

Moses—Lesson 3 (part 1) Responding to our "Burning Bush" Moments

Biblical Character Sketches

"Who am I, that I should go?" Exodus 3:11



WALKING IN THEIR SANDALS

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Exploring today's lesson

- Lesson 1 Jesus and Moses
 compared
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If the tendency of youth is to allow idealism to run ahead of God, the tendency of those with more years is to allow experience to stifle the exercise of faith and obedience to divine guidance.

Moses made both errors and overcame both errors.

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The burning bush encounter

- Why a burning bush?
 - ➤ Represented God's glory and power
 - Symbolic of Israel's fire of affliction in Egypt
 - Pictured Moses as inextinguishable flame

The emphasis on God's holiness

- Are not all of God's attributes equally important?
- Scripture presents holiness as God's preeminent attribute. It is how God wants to be known.
- God's holiness is the standard for the believer's life and conduct.

Old Testament names for God

- God, god = *el* or *elohim*. This is the generic word for deity.
- Lord = *adonai*, emphatic form used only for
 God. (*adone* = <u>l</u>ord)
- I AM THAT I AM (Jehovah / Yahweh)
 (YHWH)

I AM THAT I AM - Jehovah

- The self-revealed personal name for God
- *Jehovah* is derived from a shortened version of "I AM THAT I AM."
- Meaning the self-existent or eternal One
- Jehovah (YHWH)

> YHWH is translated "LORD" (all caps).

➤ Jehovah or Yahweh? – a question of vowels

Jehovah or *Yahweh*? – a question of vowels

<u>Jehovah*</u> YHWH(hwhy)

YeHoWaH ho*hy= yn*d)a&

adonai

Yahweh YHWH(hwhy) YaHWeH **hw#hy***

*Note: The change from "Y" to "J" and "W" to "V" results from transmission between languages.



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