

Exodus: From Slavery to Sonship

The Commissioning of Moses

Exodus 3 - Part 4

I. The Lord Appears to Moses. vv.1-8

1. Moses' 40 'quiet' years in Midian. v.1

Application Point: God is working in our waiting and He is sanctifying us.

2. Moses' encounter with a burning bush. vv.2,3

3. Moses' encounter with the Lord. vv.2-9

a. He is the '*Angel of the Lord*'. vv.2,4

'theophany' – a visible manifestation of the invisible God.

Cf. Gen.12:7-9; 18:1-33; 32:22-30; Ex.24:9-11; Josh.5:13-15

'Christophany' – a manifestation of the *pre-incarnate Christ*.

b. He is *holy*. vv.2,5,6b Cf. Ex.15:11; 24:17; Dt.4:24; 9:3; Isa.6:1-6

Application Point: God is to be treated as holy and His people are called to live holy lives. Cf. Ex.19:6; Heb.12:14; 1 Pet.1:15

c. He is the *covenant-making and covenant-keeping* God of the Patriarchs. v.6

Cf. Deut.7:6-8; Mark 12:26

Application Point: God's gracious dealings with His people in both the Old and New Covenant are always and only by grace alone.

Cf. Eph.1:3-5; 1 Cor.1:30

d. He is the God who *sees, hears, knows and acts*. vv.7-9,16; 2:23-25

Positively: An *encouragement* for God's people.

Cf. 2 Chr.16:9; Psa.56:8; 139:17; Isa.63:9; 2 Tim.2:19; Heb.4:14-16; 13:5

Negatively: A *warning* for God's enemies.

Cf. Gen.12:2; 2 Thess.1:3-10; Heb.12:29

II. The Lord Commissions Moses. v.10