

Trinity Baptist Church

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Wednesday Adult Bible Study

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Knowing God More

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God also said to Moses, “I am the Lord. I appeared to Abraham, to Isaac and to Jacob as God Almighty, but by my Name the Lord I did not make myself fully known to them.”

Exodus 6:2-3

“Then God said to Moses, “I am the Lord. I appeared to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob by the name, God All-Powerful. But they did not know me by my name, the Lord.”

Exodus 6:2-3 ICB

When Moses encountered God in the burning bush, he still had much to learn about the Lord. Moses was impressed with the miracle before him.

Exodus 3:1-10

“One day Moses was taking care of Jethro’s sheep. Jethro was the priest of Midian and also Moses’ father-in-law. Moses led the sheep to the west side of the desert. He came to Sinai, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to Moses in flames of fire coming out of a bush. Moses saw that the bush was on fire, but it was not burning up.”

So Moses said, "I will go closer to this strange thing. How can a bush continue burning without burning up?" The Lord saw Moses was coming to look at the bush. So God called to him from the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And Moses said, "Here I am."

Then God said, "Do not come any closer. Take off your sandals. You are standing on holy ground. I am the God of your ancestors. I am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob." Moses covered his face because he was afraid to look at God.

The Lord said, "I have seen the troubles my people have suffered in Egypt.

And I have heard their cries when the Egyptian slave masters hurt them. I am concerned about their pain. I have come down to save them from the Egyptians. I will bring them out of that land. I will lead them to a good land with lots of room. This is a land where much food grows.

This is the land of these people: the Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites. I have heard the cries of the people of Israel. I have seen the way the Egyptians have made life hard for them. So now I am sending you to the king of Egypt. Go! Bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt!” — Exodus 3:1-10 ICB

Even with the wonderful manifestation of this event on the side of a mountain, Moses knew it would take more than a burning bush to lead Israel out of captivity by the most powerful nation of Moses' day.

Would the same God who could cause a bush to burn without being consumed also be able to do what was necessary to deliver a multitude?

Moses had much more to learn through experience and still had many questions.

Scripture tells us of the conversation between God and Moses. In **Exodus 3:11-15 (ICB)** we find,

“But Moses said to God, “I am not a great man! Why should I be the one to go to the king and lead the Israelites out of Egypt?” God said, “I will be with you.

This will be the proof that I am sending you: You will lead the people out of Egypt. Then all of you will worship me on this mountain.”

Moses said to God, “When I go to the Israelites, I will say to them, ‘The God of your ancestors sent me to you.’

What if the people say, ‘What is his name?’ What should I tell them?”

Then God said to Moses, “I AM WHO I AM. When you go to the people of Israel, tell them, ‘I AM sent me to you.’” God also said to Moses, “This is what you should tell the people: ‘The Lord is the God of your ancestors.

He is the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob. And he sent me to you.’ This will always be my name. That is how people from now on will know me.”

— Exodus 3:11-15 ICB

God's answer to Moses question, "what is your name" was "*I Am*" (v. 14).

God was telling Moses, I will be whatever you need Me to be as you carry out My assignment.

- If you need miraculous signs in order to convince Pharaoh, then that is how I will express Myself.
- If you need Me to interrupt nature and part the waters of the Red Sea, then I will demonstrate Myself that way.
- If you require food and water, then I'll be your provider.
- If you are afraid, I will be your strength."

At the beginning of Moses' walk with the Lord, he had no way of knowing everything he would need God to do for him. Yet, each time Moses faced a 'need', he learned something new about God. Moses came to realize that there was much more to God than a burning bush.

What if Moses had been so enamored with his experience at the bush that he built a tabernacle on the spot and established *The Church of the Burning Bush*?

He would have missed out on so much more that God wanted to reveal to him.

As God has walked with His people through the generations, He is progressively revealing His nature according to His purposes and the needs of His people.

Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob knew Him as God Almighty because they needed His mighty power to protect them from their enemies.

Moses and the Israelites learned that God was Lord, the master over every nation and every enemy army. God not only delivered them from the most powerful ruler in the world but also brought them into the promised land.

They came to experience Him as Lord, preeminently powerful over the pagan the gods of their day.

God will continue to reveal His character to us according to our needs and according to His purposes. We will come to know more and more about Him as we obey Him.

- When you grieve, He will come to you as Comforter.
- When you are in need, He will demonstrate that He is the provider.
- When you face a serious challenge, He will reveal that He is God Almighty.

Our understanding of God's character ought to be greater now than when you first became a Christian. We ought to know Him better today than we did five years ago.

Sadly, some Christians continue to live year after year with the same basic knowledge of God they had when they first began walking with Him.

Whatever your present situation, view it in light of what God is teaching you about Himself, and you will come to know God in dimensions you have never known before.

Right now we stand at an exciting new door of opportunity to know God more intimately every time you trust and obey!

Every step of faith leads you to a deeper relationship of faith with Him. It is an open invitation to know God more intimately.

Serious Questions for Serious Disciples

1. Recall your understanding of God when you first began walking with Him. How have your experiences expanded your knowledge of Him?
2. How does Moses' story help you better understand your own relationship with God?
3. What was the most meaningful statement or Scripture you read today?
4. Reword the statement or Scripture into a prayer of response to God.
5. What does God want you to do in response to today's study?

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