

Life-Study of Exodus Summaries – Messages 6-10

MESSAGE 6 – God’s Calling of the Prepared One (2)

Negatively, God called Moses to deliver the children of Israel out of the tyranny of the Egyptians and **positively**, bring them into Canaan, a land “flowing with milk and honey”. In typology, bringing the children of Israel into the good land signifies bringing people into **Christ**, the all-inclusive Person typified by the land of Canaan. At the age of forty, Moses considered himself matured, qualified, and equipped to deliver them. Actually, **he was not able to do anything**. He came to fully realize that in himself he was not the right person to answer God’s call. As Moses prostrated himself before God, God came forth as flaming fire, manifesting Himself from within Moses as the thorn-bush. (Life-Study of Exodus, 6).

MESSAGE 7 – The Corporate Thorn-Bush

The burning thorn-bush in Exodus 3, refers not only to **Moses** as an **individual**, but also to the children of **Israel** as a **corporate** entity. As individuals, we all are today’s **Moses**. But we are also part of the **church** as the corporate thorn-bush. In Genesis 3 **fallen man** was under the curse signified by the thorn. There the flame of fire **excluded** this fallen man from God as the tree of life. In Exodus 3, however, the thorn-bush, which can be considered a type of **vessel**, and the fire are one. This indicates that through the redemption of Christ the very God Himself, the holy One whose holiness excludes sinners from His presence, can come to **visit** us, to **stay** with us, and even to **dwell** in us. (Life-Study of Exodus, 7).

MESSAGE 8 – The Three Signs

It is significant that the Lord showed Moses **three signs** as the number three is related to God’s economy. The **serpent, leprosy, and blood** are related respectively to **Satan, to sin in the flesh, and to the death brought in by the world**. First, Moses’ rod was his support. Hence, the rod signifies what we rely upon. When the rod was cast to the ground, the serpent hiding there was exposed. The Bible shows us that **whatever we rely upon becomes the usurping serpent**. Instead of throwing it away, we should keep it, not by ourselves or for ourselves, but by the Lord and for the Lord. Second, Moses’ hand became leprous, indicating that **in our flesh we are lepers**. Everyone used by the Lord in the church today must have such a consciousness concerning his flesh. Finally, the water of the river poured upon the dry land became blood. This shows us that in the eyes of God, **all the supply, enjoyment, and entertainment of the world are death**. Praise the Lord for the signs of one who is called and sent by God! (Life-Study of Exodus, 8)

MESSAGE 9 - The Male Help and the Female Help to the Called One

To have **Aaron** as a **match** for Moses was according to the **divine principle**. Aaron did not cause Moses to lose his position. The same is true with God’s called ones today. **Your standing as a called one is of the Lord, and no one can take it from you**. Zipporah disagreed with the cutting of the flesh as a sign of **separation** unto God. But the **flesh** and the **natural life** must be cut off. Aaron’s help, the matching, was objective, whereas Zipporah’s help, the cutting, was subjective. (Life-Study of Exodus, 9)

MESSAGE 10 – The Complete View of God’s Call of Moses

When Moses was called by God, he saw the great sight of a burning thorn-bush which refers to God’s redeemed people. Moses never forgot that **vision**, even after the tabernacle had been built and God had come to dwell in it. Praise the Lord for the marvelous vision of God’s dwelling place. This vision is the first aspect of **God’s calling**. The second aspect is the matter of **who God is and of what God is**. God is the unique self-existing One. After so many things have passed out of existence, God will still be. God was, God is, and God will be. After seeing these, we still need the **three signs** and the **male help** and the **female help**. May every aspect of God’s calling be our experience in the Lord’s recovery today. (Life-Study of Exodus, 10)