

Knowing God

Proclamation Life Groups; Exodus 3:1-4:31; Week of Sunday, November 14, 2021; Steve Thiel

Sermon Theme: What brings more joy, delight, and contentment to our lives than anything else? It's the knowledge of God. Jesus says in John 17:3, "This is eternal life, that we may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent."

I. The Revelation of God – Read Exodus 3:1-10

- A. At this point in the narrative, Moses has been in Midian for 40 years and is currently 80 years old. How significant is it that God is the one who initiates with Moses? With us?
- B. Who do you think is the angel of the Lord and why? What is the significance of God appearing to Moses in a flame of fire? Can you think of other times when God revealed Himself in fire?
- C. As you think about this interaction with Moses, what are all the things we learn about God?
- D. In what ways is your thinking about God and His attributes consistent with the Bible? What thoughts do you have about God that you know are inconsistent with the Bible based on the actions in your life? How would you go about remedying the inconsistencies?

II. The Sufficiency of God – Read Exodus 3:11-4:17

- A. As you think about the narrative and put your feet in Moses' shoes, what exactly is God commanding Moses to do and why might that be a bit overwhelming and stressful? What are the 5 arguments that Moses gives to God from Exodus 3:11 through Exodus 4:17?
- B. What do you think it means when God says, "I am who I am"? How do you think about God being self-existent? What other attributes of God are helpful for us to meditate on when we are struggling with God's promises, wrestling with God's Word, or resisting God's commands?
- C. In Exodus 4:1-9, God gives Moses very impressive signs to authenticate his message. What do you think is the significance of these signs? As you think about those signs in light of the Lord Jesus, how do they compare? What do you think is the greatest sign someone could perform?
- D. As you think about Moses and the Lord Jesus Christ, in what other ways do you see Moses pointing forward to Jesus? In what ways is Jesus radically different and better than Moses?

III. The Responses to God – Read Exodus 4:18-31

- A. How do you think through Exodus 4:21 and God's declaration of hardening Pharaoh's heart? How would you explain the connection between God's sovereignty and man's responsibility?
- B. In Exodus 4:27-31, it's recorded that Moses and Aaron told the Israelites all that God had said and performed all the miracles God had commanded. Verse 31 says the people believed God and worshipped. What do you think worship should look like on a daily basis in your life?
- C. How do you think you're currently responding to the God of the Bible? What steps would you like to take to have a more accurate understanding and more consistent response to God?