

Series: When God Came Near

Sermon: The Bush That Kept Burning

Ex 3:1-10

Now Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law, Jethro, the priest of Midian, and he led his flock to the west side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. And the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush. He looked, and behold, the bush was burning, yet it was not consumed. And Moses said, "I will turn aside to see this great sight, why the bush is not burned." When the Lord saw that he turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Then he said, "Do not come near; take your sandals off your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." And he said, "***I am*** the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

Then the Lord said, "I have surely seen the affliction of my people who are in Egypt and have heard their cry because of their taskmasters. I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the place of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. And now, behold, the cry of the people of Israel has come to me, and I have also seen the oppression with which the Egyptians oppress them.

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Most of the unique encounters with God took place when the recipient(s) were at extremely low places in their lives, i.e., Valley Moments!  
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We can never be fully useful to the Lord until we are aware of the reality of our own 'uselessness'!  
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God does not want us to simply believe in Him; He desires that we  
'encounter Him!'

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God is utterly sufficient within Himself. He does not need the bush to burn,  
He is the source of the Fire!

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Jn 15:4-5

5 I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him,  
he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.

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The worst place of Moses' life was the very place where God came near!