

# THE LIFE OF MOSES

## REMEMBERING MOSES' CALL

### I. GOD'S CALL UPON MOSES EXODUS 3:9,10

- A. In v. 9, God declares that He has seen the affliction of His people
- B. In v.8, God declares that He had come down to deliver His people
- C. In v. 10, God declares that He is going to use Moses to accomplish it
- D. Notice the words, "come now", in v.10

### II. MOSES' OBJECTIONS TO GOD'S CALL

#### #1 "Who am I?" Exodus 3:11,12

- A. Moses may have remembered his past failure to do this
- B. By this question, he is stating a complete lack of qualification to do this
  - 1. It is a rhetorical question that expects the answer "nobody"

#### C. God's response v.12

- 1. "Certainly, I will be with you"
- 2. "this shall be a sign to you that it is I who have sent you"
- 3. "You shall worship God at this mountain"

#2 I will not have all the answers needed v.13

A. I will say to them, "the God of your fathers has sent me to you"

1. He had tried to present that to them before in Acts 7:25

B. They will ask, "What is His name?"

1. Moses knew that he needed an authority behind him

2. At one time, Moses' name carried great authority in Egypt

C. "What shall I say to them?"

D. God's answer v.14

1. I am that I am

2. The self-existent, eternal, living God

3. "Tell them I AM has sent me to you"

4. God went on in v. 15 to say, "the LORD, the God of your fathers has sent me to you"

5. God tells Moses in v.16,17 that He sees their bondage and will deliver them out of Egypt and take them to a land flowing with milk and honey

6. God then says v.18, "They will pay heed to you"

E. Moses and the elders of the Hebrews were to go to Pharaoh and make a request to leave for three days to offer sacrifices to the LORD

F. In v.21,22, God would give the Hebrew people favor in the sight of the Egyptians

1. The Egyptians would give them their riches
2. The Egyptians would do all they could to hasten the Israelites leaving Egypt

#3 I don't have all of the credentials to do this Exodus 4:1-9

A. Moses was still not convinced the people would believe him v.1

1. "For they may say, "The LORD has not appeared to you."
2. Moses believed he needed something more

B. God's response v.2-5

1. a staff
2. If Moses cast it on the ground it became a snake v.3
3. God told Moses to pick it up. Dangerous

C. God told Moses to put his hand into his bosom v.6-8

1. It became leprous
2. When he put his hand back in, it became normal again

D. The serpent and the leprosy are called "signs" by God v.8

E. If the people did not believe the first two signs then Moses was to perform a third sign v.9

1. He was to take water out of the Nile River and pour it on the ground
2. The water would become blood on the dry ground

#4 "I am not eloquent" v.10,11

A. Moses was saying he was not equipped to go to Pharaoh

1. "not eloquent"
2. "slow of speech and slow of tongue"
3. How could Moses speak before Pharaoh if he was not good at speaking
4. Contrast that with Acts 7:22, "Moses was a man powerful in words"

B. God's response v.11,12

1. Who made man's mouth?
2. Or who makes him mute or deaf or seeing or blind?
3. "I will be with your mouth and teach you what you are to say"

#5 "Send someone else"

A. Moses just did not want to be the one God used v.13

1. He was willing to go, but he wanted God to send someone else to speak for him
2. This shows the attitude behind all of his other excuses
3. Egypt for Moses represented risk
4. Moses' response here was not one of rebellion but one of fear, timidity
5. 2 Timothy 1:7

B. God's response v.14-17

1. His anger burned v.14
2. God would send Aaron, Moses' brother, to speak for Moses

3. Aaron would do the speaking, but Moses would receive the message from God for Aaron to give
4. Aaron may have been a good speaker, but he lacked obedience
5. Exodus 32:1-5