

Exodus 3:1-15 Moses and the Burning Bush

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 desert 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.

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."

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

¹² And God said, "I will be with you. And this will be the sign to you that it is I who have sent you: When you have brought the people out of Egypt, you will worship God on this mountain."

¹³ Moses said to God, "Suppose I go to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' Then what shall I tell them?"

¹⁴ God said to Moses, "I am who I am. This is what you are to say to the Israelites: 'I AM has sent me to you.'"

¹⁵ God also said to Moses, "Say to the Israelites, '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, the name by which I am to be remembered from generation to generation."

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I Am: God Reveals His Name Exodus 3:13-15

Moses said to God, "Suppose I go to the Israelites and say to them, The God of your fathers has sent me to you, and they ask me, what is his name? Then what shall I tell them?" God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM. This is what you are to say to the Israelites: I AM has sent me to you." God also said to Moses, "Say to the Israelites, 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, the name by which I am to be remembered from generation to generation.

1. God teaches Moses.
2. Moses makes excuses.
3. God reveals His name.



Exodus 3:14 “I am who I am”

- ❖ Read Exodus 3:1-15 Moses and the Burning Bush

Write in your own words what you have learned about God from His response to Moses in Exodus 3:14, “I am who I am”.

The last verse of this reading says, “This is my name forever, the name by which I am to be remembered from generation to generation.

- ❖ How important is it to God’s people to know who He is?

During the next eight weeks we are going to look at the “I AM” declarations of Jesus that describe who Jesus is and what that means to us.

- ❖ Read John 8:31-59

In this passage, Jesus is debating those Jews who had believed what He had said (verse 31) and yet their response to His words indicates clearly that they still rejected His claims and His teachings. Read once again Jesus’ words in verse 58 and their response in verse 59.

- ❖ Do you think there is a connection between the words of Jesus in verse 58 and the Words of God in Exodus 3:14?

- ❖ What does this claim of Jesus tell you about Him?

Even though the Jews in this story “believed him” (v31) it is recorded in verse 59 that they picked up stones to kill him. Obviously they didn’t like the message Jesus had delivered. Jesus says in John 8:31, “if you hold to my teaching you are really my disciples.”

- ❖ Has Jesus told you anything about your life, your priorities, your character or values that don’t align with Him? Do you hold on so tightly that you would prefer to stone Him rather than accept and obey His words?

Jesus went on to say in verse 31, “then you will know the truth and the truth will set you free.”

- ❖ Were the Jews listening to Him, set free? Why not?
- ❖ Are there areas of your life you need to be set free from? What will be required of you according to John 8:31?

Daily Reading Plan through the Gospel of John

- Day 1 – Memory Verse: Exodus 3:14
- Day 2 – John 1:1-18
- Day 3 – John 1:19-34
- Day 4 – John 1:35-51
- Day 5 – John 2:1-12
- Day 6 – John 2:13-24
- Day 7 – John 3:1-21