

/Let us begin with the second lecture on Exodus. / Chapter 3 is about God specially calling Moses. / This is recorded in verses 1-6.

/Please read verse 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.

/The name of the father-in-law of Moses is Jethro. / In chapter 2, he was also called Reuel. / They are both the names of Moses' father-in-law.

/God led Moses to the west side of the wilderness, to Horeb, the mountain of God. / Mount Horeb appears in Acts 7:30-38, / and it is also referred to as Mount Sinai.

/Verse 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.

/The angel of the Lord / appeared in flames of fire out from within a bush and called Moses. /The bush was burning, / but it did not burn up. / The bush symbolizes the weak Israelites.

/The bush was a type of thorn bush . / It was prickly and useless, / but the bush showed that the presence of God granted power.

/In 1 Corinthians 1:28, it says/ that God chose the lowly, the despised, / and the things that are not to bring nothing to the things that are. / Though we are despised and foolish in the eyes of the world, we can be used powerfully if God is with us.

/Verse 3. / So Moses thought, "I will go over and see this strange sight-- why the bush does not burn up."

/Seeing the flaming bush, but seeing that it did not burn up, Moses said, "I will go over and see this strange sight." / The sight was seeing God.

/Seeing God's world, / God's kingdom, / and God's works are the greatest sights.

/Verses 4-5. / 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." "Do not come any closer," God said. "Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy ground."

/God told Moses, "Do not come any closer. Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy ground." / The place on which Moses was standing was holy ground. / It means that the places where believers stand is holy ground.

/In Ephesians 1:4, / it says that we believers have been saved by the blood of Jesus Christ. / God predestined us to become His people even before creation, and the place of the believer is a holy place.

/God forbid Moses from coming closer. / We cannot go before God without taking our sandals off our feet. / To remove one's sandals / means to first, "take off sins."

/We can go before God when we are forgiven of our sins. / Sin, like a great wall, blocks us from God when we try to approach him. / Second, it means, "be a servant."

/In the past, servants in Palestine did not wear sandals. / Third, it means, "get rid of ego." / It means to get rid of pride.

/A person with a strong ego cannot fully obey God's will. / In order for us to be completely led by God, our ego must die. / Regarding this, Jesus told us to deny ourselves.

/Also, He told us that we can follow Him when we take up our cross. / In the case of Moses, getting rid of his ego took 40 years.

/If a person lives by his will and does not remove his sandals, he is not a servant, but a master. / Removing the sandals and completely becoming God's servant is the source of power.

/Verse 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.

/The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob means/ that God is a living God. / God is a living God. / In verses 7-12, Moses received a calling from God.

/Verses 7-8. / 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. 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.

/God said that he saw the misery of his people in Egypt and that he has heard their cries. / God knew about all their works and their misery. / God knows our situations even before we pray about them.

/God hears each cry of misery of his people. / God said in the verse that he would lead the Israelites into the land where milk and honey flows and that he would drive out all the tribes living in that land.

/Verses 9-11. / And now the cry of the Israelites has reached me, and I have seen the way the Egyptians are oppressing them. So now, go. I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people the Israelites out of Egypt." But Moses said to God, "Who am I, that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?"

/God decided to call Moses to send him to the Israelites after he saw the sufferings of the Israelites.

/Moses replied, after hearing God's command, "Who am I, that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" / When God entrusts work to a person, he also gives them power and strength to do the work.

/If we obey to God's calling when he entrusts us with it, God helps us. /Thus, obeying is believing.

/If anyone claims to have faith, but does not obey, his faith is not true. / God again told Moses, "Go."

/Verse 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."

/God told Moses that he would be with him. / The sign would be to bring the Israelites out from Egypt and reach Mount Horeb.

/Verses 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.

/Moses told God that if he went to the Israelites and told them that God sent him to them, /they would ask for the name of the God who sent him. / Moses asked, "What shall I say to them?"

/Then God answered, "I AM WHO I AM." / "I am who I am" is eternally self-existent. / God's existence has no beginning and no end.

/God is eternal and spiritual. / God is a personal God. / Hence, we humans, who were created with personalities just like God, meet him personally.

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/We can meet God through spiritual communication. / **There is no one else in this world that is self-existent. Anything else is merely a creation.** / Anything we serve other than God is an idol.

/In 1 John 2:17, it says that/ the world and its desires pass away. / Yet, whoever does the will of God remains forever.

/In verse 15, God says once again that he is "the LORD." / "The LORD" means that God is God who keeps his covenant promise. /Second, it means that God is the God of salvation.

