

Tuesday, April 26, 2011 - When Moses Spoke with God

“Now Moses was keeping the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian: and he led the flock to the back of the wilderness, and came to the mountain of God, unto Horeb.”

This passage begins what would be an astonishing conversation between Moses and Jehovah God. For us, it brings to light how similar our “conversations” with God can be as we read His word and approach him in prayer.

1. Moses had an extraordinary discussion with Jehovah
 - 1.1. **Exodus 3:2-8** - And the angel of Jehovah appeared unto him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush: and he looked, and, behold, the bush burned with fire, and the bush was not consumed. And Moses said, I will turn aside now, and see this great sight, why the bush is not burnt. And when Jehovah saw that he turned aside to see, God called unto him out of the midst of the bush, and said, Moses, Moses. And he said, Here am I. And he said, Draw not nigh hither: put off thy shoes from off thy feet, for the place whereon thou standest is holy ground. Moreover he said, I am the God of thy 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 upon God. And Jehovah said, I have surely seen the affliction of my people that are in Egypt, and have heard their cry by reason of their taskmasters; for I know their sorrows; and I am come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians
 - 1.2. God presents him with a job to do for him; lead His people out of the land of Egypt
2. I want to quickly look at three questions (**EXCUSES**) Moses presented to God
 - 2.1. **Exodus 3:11-14** - And Moses said unto God, Who am I, that I should go unto Pharaoh, and that I should bring forth the children of Israel out of Egypt? And he said, Certainly I will be with thee; and this shall be the token unto thee, that I have sent thee: when thou hast brought forth the people out of Egypt, ye shall serve God upon this mountain. And Moses said unto God, Behold, when I come unto the children of Israel, and shall say unto them, The God of your fathers hath sent me unto you; and they shall say to me, What is his name? What shall I say unto them? And God said unto Moses, I AM THAT I AM: and he said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, I AM hath sent me unto you.
 - 2.1.1. Who am I that I should go?
 - 2.1.2. Who should I say sent me?
 - 2.2. **Exodus 4:1-5** - And Moses answered and said, But, behold, they will not believe me, nor hearken unto my voice; for they will say, Jehovah hath not appeared unto thee. And Jehovah said unto him, What is that in thy hand? And he said, A rod. And he said, Cast it on the ground. And he cast it on the ground, and it became a serpent; and Moses fled from before it. And Jehovah said unto Moses, Put forth thy hand, and take it by the tail: (and he put forth his hand, and laid hold of it, and it became a rod in his hand:) That they may believe that Jehovah, the God of their fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, hath appeared unto thee.
 - 2.2.1. They won't listen to me
 - 2.2.2. They won't believe that you sent me
 - 2.3. **Exodus 4:10-12** - And Moses said unto Jehovah, Oh, Lord, I am not eloquent, neither heretofore, nor since thou hast spoken unto thy servant; for I am slow of speech, and of a slow tongue. And Jehovah said unto him, Who hath made man's mouth? Or who maketh [a man] dumb, or deaf, or seeing, or blind? Is it not I, Jehovah? Now therefore go, and I will be with thy mouth, and teach thee what thou shalt speak.
 - 2.3.1. I won't be able to present your message well
3. We often present the same “questions” to God in our lives. And as with Moses, he has provided us answers.
 - 3.1. Who am I to go?
 - 3.1.1. **Matt. 28:18-20** - And Jesus came to them and spake unto them, saying, All authority hath been given unto me in heaven and on earth. Go ye therefore, and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them into the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit:

teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I commanded you: and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world

3.1.2. Same God that was with Moses is with us

3.2. What if they won't listen?

3.2.1. **2 Tim. 4:1-5** - I charge [thee] in the sight of God, and of Christ Jesus, who shall judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: preach the word; be urgent in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching. For the time will come when they will not endure the sound doctrine; but, having itching ears, will heap to themselves teachers after their own lusts; and will turn away their ears from the truth, and turn aside unto fables. But be thou sober in all things, suffer hardship, do the work of an evangelist, fulfil thy ministry.

3.3. I'm not eloquent; I won't know what to say.

3.3.1. **Hebrews 4:12** - For the word of God is living, and active, and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing even to the dividing of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and quick to discern the thoughts and intents of the heart.

3.3.2. **2 Tim. 3:16-17** - Every scripture inspired of God [is] also profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for instruction which is in righteousness. That the man of God may be complete, furnished completely unto every good work.

4. **As Moses stood before God, on holy ground, to be guided and directed in what he should do, we too have a guide that directs us in our path**

4.1. **Romans 13:1** - I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, [which is] your spiritual service. And be not fashioned according to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, and ye may prove what is the good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

When asked to go, what will our answer be?

Eccl. 12:13 - This is the end of the matter; all hath been heard: fear God, and keep his commandments; for this is the whole of man. For God will bring every work into judgment, with every hidden thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil.