

Answer God's Call Exodus 3:1-10

When God appeared to Moses at the burning bush... **Exodus 3:1-4:17**
Called him to task of leading Israel out of Egyptian bondage
In response, Moses gave excuses why he was not man for job
How Moses answered God's call is the basis for our study...
God has called us with a special calling today - **1Peter 2:9-10**
Too often, we answer like Moses, with the same excuses!

"Who Am I?" Exodus 3:11

Once a member of the ruling house of Egypt...
He was now but a lowly shepherd
40 years had passed since he had been in Egypt
He was 80 years old, already past average life span for generation
This prompted Moses to wonder whether he was right man for job
But God's response was quick **Exodus 3:12**
God promised to be with Moses, this should have been sufficient
Do you claim insufficiency for the task?
Romans 8:31; 2Corinthians 3:4-6; Acts 4:13; Matthew 28:20; Philippians 4:13

"What Shall I Say?" Exodus 3:13

Moses knew should he go to Israel, were bound to be questions
Who is this God who sent you to us?
Why should we leave what has been our home for over 400 years?
Moses expresses inadequacy in knowing what to say
Again, God's response was quick **Exodus 3:14-15**
God tells Moses what he needs to say in response to questions
Do you claim inadequate knowledge?
But God has told us what to say - **Mark 16:15-16; 1Corinthians 15:1-5; 2:2**
As with Moses, no reason for saying "what shall I say?"

"What If They Will Not Believe Me?" Exodus 4:1

Now he knows what to say, he balks at idea people may not listen
Is he afraid of failing?
Has he already forgotten that God will be with him?
God responds by equipping him with several convincing proofs...
The rod, which turns into a serpent **Exodus 4:2-5**
His own hand, which turns into leprosy **Exodus 4:6-8**
Water, which turn to blood when drop on dry ground **Exodus 4:9**
Do you hesitate to share the Gospel because of fear of failure?
God has given us evidences necessary to convince honest & sincere
Romans 10:17; John 20:30-31
Especially evidences concerning resurrection, fulfilled prophecy
With such aids, can't justify inactivity in sharing gospel with others!

"I Am Slow Of Speech And Slow Of Tongue" Exodus 4:10

Moses claims that he is not an eloquent speaker
But God is not moved by this objection...
He already knows the inability of those He calls **Exodus 4:11**
But He is able to make up for anyone's shortcomings
Again, promising to be with Moses **Exodus 4:12**
Had arranged for Aaron to be Moses' mouthpiece **Exodus 4:14-16**

Sent earlier so as to arrive about this time **Exodus 4:27**

God knows what you can do - **1Corinthians 2:1-5**

It has not stopped others

Many have overcome speech impediments to become preachers

Others despite stammering would preach any opportunity could

At very least, can make use of those who can speak by arranging studies for them with others -

Acts 10:33

"Send The Message By Whomever You Will" Exodus 4:13

Moses simply did not want to go!

Previous excuses simply a smokescreen attempt to hide this fact!

Now smokescreen removed, God's impatience with Moses evident

His anger was kindled against Moses **Exodus 4:14-17**

Brethren, God called YOU!

Any and every excuse we could offer is only a smokescreen

We really would rather that God use someone else!

We really don't want to do what God has called us to do!

Brethren, Lord's anger kindled against those don't live up to calling!

Answer God's Call

Moses ultimately answered call & delivered Israel from bondage w/God

But what about us? What will be the rest of our story?

Shall we heed the call to preach the gospel to the lost?

Or shall we make excuses and one day suffer the wrath of God?

Making excuses for not responding to Gospel as know you should?

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