

The Call of Moses: A Study of God's Call To Service

Exodus 03:01–10

1. *The kind of man God called*

- a. Moses was a shepherd:
He had a heart
that could shepherd people
- b. Moses hard-working:
Tended the flock in the desert
- c. Moses was a man of faith:
Believed the miracles,
the impossible acts of God
- d. Moses sought the meaning of things: He stopped to seek the meaning of the burning bush

2. *The call of God itself*

- a. God's call was to a seeking man
- b. God's call was a personal call
 - 1) God called Moses by name
 - 2) Moses' response:
"Here am I"
- c. God's call was a holy call
 - 1) God's instructions for Moses to remove his sandals
 - 2) The reason:
God is holy
- d. Call from the only living and true God, the God who fulfils His promises to people
 - 1) God declared:
He is the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob
 - 2) Moses' response

- 1 Now Moses was tending the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian, and he led the flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God.
- 2 There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in flames of fire from within a bush. Moses saw that though the bush was on fire it did not burn up.
- 3 So Moses thought, "I will go over and see this strange sight — why the bush does not burn up."
- 4 When the LORD saw that he had gone over to look, God called to him from within the bush, "Moses! Moses!" And Moses said, "Here I am."
- 5 "Do not come any closer," God said. "Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy ground."
- 6 Then he said, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob." At this, Moses hid his face, because he was afraid to look at God.

3. *The reasons for God's call*

- a. God was deeply concerned about His people's suffering
 - 1) God saw their affliction
 - 2) God heard their cries
 - 3) God knew about their suffering and was deeply concerned
- b. God came down to deliver His people from their suffering
- c. God wanted to give the promised land to His people
 - 1) He wanted to give a fruitful land to them
 - 2) He wanted to give a spacious land to them

4. *The expected response to God's call*

- a. Moses was to behold God's vision and compassion for His people
- b. Moses was to go as God's messenger to deliver God's people from their enslavement

7 The LORD said, "I have indeed seen the misery of my people in Egypt. I have heard them crying out because of their slave drivers, and I am concerned about their suffering.

8 So I have come down to rescue them from the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land into a good and spacious land, a land flowing with milk and honey — the home of the Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites.

9 And now the cry of the Israelites has reached me, and I have seen the way the Egyptians are oppressing them.

10 So now, go. I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people the Israelites out of Egypt."