

Exodus 3

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Sunday Morning

Review: Moses was Mr. Egypt – killed an Egyptian – fled to Midian – Married Zipporah – has worked for his father-in-law ever since

Ex.3:1 Now Moses was pasturing the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian; and he led the flock to the west side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God.

V.2 The angel of the LORD appeared to him in a blazing fire from the midst of a bush; and he looked, and behold, the bush was burning with fire, yet the bush was not consumed.

1. "The angel of the LORD appeared to him in a blazing fire from the midst of a bush"
 - a. **Moses is now 80 years** old & God appears to him

V.3 So Moses said, "I must turn aside now and see this marvelous sight, why the bush is not burned up."

V.4 When the LORD saw that he turned aside to look, God called to him from the midst of the bush and said, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am."

V.5 Then He said, "Do not come near here; remove your sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground."

1. "Do not come near here; remove your sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground"
 - a. Moses **did not know that God was there** – didn't have an eye for God

V.6 He said also, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." Then Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

V.7 The LORD said, "I have surely seen the affliction of My people who are in Egypt, and have given heed to their cry because of their taskmasters, for I am aware of their sufferings.

V.8 "So I have come down to deliver them from the power of the Egyptians, and to bring them up from that land to a good and spacious land, to a land flowing with milk and honey, to the place of the Canaanite and the Hittite and the Amorite and the Perizzite and the Hivite and the Jebusite.

V.10 "Therefore, come now, and I will send you to Pharaoh, so that you may bring My people, the sons of Israel, out of Egypt."

1. "Therefore, come now, and I will send you to Pharaoh"
 - a. God now commissions Moses

V.11 (NP)

V.11 But Moses said to God, "Who am I, that I should go to Pharaoh, and that I should bring the sons of Israel out of Egypt?"

1. "**Who am I**, that I should go to Pharaoh"
 - a. He no longer has confidence in himself
 - b. Moses has been alone 40 years – **sanctified loneliness** – alone w/ God

V.12 And He said, "Certainly I will be with you, and this shall be the sign to you that it is I who have sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God at this mountain."

1. "and this shall be the sign to you"
 - a. God gives Moses **a sign so that he can know** this is all real
 - b. There are 2 things concerning this sign: **#1. God instigated it** (Moses didn't ask for it) **#2. The sign would be fulfilled after** Moses was obedient

2. "when you...brought the people out...you shall worship God at this mountain"
 - a. The fruit of obedience that is found – **after being obedience**
 - b. **Today** we want to say – "God if You will do thus & thus, I will serve you." (**we want the reward for service before we serve!**)

V.13 Then Moses said to God, "Behold, I am going to the sons of Israel, and I will say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you.' Now they may say to me, 'What is His name?' What shall I say to them?"

V.14 God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM"; and He said, "Thus you shall say to the sons of Israel, 'I AM has sent me to you.'"

1. "**I AM** has sent me to you"
 - a. What a strange name
 - b. The word translated "I AM" is made of 4 consonants & no vowel
 - i. **No one knows** how to **pronounce** (YHWH)
 - ii. The Jews when **speaking** the word YHWH substituted the name **Adonai** – They were afraid of violating the Command of **Ex.20 Exodus 20:7** "You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not leave him unpunished who takes His name in vain.
 - iii. They had **so much reverence for the name of God** that they **wouldn't speak it**
 - iv. Even today the Jew writes the word God & leaves out the "o" **G-d**
 - v. **When writing** they wrote the word **YHWH** – but **when reading** it said **Adonai**
 - vi. The word Adonai means Lord

- vii. Where they read “Lord YHWH” (**Lord God**) they would have had to say “**Adonai, Adonai**” so they translated the 1st word to “**Elohim** Adonai” to keep from saying it double
 - viii. When speaking the words “Lord God” they took the vowel points from Adonai & put them w/ YHWH & ended up w/ the word “**Y^ehōwah**” – “**Yahweh**” or “**Jehovah**” – they don’t have a “J” in their alphabet
- c. Only the **Creator** of everything could say “**I AM**”
 - d. Only the **Self Existing One** could say that
 - e. Only **the One who transcends time** can say that
 - f. Only the One who can **be everything anyone ever needs** can be the “I AM”
- g. This was something Moses didn’t understand at that point – He didn’t see God was in everything
 - h. The truth is God is involved in everything
 - i. **Nothing escapes God – nothing is so small He doesn’t see it!**
 - 1. Two **Sparrows** sold for a penny—not one falls apart from...
 - ii. Remember **V.5**

V.5 Then He said, "Do not come near here; remove your sandals from your feet, **for** the place on which you are standing is holy ground."(Moses didn’t expect God to be there)
 - iii. I was talking to 728 596-8641 & he told me that in the past he didn’t see God in anything – now he sees Him in everything!
 - i. How could Abraham possibly offer Isaac up to God?
 - j. When Abraham was about to offer Isaac – Abraham called the place “**Jehovah Jireh**” (**the I Am will provide**)
- k. We have a hard time grasping that truth – but listen to Christ
 - i. Arguing w/ religious leaders

John 8:23 And He was saying to them, " You are from below, I am from above; you are of this world, I am not of this world.

²⁴ "I said therefore to you, that you shall die in your sins; for unless you believe that **I am** (*He*), you shall die in your sins."

