

**Moses: Age 40 Self Appointed Freedom fighter.** Working as a despised shepherd Rejected (Acts 7:27). Flees to Midian years (7:30) (Gen 46:34). What God is doing?

**Sand. Sheep. Solitude.**

**Salvation in God's time for his glory.**

Moses is molded in the South East corner of Sinai to free his nation from tyranny. In order to become a man that God can use, Moses must encounter the living God.

**God is spirit** (John 4:24) **God is light** (1 John 1:5) **God is love** (1 John 4:8)

God's light is the outshining of his beautiful holiness and perfect truth.

*Worship God acceptably with reverence & awe for God is a consuming fire.* Heb 12:24

**"He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire"** (Matthew 3:11).

***There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in flames of fire from within a bush... the LORD saw that he had gone over to look, God called to him.*** The angel is the pre incarnate Jesus – **Genesis 48:15-16: 'the God before whom my fathers, Abraham and Isaac walked faithfully... the God who has been my shepherd all my days, the Angel who has delivered me from all harm**  
**God sent from God!**

Don't come closer. Take off your sandals. Moses hid his face afraid to look at God.

**3:7 GOD SEES: I have seen 3:8 SAVES I have come down 3:10 SENDS So now go Ready to Go?** Excuses: The skin of a reason turned inside out and filled with a lie.

**INADEQUACY (11-12) Who am I?** Self-distrust is only good if it helps us rely on God Can it be Me? (1 Cor 1:27) We have no guarantee but God's promise and his power.

**THEOLOGY (13-15) Who are you? Moses claims uncertainty about God's identity.**  
**I AM THAT I AM**

God doesn't depend on anyone or thing for his existence. God eternally is. Nothing threatens or limits him. He determines Israel's / history's course and conclusion. Out of his grace and sheer kindness God reveals himself and responds to our plight.

**'Before Abraham was I am.'** (John 8:58)

**CREDIBILITY (4:1) They won't believe or listen to me. But God said they would.**

**Moses contradicts what God has promised. Am I a contradiction in terms?**

God gives three signs of success.

- **Rod to Snake. Throw down. Moses fled. Picks it up.** Authority of God.
- **Hand in robe. Covered in leprosy. Made whole.** Salvation of God.
- **Nile to blood. Greater than Egyptian gods. Sign of death. Judgment of God.**

**ABILITY** (4:10)

**I can't speak well.** "I am heavy of mouth and tongue."

**His impediment is a gift from God. I made you. Your weakness is your strength.**

The Lord said to him, "**Who gave human beings their mouths? Who makes them deaf or mute? Who gives them sight or makes them blind? Is it not I, the Lord?**

**Now go; I will help you speak and will teach you what to say."** (Exodus 4:11-12)

By Exodus 13, Moses is speaking by himself - mighty in deeds and words (Acts 7:22).

**UNAVAILABILITY** 4:13 "**Pardon your servant, Lord. Please send someone else."**

**Then the Lord's anger burned against Moses. Why?**

**That heart that is right loves God's rule and finds true freedom in obedience.**

*Now the Lord had said to Moses in Midian, "Go back to Egypt, for all those who wanted to kill you are dead." So Moses took his wife and sons, put them on a donkey and started back to Egypt. And he took the staff of God in his hand... The Lord said to Moses, "When you return to Egypt, see that you perform before Pharaoh all the wonders I have given you the power to do. But I will harden his heart so that he will not let the people go. Then say to Pharaoh, 'This is what the Lord says: Israel is my firstborn son, 23 and I told you, "Let my son go, so he may worship me." But you refused to let him go; so I will kill your firstborn son.'"*

**Moses is confronted by Yahweh because Moses has not circumcised his son.**

**Circumcision is the sign in the flesh that Israel trusts in the covenant God made.**

*At a lodging place on the way, the Lord met Moses[b] and was about to kill him. But Zipporah took a flint knife, cut off her son's foreskin and touched Moses' feet with it. "Surely you are a bridegroom of blood to me," she said. So the Lord let him alone. (At that time she said "bridegroom of blood," referring to circumcision.)*

**Ironically, Moses' pagan wife acts more faithfully than the man sent to rescue Israel**

Moses is disobeying God's covenant and disbelieving God's promises.

God sends a reluctant man to deliver his people from Egyptian slavery.

**God accommodates himself to Moses' weakness by calling Aaron also.**

The Lord said to Aaron, "**Go into the wilderness to meet Moses.**" So he met Moses at the mountain of God and kissed him. Then Moses told Aaron everything the Lord had sent him to say, and also about all the signs he had commanded him to perform. Moses and Aaron brought together all the elders of the Israelites, and Aaron told them everything the Lord had said to Moses. He also performed the signs before the people, and they believed.

And when they heard that the Lord was concerned about them and had seen their misery,

**they bowed down and worshiped.**