

Trusting in God's Great Name

Exodus 3:1-22 (page 42 in the black Bibles)

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Proposition: God cares for His people and intends to keep all His promises for His name's sake and the good of His people.

God Reveals His Holiness to Moses (1-6)

"Horeb, the mountain of God" (Ex. 3:12; 17:6; 33:6; 1 Kings 19:8) (Mount Sinai Ex. 19:1,-2, 11, 18, 20). "In Scripture, Horeb & Sinai are both used to describe a particular mountain peak and also the area around it, although Sinai is more often used for the mountain and Horeb for the general area."

"The mountain of God" because that is where God revealed Himself to Moses and where He will reveal Himself to Israel.

The Burning Bush

"The Angel of the LORD" is more than "an angel" and is identified in v. 4 with the LORD and God and v. 6 "I am the God of your father...." (See also, Genesis 16:7-14; 22:11-18; Judges 13)

Holy Ground

God tells Moses not to come near and take off his sandals because he is standing on holy ground. (5)

God also said, I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob. (6) (See also v. 15 & v. 16)

Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God. (6)

God Reveals His Plan to Moses (7-9)

God's concern for His people (See Ex. 2:23-25)

I have surely seen the affliction of My people..., (see v. 10)
I have given heed to their cry because of their taskmasters,
I am aware of their sufferings. (See also v.9)

Acts 9:4 Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me?

God reveals His plan for His people

So I have come down to deliver them from the power of the Egyptians and to bring them up from that land to a good and spacious land, to a land flowing with milk and honey.

to the place of the Canaanite and the Hittite and the Amorite and the Perizzite and the Hivite and the Jebusite. (see also in v. 17)

Genesis 15:18-21

God Commissions Moses (1:10-4:17)**--The Commission (10)**

Therefore, come now, I will send you to Pharaoh, so that you may bring My people (see v. 7) out of Egypt.

---Moses' 1st Question: Who am I? (11)

Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and that I should bring the sons of Israel out of Egypt?

Exodus 2:11-22; Acts 7:23-25

---God's answer: I Will Be/AM with you! (12)

A promise for courage and comfort: "I will be with you"

A sign for faith and obedience: And this shall be the sign to you that it is I who have sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God at this mountain.

---Moses' 2nd Question: What is Your name/ [Who are You?] (13)

They may say to me, "What is His name? What shall I say to them?"

Significance of a name: It was a revealer of a person's character and reputation.

---God's answer: I AM WHO I AM; I AM; (14)

Thus you shall say to the sons of Israel, I AM has sent me to you.

I am who I am. In response to Moses' question ("What is [your] name?" v. 13), God reveals his name to be "Yahweh" (corresponding to the four Hebrew consonants *YHWH*). The three occurrences of "I AM" in v. 14 all represent forms of the Hebrew verb that means "to be" (Hb. *hayah*), and in each case are related to the divine name Yahweh (i.e., "the LORD"; The divine name Yahweh has suggested to scholars a range of likely nuances of meaning:

- (1) that God is self-existent and therefore not dependent on anything else for his own existence;
- (2) that God is the creator and sustainer of all that exists;

(3) that God is immutable in his being and character and thus is not in the process of becoming something different from what he is (e.g., “the same yesterday and today and forever,” Heb. 13:8); and

(4) that God is eternal in his existence. While each of these points is true of God, the main focus in this passage is on the Lord’s promise to be with Moses and his people. The word translated “I am” (Hb. *’ehyeh*) can also be understood and translated as “I will be” (cf. ESV footnote). Given the context of Ex. 3:12 (“I will be with you”), the name of Yahweh (“the LORD”) is also a clear reminder of God’s promises to his people and of his help for them to fulfill their calling. In each of these cases, the personal name of God as revealed to Moses expresses something essential about the attributes and character of God.

(ESV Notes Ex. 3:14)

The LORD; YAHWEH (15)

The LORD, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob. This is My memorial-name to all generations.

Related to the name of God, YHWH, rendered LORD, which is derived from the verb HAYAH, ‘to be’.

The Overview of God’s Plan (16-22)

a. (16-20)

b. Plunder (21-22)

Application:

Psalm 9:10 “And those who know Your name will put their trust in You, For You, O LORD, have not forsaken those who seek you.”

Isaiah 26:3 “The steadfast of mind You will keep in perfect peace, Because he trusts in You. Trust in the LORD forever, For in GOD the LORD, we have an everlasting Rock.”

Psalm 23:1 The LORD is my Shepherd....Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death I fear no evil for You are with me....

Matthew 22:23-32 The God of the Living

Matthew 28:18-20 Great Commission “I am with you...”

2 great questions and answers: Who am I? Who is Yahweh?

The remedy for poor self-esteem/image is not trying to think more highly of yourself but to think more about God and His promise to be with us and for us.

God redeems a people for Himself so that they will become part of a worshiping/serving community.
Romans 12:1-2