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# GOD SENDS

EXODUS 2:1 - 4:31

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- Intro and catch up with what's going on.

## 1. WHAT DO WE LEARN ABOUT GOD?

### GOD IS A SAVIOR-SENDER

**EXODUS 3:1** Now Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law, Jethro, the priest of Midian, and he led his flock to the west side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. **2** And the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush. He looked, and behold, the bush was burning, yet it was not consumed. **3** And Moses said, "I will turn aside to see this great sight, why the bush is not burned."

**4** When the Lord saw that he turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." **5** Then he said, "Do not come near; take your sandals off your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." **6** And he said, "I am the God of your 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 at God.

**7** Then the Lord said, "I have surely seen the affliction of my people who are in Egypt and have heard their cry because of their taskmasters. I know their sufferings, **8** and I have come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the place of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. **9** And now, behold, the cry of the people of Israel has come to me, and I have also seen the oppression with which the Egyptians oppress them. **10** Come, I will send you to Pharaoh that you may bring my people, the children of Israel, out of Egypt."

**11** But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the children of Israel out of Egypt?" **12** He said, "But I will be with you, and this shall be the sign for you, that I have sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God on this mountain."

**13** Then Moses said to God, "If I come to the people of Israel and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" **14** God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." And he said, "Say this to the people of Israel: 'I AM has sent me to you.'"

**15** God also said to Moses, "Say this to the people of Israel: 'The Lord, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you.' This is my name forever, and thus I am to be remembered throughout all generations. **16** Go and gather the elders of Israel together and say to them, 'The Lord, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, of Isaac, and of Jacob, has appeared to me, saying, "I have observed you and what has been done to you in Egypt, **17** and I promise that I will bring you up out of the affliction of Egypt to the land of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites, a land flowing with milk and honey.'"

- **One of the biggest misunderstandings about the Old Testament goes like this:** God was always telling His people to *ASCEND*—to climb the stairs of performance through obeying the Law, through sacrifice, through getting right with Him on our own. He was hidden, but now through Jesus He reveals Himself!
- **But from the beginning,** God has been a Savior-Sending God! He's always been a God who *REVEALS* Himself, who *COMES DOWN* to break chains that we can't break, who *DESCENDS* to deliver His people!
- **Q.** How do you view God? **Q.** Do you view Him as angry in the OT & nice in the NT? He's always been both!

## 2. WHAT DO WE LEARN ABOUT GOD'S SAVIOR?

### 2.1 HE WOULD SPEAK THE VERY WORDS OF GOD

**EXODUS 3:18** And they will listen to your voice...' (why?!) **4:10** **10** But Moses said to the Lord, "Oh, my Lord, I am not eloquent, either in the past or since you have spoken to your servant, but I am slow of speech and of tongue."

**11** Then the Lord said to him, "Who has made man's mouth? Who makes him mute, or deaf, or seeing, or blind? Is it not I, the Lord? **12** Now therefore go, & I will be with your mouth and teach you what you shall speak."

## 2.2 HE WOULD PERFORM MIRACLES BY THE POWER OF GOD

**EXODUS 4:1-9** 1 Then Moses answered, “But behold, they will not believe me or listen to my voice, for they will say, ‘The Lord did not appear to you.’” 2 The Lord said to him, “What is that in your hand?” He said, “A staff.” 3 And he said, “Throw it on the ground.” So he threw it on the ground, and it became a serpent, and Moses ran from it. 4 But the Lord said to Moses, “Put out your hand and catch it by the tail”—so he put out his hand and caught it, and it became a staff in his hand— 5 “that they may believe that the Lord, the God of their fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has appeared to you.” 6 Again, the Lord said to him, “Put your hand inside your cloak.” And he put his hand inside his cloak, and when he took it out, behold, his hand was leprous like snow. 7 Then God said, “Put your hand back inside your cloak.” So he put his hand back inside his cloak, and when he took it out, behold, it was restored like the rest of his flesh. 8 “If they will not believe you,” God said, “or listen to the first sign, they may believe the latter sign. 9 If they will not believe even these two signs or listen to your voice, you shall take some water from the Nile and pour it on the dry ground, and the water that you shall take from the Nile will become blood on the dry ground.”

## 2.3 HE WOULD LEAD GOD’S PEOPLE OUT OF SLAVERY BY WONDERS

**EXODUS 4:12** He said, “But I will be with you, and this shall be the sign for you, that I have *sent* you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God on this mountain.”

Years later God would **SEND** another to deliver His people from slavery. You see, Jesus is like Moses, but even better.

• **GALATIANS 4:4-5** 4 But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, 5 to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons.

1. **He spoke the very Words of God**—though He didn’t say, “Thus says the Lord;” He said “Truly, truly I say to you.” Even in His statements, Jesus was claiming to be God.
2. **He would perform miracles by the power of God**—He didn’t turn water into blood to bring fear & awe; He turned water into wine to bring festival joy! He didn’t heal His own hand from leprosy; He stretched out His clean hand and touched lepers, making their whole bodies clean. He wouldn’t turn His staff into a snake and pick it up; He would crush the head of the ultimate snake through His cross!
3. **He would lead God’s people on the true a better Exodus**—Jesus doesn’t lead us on a merely physical Exodus away from slavery; He leads us on the true & better Exodus away from sin & death; away from physical & spiritual slavery; away from emotional & psychological chains—Jesus is committed to redeeming our whole self!

**Q. How? A.** There’s a **HUGE** clue in the strange few verses toward the end of chapter 4. Did you notice?

• **EXODUS 4:24-25** 24 At a lodging place on the way the Lord met him and sought to put him to death. 25 Then Zipporah took a flint and cut off her son's foreskin and touched Moses' feet with it and said, “Surely you are a bridegroom of blood to me!”

**Q. What’s happening? A.** Because Moses disobeyed God (*he didn’t circumsize his son*) he deserved death! He deserved to be cut off and killed.

• **And that’s exactly what Jesus was SENT to do: HE** was cut off. He died. For His sin? No—for **OURS**.

• **Jesus’ delivers us from the slavery we deserve by dying a condemned slaves death in our place!**

## 3. WHAT DO WE LEARN ABOUT OURSELVES?

### 3.1 THE ONLY HOPE WE HAVE FOR SALVATION IS IF GOD WOULD SEND A SAVIOR TO BE CUT OFF, SO WE DON’T HAVE TO BE

• **ISAIAH 53:8** By oppression and judgment he was taken away; and as for his generation, who considered that he was **cut off** out of the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people?

### 3.2 THROUGH FAITH IN JESUS, WE’RE SO LOVED WE ADOPTED

• **GALATIANS 4:4-5** 4 But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, 5 to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons.

### 3.3 AND WHOM GOD SAVES, HE SENDS

• **JOHN 17:15-18** 15 I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one. 16 They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. 17 Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. 18 As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world.