

Exodus: Redeemed for the Glory of God
Chapters 3-4: The Calling of Moses and the Name of the Lord

1. Where are we in Redemptive History?
2. What does the word “Exodus” mean?
3. Why is the exodus such an important story to understand?
4. In what ways does this book point to Christ?

The Burning Bush

Now Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law, Jethro, the priest of Midian, and he led his flock to the west side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. ² And the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush. He looked, and behold, the bush was burning, yet it was not consumed. ³ And Moses said, "I will turn aside to see this great sight, why the bush is not burned." ⁴ When the LORD saw that he turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." ⁵ Then he said, "Do not come near; take your sandals off your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." ⁶ And he said, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God. ⁷ Then the LORD said, "I have surely seen the affliction of my people who are in Egypt and have heard their cry because of their taskmasters. I know their sufferings, ⁸ and I have come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the place of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites.".... ¹¹ But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the children of Israel out of Egypt?" ¹² He said, "But I will be with you, and this shall be the sign for you, that I have sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God on this mountain." ¹³ Then Moses said to God, "If I come to the people of Israel and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" ¹⁴ God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM."¹ And he said, "Say this to the people of Israel, 'I AM has sent me to you.'" ¹⁵ God also said to Moses, "Say this to the people of Israel, 'The LORD,¹ 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, and thus I am to be remembered throughout all generations...¹⁹ But I know that the king of Egypt will not let you go unless compelled by a mighty hand.¹²⁰ So I will stretch out my hand and strike Egypt with all the wonders that I will do in it; after that he will let you go.

5. What happened at the end of chapter 2? Why is Moses now in the wilderness? Who did he marry?
6. How does God appear to Moses? What is unusual about it?
7. God often is represented by fire (and we will continue to see this in Exodus in various ways). Why do you think that might be? (Ex. Malachi 3:2, Hebrews 12:28-29)
8. Why is Moses told to remove his shoes?
9. How does God introduce himself? (v. 6)
10. Why is this ironic given God’s holiness?
11. No doubt Moses was overjoyed that the Lord was going to save his people, but how do you think he felt about the next announcement—who would the Lord use?
12. What questions does Moses ask of God?

13. Do you think Moses' questions show faith and humility or fear?
14. How should we respond when God calls us to serve in a particular way?
15. How does God respond to Moses' concerns?
16. What kinds of difficult things does God call us to? How do we often respond? How should God's response to Moses comfort us?
17. Who does God say that he is? What is the significance of this name?

But, Lord...

But Moses said to the LORD, "Oh, my Lord, I am not eloquent, either in the past or since you have spoken to your servant, but I am slow of speech and of tongue." ¹¹ Then the LORD said to him, "Who has made man's mouth? Who makes him mute, or deaf, or seeing, or blind? Is it not I, the LORD?" ¹² Now therefore go, and I will be with your mouth and teach you what you shall speak." ¹³ But he said, "Oh, my Lord, please send someone else." ¹⁴ Then the anger of the LORD was kindled against Moses and he said, "Is there not Aaron, your brother, the Levite? I know that he can speak well. Behold, he is coming out to meet you, and when he sees you, he will be glad in his heart. ¹⁵ You shall speak to him and put the words in his mouth, and I will be with your mouth and with his mouth and will teach you both what to do. ¹⁶ He shall speak for you to the people, and he shall be your mouth, and you shall be as God to him. ¹⁷ And take in your hand this staff, with which you shall do the signs."

18. What is Moses' next objection to being sent?
19. How does God respond? What does God mean?
20. What are some instances in which you question the gifts God has given you?
21. How does God's
comment that he has made the mute, blind and deaf expand his point?
22. What types of lack of gifts do we complain about? Why? Why is this lack of trust in God?
23. What should be our response to our gifts and weaknesses? How can we strive to serve God even in our weaknesses?

"My grace is sufficient for you. My power is made perfect in weakness." 2 Corinthians 12:9