/God keeps the covenant he made with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. / Our LORD God is one who keeps every word written in the Scripture.

/In verses 16-18, God tells Moses how to carry out his calling. Please read.

/"Go, assemble the elders of Israel and say to them, 'The LORD, the God of your fathers-- the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob-- appeared to me and said: I have watched over you and have seen what has been done to you in Egypt. And I have promised to bring you up out of your misery in Egypt into the land of the Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites-- a land flowing with milk and honey.'""The elders of Israel will listen to you. Then you and the elders are to go to the king of Egypt and say to him, 'The LORD, the God of the Hebrews, has met with us. Let us take a three-day journey into the desert to offer sacrifices to the LORD our God.'

/God says that he saw the sufferings of the Israelites and heard all of their prayers. / God said then that he would fulfill the promise he made with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

/God said that he would lead them to the land of Canaan. / Seven tribes lived in that land. / They were powerful. / It would be difficult for the Israelites to defeat them.

/Yet, they would be conquered because God promised to give the land to the Israelites. / There is power in God's words, in the promise itself. /Our faith is to hold onto God's word.

/Verse 18. / "The elders of Israel will listen to you. Then you and the elders are to go to the king of Egypt and say to him, 'The LORD, the God of the Hebrews, has met with us. Let us take a three-day journey into the desert to offer sacrifices to the LORD our God.'

/God said that when Moses went to the Israelites and told them about him, they would listen. /They will listen because Moses would approach them in the name of God.

/Moses would go before them with the words of promise, and they would listen. / Because God sent Moses to the Israelites, he would work and they would listen to Moses.

/God tells Moses to tell the king of Egypt, "Let us take a three-day journey." / The goal of the Israelites was to enter Canaan after they left Egypt. / When Moses asked, "Let us take a three-day journey," he was not lying.

/Saying that they would go a three-day journey was the same as leaving Egypt. /Moses told the king of Egypt and the people only to lessen their shock. / God told Moses that he would surely succeed, as is written in verses 19-22.

/Verse 19-20. / But I know that the king of Egypt will not let you go unless a mighty hand compels him. So I will stretch out my hand and strike the Egyptians with all the wonders that I will perform among them. After that, he will let you go.

/No matter how powerful a group may be, if God strikes, it will fall and bow before God. / The only thing for the Israelites and Moses to do to win was to lean on God and trust in his power.

/Verses 21-22. / "And I will make the Egyptians favorably disposed toward this people, so that when you leave you will not go empty-handed. Every woman is to ask her neighbor and any woman living in her house for articles of silver and gold and for clothing, which you will put on your sons and daughters. And so you will plunder the Egyptians."

/God told Moses that when the Israelites came out from Egypt, they would not come out empty-handed. / They would come out of Egypt with great favor from the Egyptians.

/Let us continue with chapter 4. / In chapter 4, we see God send Moses to Egypt. / God gave three signs to Moses, which is written in verses 1-9.

/Please read verse 1. / Moses answered, "What if they do not believe me or listen to me and say, 'The LORD did not appear to you'?"

/Moses answered, "What if they do not believe me or listen to me and say, 'The LORD did not appear to you'?" / He told God that the Israelites would not believe what he said. / Next, God told him the following.

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

/God said to Moses, "What is that in your hand?" "Throw it on the ground." / When Moses did so, the staff turned into a snake. / The staff turned into a snake when it left Moses' hand.

/This sign showed how God's leader turns into a snake once he or she leaves God's hands. / The snake represents the works of Satan as well. / If a worker of God turns away from the guidance of God, the worker will be used by Satan.

/God told Moses to hold the tail of the snake. / Then it turned into a staff again. / In order for us to become God's powerful staff, we must remain in the hands of God.

/The staff that was in the hand of Moses was the true staff of power. / It was also called, "the staff of God." / The prodigal son left his father. / As we see in Luke chapter 15, how miserable did his life become once he left his father's embrace?

/At first his life seemed to be going well. / Yet, / his life began to fall apart soon after. / He had nothing to eat. / Eventually, he ended up in a place where he lived with pigs.

/If a believer leaves the guidance of God, he will begin to be led by the world. / Even if we are believers, our hearts are still wicked. / In Jeremiah 17:9, / it says that a human's heart is the most deceitful and wicked above all things.

/When our hearts are anchored in God, our bodies naturally follow our hearts. / Our hearts should be anchored in God. / Then our bodies will follow the heart and submit to God.

/In the Bible, we see that God does not want a humble body, but a humble heart. / To hold the tail of the snake can also mean to do as God tells one to do.

