

# Moses And The Burning Bush

Exodus 3

Faith Portal Church

**ADULT**

Unit 10 Lesson 2

## Supplemental Texts

Exo 2; Acts 7:17-35

## Focus Verse

“Come now therefore, and I will send thee unto Pharaoh, that thou mayest bring forth my people the children of Israel out of Egypt.” – Exodus 3:10

## Introduction

Moses' heart was saddened realizing the abject condition of his beloved people. In his zeal to help, he murdered an Egyptian, perhaps thinking this would suggest to his people that he was on their side. However, the second day, he grasped the fact that his brethren would not accept of him. To make the matter worse, his murder crime had been made public. As a result, he fled to Midian. And in Midian, he married and started his own family. Read Exo 2:11-22.

## Deeper Look

### **The Angel Of The Lord Appeared Unto Him – Exo 3:1-12**

In Midian, Moses worked for his father-in-law as a shepherd. As Moses brought the sheep to Mount Horeb (later called Mount Sinai), the angel of the Lord appeared to him from a burning bush. He saw that the bush was on fire but was not burned up. Moses' attention was seized, and as he drew closer to view the sight, God called him from the bush. God called him twice to show the urgency of the matter (see also Gen 22:11; 1 Sam 3:10; Luke 22:31; 10:41; Acts 9:4). God told him to keep a distance and take off his sandals to honor God's presence. God revealed Himself as the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. God said that He had seen the suffering of His people, and He was ready to deliver them out of Egypt through Moses. Though Moses was hesitant as he realized his inadequacies, God gave me a blessed assurance, and a sign that He had sent him.

### **I Am That I Am – Exo 3:13-22**

When God sent Moses to the Israelites, Moses asked what he should say if they asked him of God's name. God said, tell them that “I Am hath sent me unto you.” The name “I Am” speaks to God's eternal existence. Jesus used this title at times (John 6:35; 8:12; 10:7,11). After 400 years in Egyptian bondage, God sent Moses to announce the news of the pending return of the Israelites to the promised land. God promised Moses that the elders of Israel would listen to him, and that they should all go before Pharaoh to make their request. In spite of the small request, God knew that Pharaoh would not let them go easily, but this would signal the beginning of their troubles.

## Questions

1. How many years after fleeing Egypt did the angel of the Lord appear unto Moses? What had Moses been doing for these number of years? Read Acts 7:30.
2. Was Moses sure about what he saw before going closer? Prove it. What was Moses' disposition before God called to him? Has God spoken to you before? How did you know it was Him?
3. What two warnings did God give to Moses? Why did God warn him? Despite the warnings, what consolation did Moses receive from God as God spoke with him? What characters of God did you notice in verses 5 and 6?
4. Did Moses (Exo 2:11) and God (Exo 3:7-10) have the same knowledge that the Israelites were under much oppression? What assurance did Moses get when God sent him to Pharaoh? How significant was the assurance in your opinion?
5. Was Moses expecting God to send him to Pharaoh for the Israelites? Why was he hesitant to go? Why did he finally accept the task? Is God calling you today? How do you know? Have you honored the call? Why, or why not?
6. God's ways are not our ways (Isa 55:8-9). Compare Moses' plan to deliver the Israelites to God's plan to deliver them from their bondage.
7. What would cause Pharaoh to allow the Israelites to leave Egypt? What provision was promised in advance to them when they left? What quality of God is shown?

# Personal Meditation

God has something for each of us to do. And we can only effectively accomplish His will as we allow Him to direct every step. At times, we may feel like we can execute the work of God in our own wisdom and strength that we leave God out like Moses. Typically, the result is not going to be favorable because it was without the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Here, we see Moses in all his princely privileges endeavoring to deliver his people, the children of Israel, in his own way. In the process, he murdered an Egyptian, yet his people rejected him. Soon, he had to flee from the presence of Pharaoh because Pharaoh had heard what he did. He failed to let God lead him. We cannot go wrong if we allow God to lead our every move (Psa 37:5; Prov 3:5-7).

We need God more than He needs us. Moses was rejected sent himself, but when God sent him, He promised that the Israelites would listen to him (Exo 3:18). For success, we must work in God's time. Moses never knew he would be called 40 years after he had lost hope of helping his people (Act 7:30). At last, he realized all along that God's time is always the most excellent.

## DAILY STUDY

Monday	Exo 3:1-4
Tuesday	Exo 3:5-8
Wednesday	Exo 3:9-12
Thursday	Exo 3:13-16
Friday	Exo 3:17-19
Saturday	Exo 3:20-22



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