

## **GOD CALLED MOSES INTO SERVICE**

**Genesis 3:1-10**

**(Not entirely original with me)**

**Introduction:** No doubt God is selective in when He calls someone to serve him. It is not some angel or some friend who refers a person to God for possible service, it is God, Himself who selects people to full time service. Almighty God who created everything actually stoops down and offers some the wonderful privilege of serving Him. Just what kind of person does God want to serve Him? What kind of person does God look for? Moses is a good example of just what kind of person God is looking for.

### **I. THE KIND OF PERSON GOD CALLS**

1. Moses, after years of being a dignitary in Egypt had to flee for his life and spent 40 years in a remote area being a shepherd.
  - A continuous job, night and day, every day of the week.
    - feeding and watering the sheep
    - guiding the sheep.
    - seeking and saving the sheep who got lost.
    - protecting the sheep.
  - Not everyone could be a shepherd for it took a special hearted person.
    - A heart tender, tough, hard, compassionate, disciplined and soft.
  - God's call comes to someone who does not waste time, who thinks about God and is one who draws near to God in devotion and prayer.
  - God's call comes to a person who is willing to feed and guide people, to seek, save and protect and keep them for God.
    - Jeremiah 3:15; 23:4; Ezekiel 34:23; John 21:17; Acts 20:28; 1 Peter 5:2
2. Moses was a hard working, thinking man.
  - He was not a lazy person.
  - He spent a lot of time thinking about lots of things.
    - God does not call lazy, thoughtless people.
      - Proverbs 13:4; 15:19; Romans 12:11; 2 Thessalonians 3:11-12; Hebrews 6:12
3. Moses was a man of faith, who believed that God could do the impossible.
  - The person God uses must be one of faith and a strong belief in God.
  - God spoke to Moses from a burning bush that was not being consumed by the flames.
    - God spoke directly to Moses, identifying Himself as the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.
  - God met Moses personally, meeting Moses in a very special way, creating an experience that Moses would never forget.
    - Every believer should seek deeper experiences with God, to know Him more and more.
      - 2 Corinthians 3:18; 4:6-7; Hebrews 1:1-3
    - Any believer who truly sees the glory of God will faithfully bear witness of the power of God.
      - Remember the shepherds on the night that Jesus was born? Luke 2:8-17
      - Isaiah and Paul both saw the glory of God. Isaiah 6:1; Acts 9:3
4. Moses was a man who wanted to know the meaning of things.
  - He saw the burning bush and went over to examine it and was blessed because he did stop.
    - Many people are just not interested in the meaning of things and never study the real meaning of things.

- Those who truly seek the Lord will find Him.
- Deuteronomy 4:29; Isaiah 55:6; Jeremiah 29:13; Luke 11:9-10; Acts 17:27

## II. GOD CALLED MOSES

1. God called a man who was already seeking.
  - God used a burning bush to get Moses' attention and Moses went over to investigate, he was wanting to know what was going on.
  - The person who wants to know the truth and meaning of things is open to God and will be met by God. Any person who seeks God, to know and understand Him, will find Him.
  - Deuteronomy 4:29; Proverbs 8:17; Jeremiah 29:13; Luke 11:9-10
2. God's call to Moses was a personal call, calling him by name and Moses responded "Here am I."
  - God's call to a person is personal as He knows every single person by name.
  - Exodus 33:12; Psalm 4:3; Isaiah 43:2
  - When called by God, the response should be as that of Moses, "Here am I."
    - Abraham responded - "Here I am." Genesis 22:1
    - Samuel responded - "Here am I." 2 Samuel 3:4
    - Isaiah responded, "Here am I." Isaiah 6:8
    - Paul responded, "Here am I." Acts 9:6
3. God's call was a holy call.
  - God told Moses to stop and take off his shoes for the ground was holy where the presence of God is.
  - God taught Moses a lesson that every person must learn, God is holy. Holy means separate, distinct, entirely different from people, for God is pure, righteous, moral, just and eternal.
  - God is holy and therefore whenever any person enters God's presence, he/she must be prepared - respectful, reverent, and submissive.
    - God is not some "chummy friend, nor is He the "Man upstairs," nor is He the great "grandfather in the sky" person.
    - Exodus 15:11; Leviticus 11:44; Psalm 99:9; Isaiah 6:3; 1 Peter 1:16; Revelation 15:4
4. God's call was from Himself, not an angelic messenger.
  - God identified Himself as the "God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, the God of Jacob..."
  - God was telling Moses that He IS the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, the God of Jacob.
    - the living and true God, the very God whom Moses' forefathers knew, who made promises to them of a promised land and promised seed
  - Moses hid his face, being afraid to look at God.
    - God existed, God was real, God was there in person.