John 8:57 (NP)

John 8:57 The Jews therefore said to Him, "You are not yet fifty years old, and have You seen Abraham?"

⁵⁸ Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was born, **I am.**"

⁵⁹ Therefore they picked up stones to throw at Him; but Jesus hid Himself, and went out of the temple.

John 10:32 Jesus answered them, "I showed you many good works from the Father; for which of them are you stoning Me?"

³³ The Jews answered Him, "For a good work we do not stone You, but for blasphemy; and because You, being a man, make Yourself out to be God."

ii. **Jesus is the great "I Am"**

John 6:35 Jesus said to them, " **I am** the bread of life; he who comes to Me shall not hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst.

John 8:12 Again therefore Jesus spoke to them, saying, " **I am** the light of the world; he who follows Me shall not walk in the darkness, but shall have the light of life."

John 10:9 " **I am** the door; if anyone enters through Me, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture.

John 10:11 " **I am** the good shepherd; the good shepherd lays down His life for the sheep.

¹² "He who is a hireling, and not a shepherd, who is not the owner of the sheep, beholds the wolf coming, and leaves the sheep, and flees, and the wolf snatches them, and scatters *them*.

¹³ "*He flees* because he is a hireling, and is not concerned about the sheep.

¹⁴ " **I am** the good shepherd; and I know My own, and My own know Me,

V.16 "And I have other sheep, which are not of this fold; I must bring them also, and they shall hear My voice; and they shall become one flock *with* one shepherd.

John 11:25 Jesus said to her, " **I am** the resurrection and the life; he who believes in Me shall live even if he dies,

²⁶ and everyone who lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?"

John 14:6 (NP)

John 14:6 Jesus •said to him, "**I am** the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father, but through Me.

John 15:5 "**I am** the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in Me, and I in him, he bears much fruit; for apart from Me you can do nothing.

- iii. When they arrested Christ in Garden of Gethsemane

John 18:3 Judas then, having received the *Roman* cohort, and officers from the chief priests and the Pharisees, came there with lanterns and torches and weapons.

⁴ Jesus therefore, knowing all the things that were coming upon Him, went forth, and said to them, " Whom do you seek?"

⁵ They answered Him, "Jesus the Nazarene." He said to them, "**I am** (*He*)." And Judas also who was betraying Him, was standing with them.

⁶ When therefore He said to them, "**I am** *He*," they drew back, and fell to the ground.

- iv. Every creature is going to acknowledge Him as being Who He said He is

Philippians 2:9 Therefore also God highly exalted Him, and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name,

¹⁰ that at the name of Jesus **EVERY KNEE SHOULD BOW**, of those who are in heaven, and on earth, and under the earth,

¹¹ and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

- v. Be honest w/ yourself – how much do you see Christ in daily life?
vi. Is He in everything in your life?
vii. Moses said, When I get there they will ask me what Your name is? What do I say? **You say**, "The God Who is everything you will ever want or need has sent you!"

V.15 God, furthermore, said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the sons of Israel, 'The LORD, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you.' This is My name forever, and this is My memorial-name to all generations. (God is immutable)

V.16 "Go and gather the elders of Israel together and say to them, 'The LORD, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, has appeared to me, saying, "I am indeed concerned about you and what has been done to you in Egypt.

V.17 "So I said, I will bring you up out of the affliction of Egypt to the land of the Canaanite and the Hittite and the Amorite and the Perizzite and the Hivite and the Jebusite, to a land flowing with milk and honey.'"

V.18 "They will pay heed to what you say; and you with the elders of Israel will come to the king of Egypt and you will say to him, 'The LORD, the God of the Hebrews, has met with us. So now, please, let us go a three days' journey into the wilderness, that we may sacrifice to the LORD our God.'

V.19 "But I know that the king of Egypt will not permit you to go, except under compulsion.

V.20 "So I will stretch out My hand and strike Egypt with all My miracles which I shall do in the midst of it; and after that he will let you go.

V.21 "I will grant this people favor in the sight of the Egyptians; and it shall be that when you go, you will not go empty-handed.

V.22 "But every woman shall ask of her neighbor and the woman who lives in her house, articles of silver and articles of gold, and clothing; and you will put them on your sons and daughters. Thus you will plunder the Egyptians."

1. "articles of silver and articles of gold, and clothing"
 - a. **Nothing is fair in this world** – there is no justice or righteousness
 - i. **Payday is coming** – there is a payday someday
 - ii. Since nothing is accidental in Scripture – why is this worded as it is?
 - iii. "...articles of **silver**...**gold**...**clothing**..."
 - iv. They aren't listed according to value, why?

Ex.4:1 Then Moses said, "What if they will not believe me or listen to what I say? For they may say, 'The LORD has not appeared to you.'"

1. "What if they will not believe me"
 - a. What had God just told him?
 - i. They will believe you!

3:18 "They will pay heed to what you say; and you with the elders of Israel will come to the king of Egypt and you will say to him, 'The LORD, the God of the Hebrews, has met with us. So now, please, let us go a three days' journey into the wilderness, that we may sacrifice to the LORD our God.'
 - ii. Moses isn't looking to God – he doesn't see God in Egypt even as God is talking w/ him directly
 - iii. Do you see God in your work? Play? Worship?