

I. God Initiates an Interruption (1-4)

A. Moses' drudgery (1) - "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..."

West side - translated in Isaiah 38:17 as "behind His back" when it speaks of unseen, unacknowledged, unremembered sin.

B. Moses' distraction (2) - "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."

C. Moses' detour (3) - "And Moses said, "I will turn aside to see this great sight, why the bush is not burned."

Moses left room in the midst of his "have-to's" for the "might-be's"

D. Moses' discovery (4) - "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." **God's calling says 2 things: "I know who you are" and "I know where you are".**

II. Moses Receives an Introduction (5-6)

A. Meet the God of Holiness (5) - "Then He said, "**Do not come near**; take your sandals off your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." **1st time holy is used in the Bible; it is when man tries to approach God.**

B. Meet the God of Hope (6a) - "And He said, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob."

C. Meet the God of Heaven (6b) - "And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God." **Encounters with Holy God are not casual!**

III. God Communicates an Intervention (7-8)

A. What God described (7) - "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."

B. What God determined (8a) - "I have come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land..."

C. What God devised (8b) - "...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." ******New blessings in a new territory among new obstacles*****

IV. Moses Experiences an Initiation (9-12)

A. Moses, I am sharing my passion (9) - "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."

B. Moses, I am sending a person (10-11) - "Come, I will send you to Pharaoh that you may bring my people, the children of Israel, out of Egypt." 11 But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the children of Israel out of Egypt?"

C. Moses, I am speaking a promise (12) - "He said, But I will be with you, and this shall be the sign for you, that I have sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God on this mountain."