

The God Who Calls

Exodus 3

Intro:

- God of the Intimate
 - Talks, Sees, Promises, Wrestles...up close & personal
 - What other kind of God would we want?
- From Abram, Isaac and Jacob, a NATION!
 - As numerous as the stars...
 - BUT, in captivity and still far from “HOME”
 - God is not slow concerning His promises...
 - His timing! Gen 15:13 – 400 years, part of the promise
 - Now, God has prepared and calls a man...
 - ...and reveals more of Who He Is... I AM!

I. A Man “Out-Standing” (vs. 1-6)

- Moses is taking care of sheep... Father-In-Law...
 - Times have not changed much since Jacob...
 - He moved before God’s time & w/o plan or help!
 - An “angel” in a burning bush... not consumed!
 - Moses “looks”, and that changes everything!
 - Are we wary about what we “see”?
- God notices that Moses looked...
 - Is God waiting on us to “notice” His presence?
 - Names and Places... and Shoes! HOLY!!!
 - Moses counts God out, God pulls Moses in!
 - Moses face would shine! Never hide it...

II. A Man “In Standing” (vs. 7-10)

- I Saw, (*raah*); I Heard (*shamah*)
 - The affliction (*oniy* – depression, misery) (Ex 2:25)
 - I know... (*yada*) intimate knowledge of our hurts
 - God knows our “oppressors” ...
- I am come down to deliver! (*natsal*)
 - God has a purpose, a plan and a destination!
 - Milk and honey... and a few problems to deal with...
- I will send you to Pharaoh? (10)
 - Come now and we can do this together!
 - My people...

III. A Man “Under-Standing” (vs. 11-22)

- Excuses?
 - “Who am I”... instead of “I Am sent me!”
 - God never sends us alone... He knows better!
 - Who is God? Attributes of His Character/Nature
 - I AM THAT I AM... absolute and unchanging
 - God of your fathers... your history and path...
 - God always starts with where we have been...
 - ... but takes us out of our slavery to HIS LAND!
 - I know what you will face (king); I will use my Hand!
 - In the end you will have favor and “gifts”

Focus:

- Are you “OUT”, “IN”, or “UNDER”??
 - Out “standing” with Him makes a big difference!
- God wants to meet you in your desert...
 - Working alone and unnoticed is not His plan
 - He waits for your “look” to bring focus
- God sees the things we are held back by...
 - Hears our cry, knows our oppressions...
 - God’s plan is much larger than we think... a nation!
 - He will send us, give favor, and deliver with power
 - And with that, you will know “I AM”!

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