

# Exodus (The Way Out)

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## **Exodus 3:1-22** “An Encounter w/ God”

Moses believed in God, but it wasn't until this encounter that God became a living spiritual reality to him. You cannot encounter the Creator of the Universe and remain the same!

How do we encounter God (Bush), What happens when we encounter God (Fire), Why can we encounter God (Angel) and When do we know we have encountered God (Call)?

### **How do we Encounter God (Bush)?** vv1-4

- It's in the wilderness that we meet God. v1; Gen28/Jacob; 1Kgs19/Elijah; Matt3/John the Baptist; Matt4/Jesus; Gal1/Paul
- We must turn aside from our busyness, amusements and distractions. Vv3, 4; Ps46:10
- We must think deeply about life's burning bushes (paradigm-busters). V3b

### **What happens when we Encounter God (Fire)?** vv2, 4-9

- The God of the Bible is a consuming fire. V2; Gen 15:17; Ex13:21-22; Ex19:18; Heb12:29
- Fire (God) is both dangerous (holy) and beautiful (loving) at the same time. vv4-9
- If you won't listen to His convicting voice, you won't be able to hear His comforting voice. You must be willing to hear everything He has to say or eventually you won't be able to hear anything He has to say.

### **Why can we Encounter God (Angel)?** vv2, 5-6

- How can sinful people have a relationship with a holy God? vv5-6; Gen3; Luke 5:1-11; Exodus 33:20; 1Tim6:15-16
- The angel of the LORD is Jesus (Theophany). vv2, 4; John 8:58

- Jesus is the only mediator between God and man who atones for our sins at His own infinite cost. 1Tim2:5; John 14:6; 2Cor5:21

### **When do we know we have Encountered God (Call)?** Vv10-22

- God calls us in to send us out with His absolute sufficient presence. vv13-14; Matt28:18-20; “I am who I am” = self-existent, transcendent, independent God of the universe. The aseity of God.
- He will send you out in everyday life to be a burning bush. Matt5:13-16
- You will have an inexplicable humble (no pride) confidence (no fear)!

### **Growing Notes**

- 1) What's the difference between having a general belief in God and having an encounter with God? You cannot encounter the Creator of the Universe and remain the same! Explain.
- 2) Read Exodus 3:1-22. Review the three points under the 1<sup>st</sup> question. Why do you think wilderness experiences are great places to meet God? What would have happened if Moses hadn't turn aside and thought deeply about the burning bush? What are burning bushes?
- 3) Review the three points under the second question. What does it mean that God is a consuming fire? Why is it important to maintain a balance between God being both holy and loving? If you won't listen to God's convicting voice, you won't be able to hear His comforting voice. Explain.
- 4) Review the three points under the third question. How can sinful people have a relationship with a holy God? Who is the Angel of the LORD and what did He do to reconcile us to the Father?
- 5) Review the three points under the fourth question. What does it mean that God calls us in to send us out with His absolute sufficient presence? How can our lives be burning bushes? Why is humble (no pride) confidence (no fear) a great way to reflect God's holy love? What is God speaking to you from this study? Pray.