



Lessons from a Burning Bush

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TODAY'S READING: Exodus 3

Moses has been living in the wilderness for 40 years because of his actions in Exodus 2. After Moses killed an Egyptian who was beating an Israelite slave, he fled and started a family in Midian. While shepherding, God speaks to Moses through the burning bush. Here are eight takeaways from this passage:

1. When God speaks to you, pay attention! In Exodus 3:2-3, Moses decided he would “*turn aside to see this great sight.*” God is speaking now through His Word, and we must decide each day to turn our attention towards Him.
2. The burning bush should remind us of the cross. It is no accident that Exodus 3:2 says the bush was burning, but not consumed. Jesus died in the flame of God’s wrath on the cross, but He was not consumed by death because He rose again on the third day, conquering death.
3. God may allow things to happen in our lives (even things we do not like) to get our attention. Moses’ circumstances surrounding why he fled to the wilderness were not good. The consequences of sin led Moses to go to the wilderness, but this is where God spoke to him.
4. We should recognize daily that God is holy. Moses took off his shoes in recognition that God is holy.
5. God sees us in our affliction and suffering. Just like God heard the cries of the Israelites in Exodus 3:7-9, he knows and cares about what we are going through.
6. God will deliver us. God promised Moses in verse 10 that He would bring His people out of Egypt. God promised to deliver us from sin and has done so for his children now through Christ.

7. Instead of asking, “Who am I?” remember who God is. In verse 11, Moses is focusing on his inadequacies rather than focusing on God who promised to be with him in verse 12.
8. God has no equal. “I Am” in verse 14 is related to the Hebrew name Yahweh and implies that God is self-existent (He does not need us), unchanging, and the creator and sustainer of all things.

PRAYER: Father, You are the great “I Am” and no one compares to You. Thank You for using even the circumstances I do not like to bring me closer to You. Empower me through Your Spirit to focus on Your power instead of my weakness today. Thank You for delivering me from sin through the blood of Christ.

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