

Life of Moses Study (September 20, 2020)

OPENING QUESTION:

SERMON DISCUSSION: How were you impacted by the sermon? What new thoughts or lessons did you discover? In what ways did you find yourself challenged and/or encouraged?

READ Exodus 3:1-6

Note: *Moses lived 40 yrs. in Egypt and 40 yrs. in Midian before God called him (Acts 7:20-30).*

1. Explain the circumstances that brought Moses to Midian (Exodus 2:11-15).

2. In what ways was Moses unprepared to lead God's people? How did 40 years in Midian prepare Moses for God's call to lead the deliverance and time in the desert (Exodus 2:11-3:1; Isaiah 40:31; Psalm 77:20)?

3. Share a time when you were unprepared to do what God was calling you to do? How did God prepare you? Did this preparation take longer than expected?

NOTE: *There is much debate among scholars concerning who the angel of the Lord was that appeared to Moses. In Exodus, Saved for God's Glory, Philip Graham Ryken states, " The messenger did not simply see and speak **for** God but **as** God. Here the angel of the Lord is so closely identified with God that the burning bush is generally considered a theophany. In other words, it was a God-appearance, a visible manifestation of the invisible God...Whether or not Christ was in the bush, one thing is certain: Moses was in the presence of God."*

4. Who initiated the encounter on Horeb? What principle concerning our relationship with God do you discern?

5. From the following scriptures, describe what is evident about God through fire.

Exodus 13:21

Exodus 19:18

Deuteronomy 4:24

Hebrews 12:28-29

6. List the positive and negative aspects about fire and how this relates to God and your life.

7. What lesson(s) was God teaching Moses (which applies for us) by having him remove his sandals to approach the burning bush (Hebrews 10:19; Ephesians 2:18)?

8. In verse 6 how does God's "I am" declaration emphasize Moses's **personal association** with the covenant people? Why is it significant that God says, "I am" rather than "I was" regarding the patriarchs? What is God's "I am" to you?