

You Can't Keep A Captive's Excuses When You Have A Deliverer's Destiny!

You are either a captive or a deliverer!

Exodus 3:1-10

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."

I. God has to get your Attention!

We have to STOP long enough to pay attention to what God is doing!

Exodus 3:2-3

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1. The burning bush represents the Nation of Israel!

The Jewish people are going to go thru some fiery trials at that time.

2. The burning bush represents God Himself!

It reveals the power and the glory and the holiness of Almighty God.

Deut. 33:16a - with the best gifts of the earth and its fullness and the favor of him who dwelt in the burning bush.

Exodus 3:2 - 'the angel of the Lord',

Heb. 12:29 - "our God is a consuming fire."

3. The burning bush represents Moses himself!

He was a humble shepherd, but with God's help He's about to be set ablaze...on fire for God...never to be quenched!

II. God gives you an Assurance!

We have to LOOK to see what God is saying as He reveals Himself to us!

Exodus 3:6 - Then he said, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob."

Exodus 3:7 Check out these verbs: I have seen, heard, known...

Exodus 3:8 "So I have come down to rescue (kjv-deliver) them."

Rom. 5:8 - But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

III. God gives you your Assignment!

We have to LISTEN to His instruction on what to do next!

1. In vs. 11, Moses is saying "I have no ability"

Exodus 3:11 - But Moses said to God, "Who am I, that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?"

Exodus 3:12 - 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."

2. In vs. 13, Moses is saying, "I have no message"

Exodus 3:13 - 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?"

vs. 14 God says, "I AM" your message!

Exodus 3:14 - 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.'"

3. In Exodus 4:1, Moses is saying, "I have no authority"—

-Exodus 4:1 - Moses answered, "What if they do not believe me or listen to me and say, 'The LORD did not appear to you?'"

Exodus 4:2 - Then the LORD said to him, "What is that in your hand?" "A staff," he replied.

Exodus 4:3-4 - The LORD said, "Throw it on the ground." Moses threw it on the ground and it became a snake, and he ran from it. Then the LORD said to him, "Reach out your hand and take it by the tail." So Moses reached out and took hold of the snake and it turned back into a staff in his hand.

Matthew 28:18-19 - Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

4. Moses was saying in 4:10 "I have no eloquence"

Exodus 4:10 - Moses said to the LORD, "O Lord, I have never been eloquent, neither in the past nor since you have spoken to your servant. I am slow of speech and tongue."

Exodus 4:11 - The LORD said to him, "Who gave man his mouth? Who makes him deaf or mute? Who gives him sight or makes him blind? Is it not I, the LORD?"

5. Moses was saying in 4:13, "I have no desire"

Exodus 4:13 - But Moses said, "O Lord, please send someone else to do it."

Philippians 4:13 - I can do everything through him who gives me strength.

Philippians 2:13 - for it is God who works in you to will and to act according to his good purpose.

Exodus 4:29-31 - Moses and Aaron brought together all the elders of the Israelites, and Aaron told them everything the LORD had said to Moses. He also performed the signs before the people, and they believed. And when they heard that the LORD was concerned about them and had seen their misery, they bowed down and worshiped.