/We can keep from being bitten by the snake when we do as God tells us to do. / God's works would have failed if Moses died after being bitten by the snake. / There are many snakes when we do God's works.

/To hold the tail of the snake is to be successful. / We can hold the tail of the snake by doing God's will.

/Verse 5. / "This," said the LORD, "is so that they may believe that the LORD, the God of their fathers-- the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob-- has appeared to you."

/God told Moses that when he went to the Israelites with such signs, they would believe him. / God then showed him another sign. Verses 6-8.

/Then the LORD said, "Put your hand inside your cloak." So Moses put his hand into his cloak, and when he took it out, it was leprous, like snow. "Now put it back into your cloak," he said. So Moses put his hand back into his cloak, and when he took it out, it was restored, like the rest of his flesh. Then the LORD said, "If they do not believe you or pay attention to the first miraculous sign, they may believe the second.

/God told Moses to put his hand inside his cloak and take it out. / His hands then turned leprous and his hand began to rot. / This shows that there are rotten things in our human hearts.

/It also showed that there are difficulties in doing God's works. / Moses obeyed God and his hand became leprous. / "I live by faith, but why are there so many difficulties in my life?"

/"I am trying to obey God, but why are there so many sufferings and people who are against me?" / "Why am I so poor, sick, and encounter so many troubles when I live by faith?"

/This is like obeying God and finding leprosy on one's hand. / God then told Moses to put his hand inside his cloak again and take it out.

/God then told Moses to put his hand inside his cloak again and take it out. / Then his hand became clean and healthy. / 1 Peter 1:22 says, / "Now that you have purified yourselves /by obeying the truth so that you have sincere love for your brothers, /love one another deeply, from the heart."

/Life is to obey God's commands to the end. / When we hold on to God's words/ and obey his words,/ our souls grow mature. / This is how we accomplish salvation.

/Accomplishing salvation / has a different nature from sanctification. / Sanctification is the personal changes in believers. / Each person has a heart, mind, and will, / and the changes in our intelligence, emotion, and will are sanctification.

/However, when our spirits grow mature, / we must always have God's word as the foundation. / The spirit reaches maturity when it holds onto and obeys God's word. / This is the spiritual world and spiritual works.

/This is the accomplishment of salvation. / Through this second sign, God showed us that troubles and sufferings come even when we live according to God's word. / This is the second sign.

/Verse 9. / But if they do not believe these two signs or listen to you, take some water from the Nile and pour it on the dry ground. The water you take from the river will become blood on the ground."

/For the third sign, God told Moses to take some water from the Nile and pour it on dry ground. / God said that the water will then turn into blood. / Blood is not a liquid that humans can drink.

/Water turning into blood symbolized God's judgment. / The staff turning into a snake, / the hand that was healed from leprosy, / and water turning to blood / were the three signs that God gave Moses.

/Verses 10-11. / 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." 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?"

/Moses told God that he was not eloquent. / He said that he was slow of speech and of tongue. / Moses told God that even if God sent him, he would be slow of speech.

/In Acts 7:22, / it says that Moses was instructed in all the wisdoms of Egypt / and was powerful in speech and action. / God does not want someone who is powerful in speech.

/God does not require someone to be fluent in speech when sharing the words of God. /What is important that he delivers the words of God, the words that God wants to be delivered. / God reprimanded Moses.

/Who gave man his mouth? / Who makes him deaf or mute? / Who gives him sight or makes him blind? / God said, "Do not say that you cannot do it. Just obey my words."

/Even in the church, many people say, "I cannot do this because of this and that." / Yet, to those who obey, God gives wisdom and power. / That wisdom and power is called God-given grace for

one's office.

/Verses 12-13. / Now go; I will help you speak and will teach you what to say." But Moses said, "O Lord, please send someone else to do it."

/God told Moses to go. / God said that he would be Mose's mouth. / In 1 Corinthians 4:20, / it says that God's kingdom is not a matter of talk but of power.

/In Ezekiel 3:17-19, / we can read, "I have made you a watchman for the house of Israel." / Even then, Moses refused God and asked him to look for another person to send to the Israelites. / God then became angry.

/Verses 14-15. / Then the LORD's anger burned against Moses and he said, "What about your brother, Aaron the Levite? I know he can speak well. He is already on his way to meet you, and his heart will be glad when he sees you. You shall speak to him and put words in his mouth; I will help both of you speak and will teach you what to do.

