

Reading:- Exodus Chapter 3

Moses had fled from Pharaoh to the land of Midian. It was a long journey through the heat of the desert and having to search for water. When he came to the land of Midian he sat down by a well. Now the Priest of Midian had 7 daughters and they came to draw water from the well to the troughs to water their father's flock. Shepherds came and drove them away, but Moses stood up and helped them and watered their flocks. And the 7 Sisters took Moses to their father, Reuel and from that day Moses lived with this family and became a shepherd. Reuel gave his daughter Zipporah to be his wife and she bare him a son named Gershom.

Moses lived for 40 years in this way. He would have plenty of time to think while he was leading his flock of sheep in search of pasture, and no doubt he would wonder how his people were getting on in Egypt and about those promises God had made to them long ago. God hadn't spoken from Heaven to His people, as he had done to Abraham and to Jacob. Then it happened!

Now as Moses was leading his sheep he came to the Mountain of God. And an angel of the Lord appeared unto Moses in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush. Moses looked and saw the bush burning but was not being burnt away. Moses turned aside to see why the bush was not burnt and God called to Moses from the midst of the bush and said, Moses, Moses. And Moses said, Here am I. God told Moses not to come too near, and to take off his shoes, as the ground which Moses was standing was holy, Moses was now ready to receive God's message. God said I am the God of thy father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look upon God. God's message to Moses was that he was going to send Moses to lead the people out of Egypt to bring them to the land which God has promised them. After all these years, the time had come.

Moses returned and, helped by his elder brother Aaron, they paid many visits to the King to persuade him to let the people go, but the King refused, and so God punished him and the Egyptians by sending all sorts of terrible troubles upon them, all their water turned into blood, frogs everywhere, boils on man and beast, darkness for three days, and finally the eldest child in every house, from the King in his palace to the maid servant behind the mill, dead. When this dreadful thing happened, then the Egyptians turned the Israelites out and were glad for them to go.

Point to remember: God chose Moses to lead His people.