



GOD IS...
HOLY

Exodus 2:23 - 3:12

2:23-25

Moses killed an Egyptian (2:11-14) and Pharaoh wanted him dead (2:15). Moses fled Egypt, but by 3:1, the king is dead.

God's people – still in captivity – were suffering badly. God heard. He remembered His covenant. He looked on them. He was concerned.

(See Is. 40:27)




3:1

Tending flocks – From Pharoah's court to the far side of the desert. Humbling work, indeed.

Perhaps precisely needed to prepare Moses' heart for the work God had in store.

- Don't curse the humbling times of life



3:2-3

“The angel of the Lord” typically a reference to the pre-incarnate Christ who was with God in the beginning (See Gen. 1, John 1 and Col. 1)

Moses naturally was curious about a burning bush that was not being consumed by the flames.

3:4-6

A bold declaration by God

“Don’t come any closer. Get the sandals off.
You’re standing on holy ground!”

Context matters. Recall 2:23-25

God is not aloof. Not unconcerned. Not absent.
(Coming back to this)



3:7-10

God's plan revealed

“I have seen. I have heard.
I'm concerned. I will rescue.
I will bring them into a good land.”

And Moses, you're the one I will use to do it!


“Who says you can't go home?”



Before sending Moses into God's work, the reminder through the burning bush was absolutely vital.

The measure of our effectiveness FOR God is necessarily dependent upon our clear understanding OF God.

If Moses was to be an effective instrument for the Master, then he needed a fresh sense of awe, wonder and reverence.



3:11

Humility, shown here and in vs. 6 by Moses, is an absolutely essential quality for anyone who would serve God.

Perhaps borne out of the shame of his past?

Or perhaps,

“Man, I grew up in the palace, and here I am...”



3:12

“I will be with you...”

Such blessed assurance we have when we walk in
obedience to the Father.

NOW BACK TO VS. 5

As we consider this text, let us remember that God is the Unchanging One

Recall

Josh. 5 Preparing for Jericho

2 Sam. 6 Uzzah's death

Isa. 6 Isaiah's call and commission

DOES THE FEAR OF GOD EVEN MATTER ANYMORE?

“I mean, it sounds so old-fashioned!”

Consider this:

Throughout the psalms and proverbs we are reminded that it's the beginning of true wisdom.

The lack thereof is evidence of depravity (Rom. 3:18)



BUT WHAT ABOUT
HEB. 4:14-16?

“let us then approach the throne of grace
with confidence...”

We don't kick down the doors of the Throne Room.
We come with a proper humility, having made proper
preparation (See Isa. 6) and through a proper Route,
Where we find much needed mercy and grace!