/God said in his anger, "What about your brother, Aaron?" / Aaron was fluent in the Egyptian language. / He was the brother of Moses who was older by three years.

/God told Moses that Aaron would be glad to meet Moses. / God said that Aaron would speak to the Egyptians whenever Moses put words into his brother's mouth.

/Refusing God's words is not humility. / God is pleased with obedience to God's words, no matter how weak one may be. / God knows our weaknesses more than we know.

/Verses 16-17. / He will speak to the people for you, and it will be as if he were your mouth and as if you were God to him. But take this staff in your hand so you can perform miraculous signs with it."

/Aaron would speak on behalf of Moses. / Moses would be as God to Aaron. / Then Moses would perform signs with the staff in his hand. God told him these things.

/God commanded Moses in verses 18-23.

/Verses 18-19. / Then Moses went back to Jethro his father-in-law and said to him, "Let me go back to my own people in Egypt to see if any of them are still alive." Jethro said, "Go, and I wish you well." Now the LORD had said to Moses in Midian, "Go back to Egypt, for all the men who wanted to kill you are dead."

/Moses asked Jethro, his father-in-law, to let him go back to Egypt. / Even if we do God's works, we must not forget the duties we have to each other as humans.

/Jethro let Moses go back to Egypt. / The LORD told Moses, "Go back to Egypt, for all the men who wanted to kill you are dead."

/God surely judges those who oppose God's work and harm the works of God. / We must not harm the works of God, no matter how much upset we may be.

/Also, believers are the temple of God. / We must be careful not to hurt our brothers and sisters in Christ.

/Verses 20-21. / So Moses took his wife and sons, put them on a donkey and started back to Egypt. And he took the staff of God in his hand. The LORD said to Moses, "When you return to Egypt, see that you perform before Pharaoh all the wonders I have given you the power to do. But I will harden his heart so that he will not let the people go."

/It says here in the verses that Moses took the staff of God when he returned to Egypt with his wife and sons. / It is not a sin to be with family when doing God's work.

/Peter took his wife with him to many places / If the family helped Moses while he did God's works, things may have turned out better.

/God told Moses that Pharaoh would not listen to his words even when he performed three miracles. / God said, "I will harden his heart so that he will not let the people go."

/Did this mean that God would harden Pharaoh's heart? / No; Pharaoh's heart was already hardened. / Our hearts are naturally hardened.

/Man's heart becomes hard if God is not with him, and God lets him be.

/This meant that God would leave Pharaoh hard-hearted. / God let Pharaoh be so that he would oppose of God's works.

/Verses 22-23. / Then say to Pharaoh, "This is what the LORD says: Israel is my firstborn son, and I told you, "Let my son go, so he may worship me." But you refused to let him go; so I will kill your firstborn son."

/Israel was God's firstborn son. / When Pharaoh afflicted the Israelites/ and refused to let them go, / God would kill Pharaoh's firstborn.

/Verses 24-26. / At a lodging place on the way, the LORD met [Moses] and was about to kill him. But Zipporah took a flint knife, cut off her son's foreskin and touched [Moses'] feet with it. "Surely you are a bridegroom of blood to me," she said. So the LORD let him alone. (At that time she said "bridegroom of blood," referring to circumcision.)

/During the journey, God was about to kill Moses. / Then Zipporah, the wife of Moses, woke up and circumcised her two sons.

/Circumcision was God's will, but Zipporah had refused to obey. / She did not want her sons to be in pain as they obeyed God's command.

/Zipporah had a strong personality. / When we do God's works, we must obey even if things seem difficult. / Then when Zipporah obeyed, God allowed Moses to live.

/Verses 27-28. / The LORD said to Aaron, "Go into the desert to meet Moses." So he met Moses at the mountain of God and kissed him. Then Moses told Aaron everything the LORD had sent him to say, and also about all the miraculous signs he had commanded him to perform.

/Aaron was very glad to meet Moses. / Moses then told Aaron all the things God told him and the signs he commanded him to do.

/Verse 31. / and they believed. And when they heard that the LORD was concerned about them and had seen their misery, they bowed down and worshiped.

/Moses and Aaron gathered all the elders of Israel and told them about the things God had told Moses. / Moses then showed them the three miracles.

/Moses must have told them all about God's name. / Then the Israelites believed Moses.

/Then they were overjoyed to know that the LORD God cared for them, heard their prayers, and knew their situation.

/We too must remember that God listens to our prayers and knows all our circumstances. / There may be difficulties when we do God's work.

/However, we must not think it strange. / When we bear it well and obey God, he will work with his power.

/Thank you.