

SUMMER QUARTER SUNDAY SCHOOL 2017
THEME – RESPONDING TO THE MASTER’S CALL AS A PROPHET
UNIT II – CALLING OF PROPHETS

“GOD CALLS MOSES AS HIS SERVANT-LEADER PROPHET”

MOSES
*An Overworked
Servant-Leader*

Lesson No. V – July 2, 2017

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Thought to Remember: God gave Abraham and his people an everlasting covenant in Genesis 17:7-8, *“And I will establish my covenant between me and thee and thy seed after thee in their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be a God unto thee, and to thy seed after thee. And I will give unto thee, and to thy seed after thee, the land wherein thou art a stranger, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession; and I will be their God.”* Now from the promises of that relationship, we learn how to trust Jehovah with our lives through His Son Jesus Christ! He loves His people and always keeps His promises.

Lesson Text: Exodus 3:1-12

Motto Text: Exodus 3:9-10 (NLT), *“Look! The cry of the people of Israel has reached me, and I have seen how harshly the Egyptians abuse them. Now go, for I am sending you to Pharaoh. You must lead my people Israel out of Egypt.”*

Reliable Resources: Union Gospel Press Expositor and Illuminator; Precepts for Living (UMI); Be Available by Dr. Warren Wiersbe; Standard Lesson Commentary; Dakes Annotated Reference Bible; MacArthur Study Bible by John MacArthur; Children’s Ministry Resource Bible; H. L. Wilmington’s Bible Handbook; Logos Bible Software

INTRODUCTION

After the arrival of the family of Jacob (aka Israel) to Egypt, they were invited to settle in Goshen and become herdsmen. God had made it possible for Joseph, Jacob’s son thought to be dead, to have risen to a place of great prominence. (Read Genesis 37:39-50). Now after many years had passed, Israel had become a formidable people, and there arose a Pharaoh who was not familiar with the wonderful acts of Joseph, and who decided to enslave Jacob’s people Israel. The rude way in which Pharaoh treated Israel came before the very sight and nostrils of God, causing God to be moved to call a man who would lead Israel out of this bondage, and his name was Moses!

Upon reading Exodus chapters 1 and 2, it was only through the sovereign will of God that Moses survived and began to lead God’s people out of Egyptian bondage. **“God Calls Moses as His Servant-Leader Prophet.”**

Anticipated Power Points:

- **Moses Looks at a Bush.** Exodus 3:1-4
- **Moses is Limited by God’s Divine Boundaries.** Exodus 3:5-6
- **Moses Learns of God’s Benevolence.** Exodus 3:7-9
- **Moses Leaves with God’s Burden.** Exodus 3:10-12

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LESSON EXPOSITION

I. Moses Looks at a Bush. Exodus 3:1-4

Because of a series of events in Egypt, Moses found himself a fugitive in the Sinai Peninsula after forty years in Pharaoh's court. (Read Exodus 2). During the next years after he left Egypt, he became a shepherd or herdsman for the priest of Midian, whose name was Jethro. In the second forty years of Moses' life, he learns the importance of service and sacrifice. It is during this time that he is confronted by a great challenge. He sees a bush burning on Mt. Sinai; the bush is on fire but is not being consumed. Moses seemingly had no idea that this was God's doing and that the very presence of God was in the bush! ("*angel of the Lord*" vs. 2). When one reflects on the Bible, the term "*angel of the Lord*" is used over 60 times and most times refers to "the preincarnate Christ or God incarnate." According to verse 3, when the Lord saw He had Moses' attention, He turned His speculation into a moment of sanctification. vs. 4

Beloved, God can use the most unusual things to get our attention that we may change our focus from the unimportant to His directive for our lives. *WHAT WAS YOUR BURNING BUSH?*

II. Moses is Limited by God's Divine Boundaries. Exodus 3:5-6

Once Moses answered the call of the Lord in verse 4 "*...here am I*" he is commanded to understand the divine boundaries of God! God is holy and is worthy of all honor, glory, worship and praise! "*Take off thy shoes.*" A symbol of reverence and respect for God's authority. Moses was now to learn that one just doesn't approach the Almighty any kind of way. God has a way and means for people to approach Him. (Read of God's boundaries in Exodus 19:12-13 and Joshua 5:15). Wherever God's presence is manifest becomes a place of holiness and reverence towards Him.

Verse 6 makes it clear that God identifies Himself as the God of the Hebrews, who established their coming and going. (Read Acts 7:32-33).

III. Moses Learns of God's Benevolence. Exodus 3:7-9

Many accuse God of not caring when things are difficult. But God is Omniscient, Omnipresent and Omnipotent. One only has to learn as Moses learned: God has a specific time to fulfill the objectives of His will. Now was God's time to deliver His people. (Read Galatians 4:4-5.) Time is under God's control, as well as the power to change circumstances. God had everything ready for Israel, even a place, as well as all things necessary for their survival and success. He even knew how He would chasten their adversaries who had abused them for many years. Remember, "*Vengeance is mine...saith the Lord.*" Romans 12:19

IV. Moses Leaves with God's Burden. Exodus 3:10-12

God now gives Moses specific directions to return to Egypt and lead his people to the place of God's choosing. vs. 10. Moses, in verse 11, questions the Almighty, as if to say, 'I am unable to confront Pharaoh!' God knew Moses' limitations even as He knows ours, but the job was not to be done in the strength of Moses, but in the power of God! Hebrews 11:6 reminds us, "*But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.*" "*God's yolk is easy and his burden is light.*" Why? Because of His promise as stated in vs. 12a... "*And he said, Certainly I will be with thee.*" Moses, having God's assurance, could receive God's burden and with God's undergirding, carry out God's mission. "*Certainly I will be with you*" or as Jesus promised, "*...lo, I am with you alway.*"

CLOSING

Remember beloved, God revealed Himself to Moses in days gone by and He is still revealing Himself today, not in a bush that burns, or in an inanimate object or by some supernatural means to mystify the superstitious mind, but God reveals Himself according to Hebrews 1:1-3, through His Son and our Saviour Jesus Christ – "*God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds; Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high.*"

Like Moses, we have been called into God's service, whether as a Sunday School teacher, minister, prayer warrior or van driver. Take the call of service seriously and allow the Lord to get glory out of your life. Why? "*Because His yoke is easy, and His burden is light.*" Matthew 11:30

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