## III. WHY GOD CALLED MOSES

1. God was very concerned about Israel's suffering in Egypt.
  - He saw their affliction and misery.
  - He heard their cries from the terrible taskmasters.
  - He knew about their sorrow and suffering and was deeply concerned for them.

- God calls people to serve Him as He did Moses because:
    - He sees the affliction and misery of people.
    - He hears their cries for help.
    - He knows about their sorrows and is deeply concerned.
      - Psalm 40:17; Isaiah 41:10; 43:2; 46:4; 1 Peter 5:7
  - God wants people today to see, hear and be concerned for those who believe in Him and who are suffering in the world.
    - Acts 20:35; Romans 15:7; Galatians 6:2; Colossians 3:12; Hebrews 13:2
2. God came to deliver His people from their suffering and enslavement, to redeem, to save them.
- If God had the power to deliver Israel from Egypt captivity, then God is able to deliver people today from all their suffering and from their enslavement of anything, no matter what.
    - 1 Corinthians 10:13; 2 Timothy 4:18; Hebrews 2:14-15; 2 Peter 2:9
  - God is man's redeemer -
    - Job 19:25; Psalm 130:8; Proverbs 23:11; Isaiah 44:24; 47:4; 59:20; Psalm 31:5; 111:9; 130:7; Isaiah 43:1; Luke 1:68; 2:38
  - God redeems man today through His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ for Jesus can deliver man from:
    - sin to righteousness
    - death to life
    - hell to heaven
    - emptiness to fullness
    - loneliness to friendship
    - darkness to light
    - no direction to purpose
    - meaninglessness to significance
      - Romans 3:24; 1 Corinthians 1:30; Galatians 3:13; Colossians 1:14; Titus 2:14; Hebrews 9:12; 1 Peter 1:18; Revelation 5:9
3. God wanted to give to His people the land He had promised.
- A land flowing with milk and honey (plenty, fruitfulness, fertility and abundance).
  - A land that was spacious, room and big enough where everyone would have plenty of space.
    - God not only redeems people FROM something, but TO something.
      - From Satan and the world to Himself and to Heaven
        - 1 Corinthians 2:9; Revelation 21:1-4; 22:1-5
        - John 3:16; 14:1-3; 2 Corinthians 5:1; Hebrews 11:8-10; 11:13-16; 1 Peter 1:3-4
        - 2 Peter 3:10-13

#### **IV. THOSE GOD CALLS ARE TO RESPOND**

1. Moses was to see, understand God's vision and compassion for His people.
  - God wanted Moses to touch Moses' heart and have it broken with compassion.
2. Moses was to go as God's messenger to deliver God's people out of their enslavement of Egypt.
  - It was God sending Moses, not Moses deciding to appoint himself.
    - How many so called "pastors" have filled God's pulpit who were not truly called by God?
      - Some whose mother or dad had called them into the ministry.
      - Some who wanted to avoid the draft back in the days of being drafted into the army.
      - Some who wanted to have the attention, etc.
        - Matthew 7:15; 15:9; 2 Corinthians 2:17; 4:2; 1 Timothy 4:1-2; 2 Peter 2:1

- Moses' call and commission was to rescue people, to deliver them from their enslavement.
- When God calls a person into His service, He expects that person to respond, to accept His call.
  - God expects the person He calls to grasp God's vision and compassion for people.
  - God expects the person to go as His messenger to deliver sinners:
    - from sin to righteousness
    - from bondage to liberty
    - from death to life
    - from suffering to health
    - from hunger to fullness
    - from loneliness to friendship
    - from division to reconciliation
    - from hate to love
    - from war to peace
    - from prejudice to acceptance
- Matthew 20:28; 28:19-20; Mark 16:15; John 15:16; Acts 1:8; 9:15; 22:14-15; 1 John 1:3

3. Moses had questions and excuses, but when all was said and done, he accepted God's call and God used him in countless miraculous ways and God's people were delivered from their enslavement and did eventually get to their promised land.

## **CONCLUSION:**

1. It is God who calls His pastors, ministers, missionaries and not themselves or any body else.
2. Moses is an example of just how much God can do through a person who surrenders him/herself completely to God's call.
3. God uses people who are interested, dedicated, concerned and teachable to become His messengers and to do His works.
4. Has God been speaking to YOU about becoming one of His chosen messengers? If so, don't fight back, surrender to God's call for He has great plans for you and others will be blessed because you gave yourself totally to His service.
5. Pastors, add your own conclusion and apply to your own congregation's needs.