

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

Key text: Exodus 3 & 4

Suppl. texts: Deut. 4:24

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1. A man is called

- 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.
- Lack of **commitment**.
- Four proofs: Jethro **blessed** him, Moses' **accusers** were dead, Zipporah **participated**, & **corporate** belief.

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