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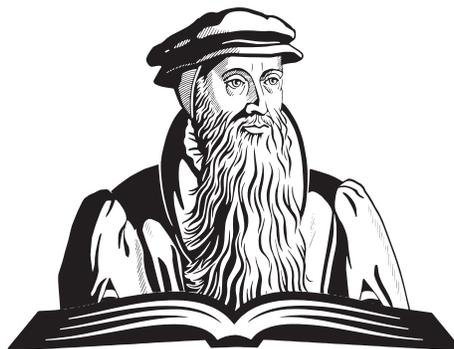
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40 LESSONS

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Lesson 29

Moses and the Burning Bush

Exodus 3 – Exodus 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 (called Reuel in Exodus 2), he saw something amazing. He saw a bush burning, but not consumed. 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 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 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” (II 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 a God 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, 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 promises that He will deliver His people by the hand of Moses. There is no greater ground than the faithfulness of God to His covenant promises.

In sending Moses to deliver the Hebrew children, we are given a picture of God’s faithfulness to His promises. Remember, when Adam and Eve sinned? How they had lost their relationship with God. Cast out from the Garden, never to return. What did God promise? 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, who put their trust in Him.

Questions

1. What was Moses told to take off from his feet, when he approached the burning bush?
 - a. Girdle
 - b. Robe
 - c. Shoes
 - d. 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 _____ land and 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 Pharaoh to allow the people to go _____ days journey, that they may sacrifice to the LORD God.
 - a. 3
 - b. 5
 - c. 7
 - d. 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 does not belong?
- When he put his hand into his bosom and pulled it out, it would be leprous.
 - When in the evening, he removed his mantle from off his shoulders, he was to place it upon the ground. In the morning, there would be dew under the mantle, but not on the ground around the mantle.
 - When he cast his rod upon the ground, it would turn into a serpent.
 - When he took water from the river and poured it upon the dry ground, blood would appear on the dry ground.

6. Aaron was of the sons of _____.
- Judah
 - Simeon
 - Issachar
 - 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 the people _____: and when they heard that the LORD had _____ the children of Israel, and that he had _____ upon their _____, then they _____ their heads and _____.

Discussion Questions

1. What lesson 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. Reflect upon Moses's response to the call of God to deliver the people from Pharaoh (Exodus 3:11) and Christ's taking upon Himself a human nature.

4. When Moses asked God what he should say to the people when they asked who sent him, God replied, say, "I AM hath sent" you (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?

- Words mean? - _____

- 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 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?
