



I Am Who I Am • Part 1

Lesson 3

MOSES' SPIRITUAL JOURNEY		
<i>"But Moses asked God, 'Who am I...?' He answered, 'I will certainly be with you...'" Exodus 3:11-12 (CSB)</i>		
40 YEARS	40 YEARS	40 YEARS
BEING A SOMEBODY in EGYPT	BEING A NOBODY in the WILDERNESS	GOD IS SOMEBODY Who USES NOBODIES on MISSION

Four Revelations from the God in the Burning Bush

Exodus 3:3:1-22; Acts 7:30-35

1. God Reveals HIMSELF. (3:1-6)

- God reveals Himself to a humbled **SHEPHERD**. (v. 1)
 - 1) Moses is **shepherding** sheep. Acts 7:30; Genesis 46:34; see also Genesis 48:15; 49:24
 - 2) Moses is **servng** his father-in-law.
 - 3) Moses is **leading** the sheep through the wilderness to the mountain of God.
- God reveals Himself in the fire of a **BURNING BUSH**. (vv. 2-3)
 - 1) Most likely this is a small **THORN BUSH** that is ordinary and common to the wilderness.
 - 2) What is burning is not so much the bush but **GOD HIMSELF**.
 - 3) The blazing fire reveals God's holy presence **to SAVE His people** and **to JUDGE His enemies!**
 - 4) The blazing fire of God's holy presence **does not CONSUME** the thorn bush.
 - 5) Moses **stops to check out** the extraordinary in the ordinary!
- God reveals Himself by calling Moses **BY NAME**. (vv. 4-5)
 - 1) God **sees** Moses **respond** to the bush that burns but is not burned up!
 - 2) God **calls** Moses by name: **"MOSES! MOSES!"**
 - 3) Moses **answers** God with a servant's heart: **"HERE AM I!"**
 - 4) God **warns** Moses: *"Do not come near...you are standing on holy ground."*

5) God **reveals** Himself: *“I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob!”*

6) Moses **responds** appropriately by hiding his face.

2. God Reveals His PLAN. (3:7-10)

- ▶ God’s plan is holy **AND** loving like He is. (vv. 7, 9)
- ▶ God’s plan is to **DELIVER** His people according to His promises. (v. 8)
- ▶ God’s plan is to deliver His people through **MOSES!** (v.10)

3. God Reveals His NAME. (3:11-15)

- ▶ Moses Excuse #1: *“Who am I?”* (v. 11)
- ▶ God’s Answer: *“I will be with you!”* (v. 12)
- ▶ Moses Excuse #2: *“Who are You?”* (v. 13)

Why Is It a Big Deal to Ask: “What is His name?”

- 1) Names are a means of revealing **CHARACTER** of God in the Bible.
- 2) Names are a means of **CREATING** a god in pagan worship.
- 3) Names are a means of **CONTROLLING** a god in pagan worship.

- ▶ God’s Answer: *“I am who I am!”* (vv. 14-15)

“Furthermore...” (v. 15)

- 1) The **repetition** of “I AM” to drive home the point.
- 2) The **relationship** of “I AM” to the promises to the patriarchs.
- 3) The **revelation** of “I AM” to all peoples.
- 4) The **remembrance** of “I AM” in all of our praise.

4. God Reveals His SOVEREIGNTY. (3:16-22)

- ▶ The “I AM” God is in **CONTROL**. (vv. 18-22)
- ▶ The “I AM” God **CARES**. (vv. 16-17)
- ▶ Your **CHOICES** do matter to the “I AM” God – *so choose wisely!* (vv. 16-17)

I AM Who I AM Is the One True God!

Do you know Him by His Name?

Does He know you by your name?

Is this the God you are proclaiming and passing on to others?

Is this the God you praise in worship down in the valleys and up on the mountain tops of your life?

*I AM the God Who
Rescues You
to Be on Mission
for the FAME
of My NAME!*