



"Moses and the Burning Bush!"

Matthew 22:14

- The context of Matthew 22...the Parable of the Great Feast? It's not about just receiving the invitation...it's about answering the Call!
- In **Exodus 3:1-6**, we see that God is CALLING Moses! We read last week in Acts, where Moses jumped ahead of God's timing, because he knew the Call was in his heart!
- *We see here that God gets Moses' attention...the Burning Bush!*
- Moses has a very personal encounter with God, and receives instructions about fulfilling his Call and Purpose in life!
- **We can have the same thing with us!** Not through a Burning Bush, but accepting, confessing and living for the Lord Jesus Christ today! **Titus 3:4-6!**
- **How do we hear from God today since we do not have a Burning Bush? The Bible! The Written Word of God!** *The Holy Spirit 100% backs up everything that Jesus says!* **John 14:26 & John 15:26!**
- God knows us better than we know ourselves! He created us! He sees everything and every single moment of the day! (*Remember last Sunday Psalm 139:16...book with your name*)
- See, Salvation is that life changing moment for us! **Romans 10:13!**

1. Moses experienced a Divine and Supernatural visitation from God!

- We call upon the Lord, but He has already called us! We respond to His Call!
- As Moses was called to lead the people, YOU are called as well! Paul tells you in **2 Corinthians 5:17-21**, that YOU have a Ministry straight from God called to lead people to Jesus!
- Each one of us is to REACH people that are away from Jesus! We are also to set the EXAMPLE for all believers too! **1 Timothy 4:12**
- Moses set the example for the people that he led!
- **Moses did not RUN from his encounter with God, but RAN with God in the Call!**
- MANY people rejected Moses...God's leader to rescue the people!
- MANY people rejected the moment when God visited earth with His One and Only Son, Jesus! **Luke 19:44**
- MANY people reject Jesus even now! **Luke 13:23-29/Matthew 7:13-15/2 Timothy 3:1-5**

- MANY people will still reject Jesus in the Future! Revelation 9:20-21 / 16:10-11
- **QUESTION: "Will you reject him?"** You don't have too! Daniel 11:32! Look at who won't fall away!

2. Moses responded to God with absolute reverent and holy fear!

- Exodus 3:5-6
- Do not ever take the Presence of God lightly! Whether you are here at church, in your home or in your daily life...God's Holy Spirit can be grieved!
- When we gather together and worship, pray, give, hear the Word of God...this is Holy ground! God inhabits the praises of His people!
- The beginning of wisdom and knowledge is the fear of the Lord! So, the MORE that you learn from God's Word and apply, the more reverent and holy that you will become!
- (Not holier than thou! We don't need super spiritual or hyper spiritual people!)
- The fear is not like being afraid of a bear! It is a total respect, awe and reverence for God and the things of God!
- **Question: "What does this lead to?"** This leads to understanding the very important task that God is calling you to! Exodus 3:7-9
- God saw that the Israelites were oppressed by the Egyptians and needed deliverance!
- **Egypt** = Satan's kingdom and the oppression of God's people!
- Acts 10:38 tells us that Satan is still trying to do the same today!
- **God is the Deliverer and Satan is the oppressor!** Jesus came to deliver! Jesus uses you to help with His Message! Matthew 28:18-20
- **We must do our part!** See, Jesus did His! He came, lived, died and rose again! That's the Good News! If we do not **WARN** people of the coming Day of the Lord and Judgment, we will be held accountable! Ezekiel 3:18
- **WHO will stand in the gap for God?** Ezekiel 22:30

Closing: Don't live a life full of excuses!

- Exodus 3:10-16
- "I'm not good enough! Who am I to talk to Pharaoh?" / "How do I know it's You?" / "What if they don't believe me?" / "I'm not qualified!" / "Send someone else!"
- **One of our Cultures in LEGACY...#4..."Be a CAN DO person here!"** Philippians 4:13!
- Genesis 18:14 – "Is there anything too hard for the Lord?"

A. Why could Moses do what God asked him to do?

- **#1.** God gave Moses His Word! Verse 10 and 12
- **#2.** God gave Moses His authority by being with him! Verse 12
- **#3.** God gave Moses His name, and promised that it would carry the authority when he spoke it! Verse 13-14

****Jesus has given us the same TODAY!** His authority to go...Matthew 28:18! His name...Matthew 28:19! His Word that He will be with us...Matthew 28:20!