

Moses Returned To Egypt

Exodus 4

Faith Portal Church

ADULT

Unit 10 Lesson 3

Supplemental Texts

Exo 3; Acts 7:17-35

Focus Verse

“That they may believe that the Lord God of their fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, hath appeared unto thee.” – Exodus 4:5

Introduction

The Lord God, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the I Am, called Moses for the purpose of leading the children of Israel out of Egypt from under the oppression of the Egyptians. Moses and the elders of Israel, as God said, would have to go before Pharaoh and deliver God’s message. Though the message was simple, Pharaoh would not subscribe to it until God stretched out His hand and stroke Egypt with all His wonders.

Deeper Look

What Is In Thine Hand? – Exo 4:1-17

As God appeared to Moses, He sent him to Pharaoh so that the Israelites might be free from oppression. God promised to be with him (Exo 3:12) and that the elders of Israel would give him audience (Exo 3:18). Still, Moses doubted. To reassure him, God did two wonders which He told him to do in Egypt. But if the people disbelieved him, he should pour some water from the Nile on the dry land, and it would become blood. Each wonder was a display of God’s power and a proof of God’s backing. Also, Moses saw the transforming power of God by faith and obedience. Moses made up an excuse, “I am not eloquent.” But God told him He would be with his mouth and teach him what to say. Our physical weaknesses cannot stop God from using us! Moses’ plea that God should send someone else irritated God, yet God appointed Aaron as his spokesman.

Let Me Go, I Pray Thee – Exo 4:18-31

As God directed, Moses returned to Egypt with his family and his staff named “rod of God” (v. 20). God’s call on his life did not demand ignoring propriety and honor for his father-in-law. God reminded Moses to do all the wonders He had shown him, but He would harden Pharaoh’s heart, and that Pharaoh would release the Israelites at the death of his firstborn son. The event in vv. 24-26 deals with Moses’ failure to circumcise his son and the anger of God against him (Gen 17:14). Moses and Aaron gathered the elders of Israel and did all that God required of them, and the people believed and worshipped the Lord, knowing that He would come and deliver them.

Questions

1. Why did Moses assert that the people would not listen to him when God had told him they would (Exo 3:18)? Was it likely that the people would tell him that the Lord had not appeared to him? Why? What made him think differently?
2. What was the purpose of the two miracles that God performed through Moses? As God performed the miracles, what virtues were shown in Moses? Mention two instances of Moses showing these qualities? How vital are these qualities to you?
3. On what condition should the third miracle be done? Would Moses be bold to carry out this miracle since God told him to perform it when that condition was met?
4. Can any of our physical weaknesses prevent us from being used by God? Why, or why not? Why did Moses bring up his inability to communicate eloquently?
5. Why was God irritated with Moses when he told God to find someone else for the task? Did God release Moses from the task? Why, or why not? How would you have dealt with Moses if you were in a position of authority?
6. What comfort did Moses receive before returning into Egypt? What assurance of God's presence was he given? How could God harden the heart of Pharaoh? Read Rom 1:28.
7. Did the people believe Moses? How did they respond to God's message of deliverance? How do people today respond to the gospel of Jesus? Explain.

Personal Meditation

Moses was specially called by God to lead the Israelites out of oppression. In the process, he had the privilege to converse with God back and forth as he beheld the miraculous sight. He encountered the Lord that saved him while a baby. He spoke with the God of his fathers Whom his people never knew. For the tasks before him, God promised him to be with him. It must have been encouraging to Moses in light of the rejection he received when he tried to help his people in his own way. Instead, Moses doubted God's promise (v. 1) and was unwilling to answer God's call (vv. 10,13). To be clear, when God gives you a task, He knows you can get it done. Likewise, if He calls you, He will support and equip. There is always no reason to fret.

It may never be understood if Moses was unwilling because of his past failure. But God gave him comfort, in that, those who wanted him dead because he murdered an Egyptian were dead. With God's comfort, you can be certain that He is with you no matter what (Psa 118:6). Being in the center of God's will is the key, and you are secure as you execute His service.

DAILY STUDY

Monday	Exo 4:1-5
Tuesday	Exo 4:6-11
Wednesday	Exo 4:12-16
Thursday	Exo 4:17-21
Friday	Exo 4:22-26
Saturday	Exo 4:27-31



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