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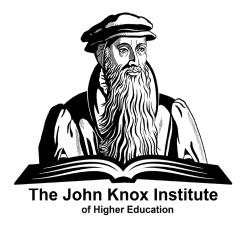
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Lesson 29

Moses and the Burning Bush The Book of Exodus, chapters 3 and 4

Memory Verse

"And he said, Draw not nigh hither: put off thy shoes from off thy feet, for the place whereon thou standest is holy ground."

Exodus 3:5

Holy Ground

As Moses was keeping the flock of Jethro, his father-in-law (also called Reuel in Exodus chapter 2), he saw something amazing. He saw a bush burning but not being consumed by the fire. Approaching the bush, he heard the words, "Draw not nigh hither: put off thy shoes from off thy feet, for the place whereon thou standest is holy ground" (Exodus 3:5). Why was Moses commanded to remove his shoes? He was commanded to do so because the place that he was approaching was not common ground. It was not like every other place. In fact, it was a special place. It was the place where the Lord spoke to Moses. The removal of the shoes was to indicate the reverence that was to be in the heart, as he drew near to God.

When we read the Bible, we should keep in mind how Moses approached the burning bush. We should not approach the Bible as if it were a common book—a book like every other book. We should approach it with reverence, respect, and expectation. We should approach it aware that in the Bible, God speaks, God reveals. It is the voice of the living God. It is good to remember, when we open the Word of God, we are on holy ground.

A Bush Not Consumed

A remarkable sight indeed. If you set a log on fire, eventually the log is consumed and the fire dies. However, we see a bush, burning with fire, and yet not consumed. How can that be? There is but one answer—it is a miracle. It is not consumed because the power of God keeps and preserves the bush from destruction. The burning bush that is not consumed should cause us to reflect upon the existence of the church of God.

The church has been persecuted throughout all ages. Even to this present day. God is despised and his people are hated. Time and again, people have tried to destroy the church. Yet try as they might, the church is not consumed. How can this be? As God preserved the bush, so he preserves his church from age to age. When the world persecutes you and says all manner of evil against you, take courage. Remember the words of Elisha, when surrounded by the Syrians: "They that be with us are more than they that be with them" (2 Kings 6:16). Who is with his people? "The LORD of hosts is his name" (Isaiah 47:4).

God Sends a Deliverer

God is not far off from his creation. He did not create the cosmos and then turn his attention to something else. His mind is ever and always upon the works of his hands. God sees the affliction of his people. Seeing this, he acts: "I am come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians" (Exodus 3:8). What was it that moved God to deliver them? Was it their goodness? No, we find a better reason than man's goodness. It is God's faithfulness to his covenant promise—the promise to bring them into the promised land.

In sending Moses to deliver the Hebrew children, we are given a picture of God's faithfulness to his promises. Do you remember when Adam and Eve sinned, and how they had lost their relationship with God? they were cast out from the garden in Eden, never to return. What did God promise them? He promised a Savior, who would bruise the head of the serpent. As Moses would deliver the Hebrew children from the hand of Pharaoh, so Jesus Christ was sent to deliver all those oppressed by their sins, those who put their trust in him.

Review Questions

- 1. What was Moses told to take off from his feet when he approached the burning bush?
 - a. His girdle
 - b. His robe
 - c. His shoes
 - d. His head covering

Exodus 3

2. "And the LORD said, I have surely seen the		of my people which are in	
, and have heard their		_ by reason of their taskmasters; for	
I know their	; and I am come down to _		them out of the
hand of the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land unto a l			
a large, unto a land	with	and	.,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

3. TRUE or FALSE: When God told Moses that he was chosen to go to Pharaoh and deliver the people, Moses was eager to take up the task.

4. When Moses approached Pharaoh, he was to tell him to let the people go _____ days journey, that they may sacrifice to the LORD God.

a. 3

b. 5c. 7d. 12

5. Moses told God that he was afraid that the people would not believe him. To encourage Moses in his task, God gave him several signs which would show that God was with him. Which of the following was NOT a sign that God gave to him?

a. When he put his hand into his bosom and pulled it out, it would be leprous.

b. When in the evening he removed his mantle from his shoulders, he was to place it on the ground and in the morning there would be dew under the mantle, but not on the ground around it.

c. When he cast his rod on the ground, it would turn into a serpent.

d. When he took water from the river and poured it upon the dry ground, it would turn to blood.

6. Aaron was of the tribe of _____.

a. Judah

b. Simeon

c. Issachar

d. Levi

Exodus 4

7. "And	and	went and gathered together all the	
of the	of Israel: and	spake all the words which	the LORD
had spoken unto	, and did the	in the sight of the people. And	I the people
: ar	nd when they heard the	at the LORD had the	children of
Israel, and that he had _	upon th	eir, then they	
their heads and			

Discussion Questions

1. What lessons are we taught by Moses taking off his shoes as he approached the burning bush?

2. We may think of Egypt and the promised land of Canaan as types. What do Egypt and Canaan represent?

3. God called Moses to deliver the people of Israel from Pharaoh (Exodus 3:11). Compare the response of Moses with Christ's taking onto himself a human nature.

4. When Moses asked God what he should say to the people when they asked who sent him, God replied that he should say, "I AM hath sent me" (Exodus 3:14). What do these words mean? In John 8:58, Jesus says, "Verily, verily, I say unto you, Before Abraham was, I am." What was Jesus revealing about himself?

The meaning of "I AM"

What was Jesus saying about himself

5. Moses was concerned that the people would not believe he was sent by God. How may we know if a servant is a faithful servant?

6. In exodus 4:14, we read, "And the anger of the LORD was kindled against Moses." Explain why God became angry with Moses? Explain how God, despite his justified anger, showed mercy?

Why angry? ______

Mercy is evident? ______

7. In Exodus 4:19, God says to Moses, "Go, return into Egypt: for all the men are dead which sought thy life." Explain how this is similar to what we read of Jesus.

8. Read Exodus 4:24, that the Lord had a controversy with Moses. What caused this controversy?