

The Call of Moses

Exodus 3-4

Now Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law, and he led his flock to the west side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. The angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush. Moses looked, and behold, the bush was burning, yet it was not consumed. God called to him out of the bush.

The LORD said, "I have surely seen the affliction of My people who are in Egypt. I know their sufferings. I will send you to Pharaoh that you may bring My people, the children of Israel, out of Egypt."

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

He said, "I will be with you."

Moses answered, "They will not believe me or listen to my voice."

The LORD said to him, "What is that in your hand?"

Moses said, "A staff."

The LORD said, "Throw it on the ground."

Moses threw it on the ground and it became a serpent, and Moses ran from it. But the LORD said to Moses, "Catch it by the tail." So he put out his hand and caught it, and it became a staff in his hand.

Again, the LORD said, "Put your hand inside your cloak." He put his hand inside his cloak, and when he took it out, his hand was leprous,¹ like snow. Then God said, "Put your hand back inside your cloak." So he put his hand back inside his cloak, and when he took it out, it was restored like the rest of his flesh. God said, "If they will not believe even these two signs or listen to your voice, take some water from the Nile and pour it on the dry ground. The water will become blood on the dry ground."

Moses said, "Oh my Lord, I am slow of speech and of tongue."

The LORD said to him, "Go, and I will be your mouth and teach you what you shall speak."

But Moses said, "Oh, my Lord, please send someone else."

Then anger of the LORD was kindled against Moses and He said, "Is there not Aaron, your brother? I know that he can speak well. He shall speak for you to the people."

Moses went back to the land of Egypt. And Moses took the staff of God in his hand.

Explanatory Notes

¹Leprosy is a destructive skin disease.



God appeared to Moses in flames of fire from within a bush.

For Reflection

1. Of what did God remind Moses when he asked, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the children of Israel out of Egypt?"
2. How did God equip and bless Moses for the work He had called him to do?
3. What gifts has God given to you to help you in your life?

Words to Remember

"For to all to whom I send you, you shall go, and whatever I command you, you shall speak. Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, declares the LORD." *Jeremiah 1:7-8*