. All 3 are pictures of death
3. Give grace to every man to have time to repent and grow in the Lord.
4. Moses is right to lack faith in Israel, but he should trust that God can do a work in hearts!

Read Vs 10-12

1. Moses now begins to reject God's call b/c of lack of faith...lack of faith in himself.
 - a. He wants to reject the call of God on his life b/c he thinks God made a mistake in calling him.
 - b. He's putting himself in the place of God!
2. God again offers the solution, that He'll do a work in Moses' body, mind and spirit.
3. Give grace to yourself when you make mistakes.
4. You don't have to be perfect before God can use you.
5. You don't have to be perfect to apologize to God, get back up and keep going for the Lord.
6. Moses is right to lack faith in himself, but he should trust that God can do a work in him!

Read Vs 13-17

1. Moses now wants to reject God's call b/c of lack of faith...lack of faith in God Himself.
 - a. Hebrews 11 talks of the faith of Moses & it skips this portion of his life.
2. I believe Moses transferred to Aaron many of the blessing that he would have received, had he just believed God.
3. What does God want?
 - a. God doesn't need you to believe in Him for him to get what He wants.
 - b. God wants you to believe in Him for you to get what He wants.
 - c. God just wants you in experiential relationship with Him!
 - i. THIS will lead to worshipping Him in Spirit and in truth!

#3 – We respond to His call on our life (Chap 4:18-31)

Read Vs 18-20

1. To respond to God's call Moses first tells those he's closest with of the call.
 - a. Jacob did this when he was called to go back to Canaan from Padan-aram in Gen 31.
2. There's nothing secretive or hidden about starting on a journey with God.
 - a. Some may scoff, doubt or even believe.
 - b. But we just begin a walk of faith.

Read Vs 21-23

1. On his way back to Egypt, Moses is rehearsing all that God has told him will happen.
2. To respond to God's call Moses must meditate on the call. To remember it.
 - a. There will be times he'll doubt the call.
 - b. He needs to set this day as a marker!

Read Vs 24-26

1. It's very likely that this is the time that Zipporah and their sons returned to Midian.
 - a. They will all come back to Moses after the Exodus from Egypt while in the wilderness.
 - b. This is recorded in Exo 18
2. Moses had neglected to circumcise his son IAW the covenant of Abraham.
 - a. Zipporah steps in to save his life.
 - b. This no doubt left a division in their relationship for some time.
3. To respond to God's call, there will be setbacks.
 - a. Some from neglect and some on purpose.
 - b. Remember God hasn't called the righteous, He's making righteous the called.
4. God had to teach Moses not to disobey.
 - a. Read 1 Pet 1:15
5. Praise God for the Godly people in our life, that can help get us back on track.

Read Vs 27-31

1. When responding to God's call their will be triumphs!
2. The triumphs come from simple obedience to what God has said.
3. Moses and Aaron don't need any further inventions of their own.
4. They don't need to change what God has said.
5. Jer 23:28-29 – He that hath My word, let him speak it faithfully.... Is not My word like fire...and like a hammer that breaks in pieces?
6. So God does all the work and God will get all the credit.

Conclusion

3 Parts to the call of God in our lives

1. **God reveals His call on our life**

- a. God's call is to work thru you, but it's for the benefit of others.
- b. As God has been revealed to us, we are to go reveal the great I AM to others

2. **We reject His call on our life**

- a. Our rejection will always be based on a lack of faith in others, ourselves or in God Himself
- b. The solution is always to believe God

3. **We respond to His call on our life**

- a. Tell others of your call, and write it down!
- b. There will be setbacks and mistake, but God is faithful who has called you

Read I Cor 1:8-9