

Exodus 3:1-15
Holy Ground

Take heed where you stand ...

I. On the Holy Mountain

A. Moses the Shepherd

B. And a Fiery Encounter

II. In the Presence of YHWH

A. "I AM"

B. Reverence & Fear

III. Israel's GOD

A. Sees & Hears

B. Delivers & Provides

IV. Manifest in the Flesh

A. The "I AMs" of Jesus

B. The Confidence of Saints

... have courage where you go.

Children, Listen ...

1. What strange thing happened when Moses was tending his sheep?

2. Who started speaking to him?

3. What does God mean when He tells Moses "I AM?"

Trust in YHWH

Moses' extraordinary encounter with God must have been a monumental, life-changing, perspective shaping experience for him. It was certainly a growth spurt for his faith, and it should have sparked a tremendous growth spurt in his confidence for leadership. He now knew God better than he ever did before. God describes Himself to awestruck Moses as "I AM." This is not so much a name as it is a description of being. There may be many gods, and many names for God, but there is only one "I AM." It is this incomparable, infinite, self-sufficient, almighty God, Who will deliver Israel, and His earthly instrument, Moses, had His full backing. We may never have an experience like Moses,' but we serve the same God, and He is always with us. Moses' would concur with, and we can testify with David:

*O YHWH, you have searched me and known me!
You know when I sit down and when I rise up;
you discern my thoughts from afar.
You search out my path and my lying down
and are acquainted with all my ways.
Even before a word is on my tongue,
behold, O YHWH, you know it altogether.*

Psalm 139:1-4