

Title: 'Exodus, Cloud & Fire' Part 2- The I AM & the Return

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- God calls busy people & interrupts busy lives.
- The first occurrence of a recurrent theme: fire.
- We're called to be a light shining in the darkness.
- The bush isn't the source of the flame.

2. A man is *commissioned* & *sent*

- A sign of humility & respect is commanded
- Wasn't an unknown God.
- Not a new god; He is Yahweh.
- The God of the patriarchs & the covenant.
- The why: God is present.
- The what: God is working.
- The how: God is a sending God.

3. A man gives *excuses* but *returns*

- His failures didn't cancel his calling.
- Should've experienced great relief...
- Immediately & humbly accepted the honor.
- Moses gives five excuses & argues with God.
- Lack of confidence. His ability, not God's.
- Lack of context.

- Lack of credibility. Three convincing signs.
- Lack of communication skills.
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