

Called by the Great I Am - Serve Christ

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Exodus 3:1-4:17

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Called By God:

3:1-10

- Moses called to be the deliverer of God's people: 10
- God would be the One who would deliver, Moses was mouthpiece 8,10
- Moses is appointed by God to be mediator of Old Covenant
- Christ is mediator of the New Covenant

The Objections:

3:11-4:12

1. Who Am I? I am flawed

3:11-12

- God answers: "I will be with you" 3:12. Jesus promises us the same: Mt 28:20

2. Who Are You?

3:13-22

- Was Moses challenging or getting more info? 13 ESV vs. NIV
- God is the "Great I Am" 14
- I am God of your Fathers 15 - the covenant keeping God - Gen 15:13-14
- Go to Elders - they will believe 16-18
 - God uses Godly elders to lead His people 1 Tim 3:1
- There will be challenges, Pharaoh must be taught, You will plunder Egypt

3. Your People (me) won't Believe

4:1-9

- objection seems reasonable until you remember 3:18 - God promised they would believe
- God is gracious and gentle with sinful Moses, gave Moses 3 signs:
 - Staff>Serpent 4:2-5 : God has power over deadly creature (gods)
 - Hand> Leprous to Healed 4:6-8 God has power over health
 - Nile water > Blood 4:8-9 God has power over Egypt's believed life source
- God did the signs to affirm Moses' words as God's prophet: miracles
- How many ask for a sign today to know God is true?
- Resurrection is that sign! Mt 12:39-40

4. I am Not gifted enough

4:10-12

- objection is about Moses' ability to speak to world's most powerful leader
- Moses was trying to tell God He selected the wrong man... REALLY?
- Many object to Creator's call to speak for God: Jer 1:9
- Issue is not ability but FAITH in God's provision
- God created YOU, even your limitations or weakness - don't insult God
- Use whatever you have for God's glory: Col 3:17; Mt 25:14-30; Jn 9:1-3
- God uses our weaknesses for His glory: Exo 4:12

5. Send Somebody Else

4:13-17

- The real root behind the other objections - didn't want to obey, focus on self
- God's anger not sinful – He had right to be angry with His creation; He had patiently answered all of Moses' objections
- God sent Aaron with Moses – led to problems later: Golden Calf, etc.

God Accomplishes His Purposes

- Although Moses objected, He was sent anyhow 4:17 - take the staff...
- Moses turned out to be a great deliverer >Only One Perfect Deliverer: Christ
- Moses prophesied about Christ: Dt 18:15
- Peter declared Christ was greater Acts 3:22-23
- Like Moses, Jesus was like those He saved: Heb 2:17
- Christ was willing unlike Moses: Heb 10:7; Mt 26:39; Phil 2:8
- YOU are called to be obedient to the God who has provided deliverance and promises to be with you!

DISCUSS & APPLY

- Look at each objection of Moses:
 - How do you (we) often express these same objections?
 - How does "I will be with you" answer the objection?
 - Why don't we walk in faith?
 - How can Christ help with each objection? How can you walk in faith & new obedience like Christ (Mt 3:13-17)?
- God is sovereign. How does this fit with Moses' rebellion and the sending of Aaron with him?
 - What blessings did Moses lose as a result of his objections?
 - Even Aaron was flawed, (led people astray Ex 32:1-4). If Moses had obeyed would the people have avoided this sin?
- Compare Moses & Jesus as mediators of the Old & New Covenant. What similarities and differences can you think of? How is the New Covenant better? How is Christ the Perfect Mediator?
- How are you called by the Great I Am?
- What objections are you throwing back to God right now?
- How are you answering that call?