

EXODUS 4:1-17 – God Calls Moses II.

I. Signs for Moses: 1-9.

What if they doubt me? “LORD, please prove to me and to them that you sent me. Moses felt inadequate and insufficient for the task.

- i. Moses’ stick turns into a snake and back.

God used what Moses had in his **hand, a stick, to demonstrate His power**. Moses’ years of tending sheep were not useless. The stick became a real snake that was frightening enough to Moses that he ran from it. Often God will use and multiply what we have.

God used the stones was in David’s hand in 1 Samuel 17:49.

God used the jawbone of a donkey in Samson’s hand in Judges 15:15.

God used five loaves and two fish in the hand of a little boy in John 6:9.

God commanded Moses to grab the snake by its tail, which is very dangerous, it’s safer to grab its neck or head, grabbing the tail gives the snake a chance to bite.

In this little incident Moses learned how to do what God told him to do even when it was uncomfortable and risky.

- ii. Moses is made leprous and whole again.

Leprosy had no known cure. God was demonstrating His power of healing.

- iii. Water turns to blood and back again.

“The third sign was simply a sign of judgment. Good, pure waters were made foul and bloody by the work of God and they did not turn back again.”

God patiently and gently dealt with Moses’ apprehensions. Fear that the Israelites might not believe God had appeared to him is reasonable because God had apparently not appeared to the Israelites for 430 years, the length of the sojourn in Egypt. The Lord’s answer to the doubtful deliverer was to enable Moses to perform three supernatural tasks, two immediate and one in the future. Walvoord, J. F.

II. “I can’t speak well.” 10-12.

After these remarkably persuasive signs, Moses revealed that he was not confident with his ability to speak.

The fact that Moses believed that he was not eloquent is completely beside the point. The God who created the most eloquent mouths who ever lived was on his side.

If Moses was a poor speaker, it didn't matter – the mighty God said, **“I will be with your mouth and teach you what you shall say.”**

III. **“God, please send someone else.” 13-17.**

Finally, Moses was done with excuses and showed the real state of his heart. Simply, he would much rather that God send someone else. His problem wasn't really a lack of ability; it was a lack of willingness. But God has a solution for his unwillingness too, am sending your brother.

Judges 6:15 - So he said to Him, “O my Lord,[fn] how can I save Israel? Indeed my clan is the weakest in Manasseh, and I am the least in my father's house.

**“It's common for men to give pretended reasons instead of one real one.”
(Benjamin Franklin)**

“When God gives a command or a vision of truth, it is never a question of what He will do, but what we will do. To be successful in God's work is to fall in line with His will and to do it His way. All that is pleasing to Him is a success.”

Psalms 138:8 - The LORD will perfect that which concerns me; Your mercy, O LORD, endures forever; do not forsake the works of Your hands.

Philippians 1:3-6 - I thank my God upon every remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine making request for you all with joy, for your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ...

Philippians 2:12-15 - Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure. Do all things without complaining and disputing, that you may become blameless and harmless, children of God without fault in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world...