

## THOUGHTS ABOUT SERVING GOD

### Exodus 2:23-25

**Introduction:** Henry Blackaby woke everybody up a few years ago with his "Experiencing God" series and this outline is a collection from some of his thoughts.

Most Christians who discover God's will for their lives RUSH off to attempt to do that will all by themselves and only when in trouble do they ever call on God again.

This is not the Biblical picture.

- When God does want to do something through any of us, He has to GET us from where we are to where He is.
- He lest us know what He is doing.
- Immediately we are in difference/contrast with God.
- We cannot stay like we are and yet go with God.

### I. SOME FACTS NOTED ABOUT SERVING GOD

1. God is already at work around us.
2. God always takes the initiative in establishing the loving relationship with us that is real, personal.
3. God calls us to become involved in what He is doing around us.
4. God uses His Holy Spirit, His Word, our prayers, circumstances and the Church to make Himself known to us as well as what He has in mind.
5. God's invitation to work with Him always causes a test, stir of our belief that requires some faith and action on our part.
6. When answering God's call, we have to make some adjustments, some major.
7. We get to know God better by our own personal experience with Him when we obey what He says and do what He wants to do through/with us.

### II. MOSES IS AN EXAMPLE OF A PERSON SERVING GOD

1. *Exodus 2:23-25* - God already had a plan.
2. God knew about Israel being enslaved to Egypt (God is all knowing).
3. Moses didn't really know very much about Israel or God.

### III. GOD SPOKE TO MOSES FIRST, TAKING THE INITIATIVE

1. Remember the burning bush on the side of the mountain? God was already there.
2. Moses, out of curiosity, went to the burning bush and there God revealed Himself and a relationship between God and Moses was started.
3. Many times through the Old Testament God and Moses met and kept up their close relationship.  
- *Exodus 24:12*
4. Regularly, daily, God used Moses to work out His will for Israel. They were very close.

### III. GOD WANTED MOSES TO WORK WITH HIM

1. *Exodus 3:8, 10* - God already had a purpose for delivering Israel out of Egypt.
2. God wanted Moses to be the one through whom He delivered Israel from Egypt.

#### CONCLUSION:

1. God will always find somebody to show what He wants him/her to do with/for Him.
2. God always uses His people to get His work done.
3. Serving God is not like serving people. God provides everything whenever He wants you/anybody to work with Him.
4. Can you picture it, God is already, has been, at work around us.
  - Anytime anybody even thinks Godly thoughts, that's God.
  - Anytime anybody mentions God or the Church, listen up for God is involved and that person may need your help or he/she may be getting you ready to become involved with God.
5. Think about how God is involved in a person being saved:
  - God has made salvation available to everyone.
  - God takes the initiative through the Holy Spirit to bring curiosity, conviction, etc.
  - God invites the unbelieving to become a part of His Family, to become involved in His work.
  - God uses the written Word, the Holy Spirit, prayers, sermons, Sunday School lessons, one's love for his/her friends, family, circumstances, etc.
  - God's invitation to believe in Jesus brings a person to a point of decision and at that point his/her faith is necessary and then ACTION on that person's part to decide, then to make his/her decision for Jesus, public, then baptism.
  - Major changes, adjustments will have to be made to be able to live as Jesus wants.
  - The new Christian gradually learns about God and grows in the Christian like as he/she learns to obey and allow the Lord to work in and through him/her.
6. So, God is at work right now, right here where we are.
  - Somebody needs to be saved.
  - Somebody needs to confess his/her sins.
  - Somebody needs to completely surrender him/herself to the Lord's use.
  - Somebody needs to be obedient.
  - So, what is it that God wants of you?