

# God Sends Moses into a Firestorm

Exodus 4:18-7:13

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**God does not call the qualified, He qualifies the called.**

He (Moses) regarded disgrace for the sake of Christ as of greater value than the treasures of Egypt, because he was looking ahead to his reward. By faith he left Egypt, not fearing the king's anger; he persevered because he saw him who is invisible. (Hebrews 11:26-27)

**I. Moses is called from tranquility to turmoil (4:18-20).**

**II. God promises Moses a rough road ahead (4:21-26).**

Deuteronomy 7:6-9, <sup>6</sup>For you are a people holy to the Lord your God. The Lord your God has chosen you out of all the peoples on the face of the earth to be his people, his treasured possession.

<sup>7</sup>The Lord did not set his affection on you and choose you because you were more numerous than other peoples, for you were the fewest of all peoples. <sup>8</sup>But it was because the Lord loved you and kept the oath he swore to your forefathers that he brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the land of slavery, from the power of Pharaoh king of Egypt. <sup>9</sup>Know therefore that the Lord your God is God; he is the faithful God, keeping his covenant of love to a thousand generations of those who love him and keep his commands.

Hosea 7:1, When Israel was a child, I loved him, and out of Egypt I called my son.”

Romans 9:2-5, “I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. <sup>3</sup>For I could wish that I myself were cursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my brothers, those of my own race, <sup>4</sup>the people of Israel. Theirs is the adoption as sons; theirs the divine glory, the covenants, the receiving of the law, the temple worship and the promises. <sup>5</sup>Theirs are the patriarchs, and from them is traced the human ancestry of Christ, who is God over all, forever praised! Amen.”

**III. Moses neglects God's covenant (4:24-25).**

**IV. God reunites long-separated brothers to free the Israelites (4:27-31).**

**V. Pharaoh rejects God by rejecting Moses (5:1-9).**

**VI. Ex. 5:10-21 – The suffering of the Israelites intensifies (5:10-21).**

**VII. God reassures Moses (5:22-6:12).**

**VIII. God's unchanging Word (6:1-8).**

Joshua 4:1-7, When the whole nation had finished crossing the Jordan, the Lord said to Joshua, <sup>2</sup>“Choose twelve men from among the people, one from each tribe, <sup>3</sup> and tell them to take up twelve stones from the middle of the Jordan from right where the priests stood and to carry them over with you and put them down at the place where you stay tonight.”

<sup>4</sup>So Joshua called together the twelve men he had appointed from the Israelites, one from each tribe, <sup>5</sup> and said to them, “Go over before the ark of the Lord your God into the middle of the Jordan. Each of you is to take up a stone on his shoulder, according to the number of the tribes of the Israelites, <sup>6</sup> to serve as a sign among you. In the future, when your children ask you, ‘What do these stones mean?’ <sup>7</sup> tell them that the flow of the Jordan was cut off before the ark of the covenant of the Lord. When it crossed the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan were cut off. These stones are to be a memorial to the people of Israel forever.”

**IX. Man’s myopic vision: we see suffering in our circumstances, rather than potential in God’s promises (6:9-12).**

Ephesians 2:1-5, As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, <sup>2</sup> in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. <sup>3</sup> All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our sinful nature and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature objects of wrath. <sup>4</sup> But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, <sup>5</sup> made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved.

**X. God establishes the genealogical *bonafides* of Moses and Aaron and establishes the line of Levitical priests (6:13-27).**

**XI. God again reassures Moses (6:28-7:7).**

**XII. God’s first miracle in Egypt (7:8-13).**

James 1:13-15, <sup>13</sup> When tempted, no one should say, “God is tempting me.” For God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does he tempt anyone; <sup>14</sup> but each one is tempted when, by his own evil desire, he is dragged away and enticed. <sup>15</sup> Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death.”