

THE Teachers' Preparation Leaflet

LESSON 9.

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2nd QUARTER.

Moses sent as a Deliverer. Ex. 3: 10-20.

GOLDEN TEXT: "Fear thou not; for I am with thee." Isa. 41: 10.

COMMIT TO MEMORY verses 10:12. CHILDREN'S HYMNAL, 16, 27, 66, 146.

PROVE THAT—Christ is our deliverer. Acts 3: 22.

SHORTER CATECHISM—Quest. 104. What do we pray for in the fourth petition?

DAILY PORTIONS.

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MONDAY.	TUESDAY.	WEDNESDAY.	THURSDAY.	FRIDAY.	SATURDAY.	SABBATH.
Ex. 3: 10-20	Ex. 3: 1-9	Ex. 4: 1-9	Ex. 4: 10-17	Ex. 5: 1-9	Ex. 6: 1-13	Jer. 6: 1-10

NOTES AND EXPLANATIONS.

INTRODUCTORY.—For forty years Moses lived a quiet life in the desert of Sinai (Acts 7: 30). God's disciplinary work was now completed and the time has come for Israel's redemption. Accordingly He appears to him in the burning bush and summons him to his great life-work. For four hundred years the "oracles" had been "dumb," no message from the God of Abraham had indicated that he remembered his covenant. But though silent, God was not unobservant. The preparation of Israel was not complete nor was the iniquity of the Amorites full. That Moses hearkened reverently and obeyed shews that he had lived very near to God, and the bursting forth of Deity in a flame of fire only startled the outward senses of one whose soul was familiar with the presence of God.

LESSON PLAN. I. Moses' Commission. vs. 10-14. Moses' Instructions. vs. 15-20.

I. MOSES' COMMISSION. 10. I will send thee.—better: "Thee I will send." In verse 8 God says that he has "come down to deliver them," on what other two occasions did God "come down," and for what purpose? (Gen. 11: 15; 18: 21.) Forty years before Moses would not have hesitated to act as the herald of Jehovah, the ambassador of One mightier than Pharaoh. As man's age ran in those days, he was then full of the ambition and self-confidence of youth. He has had time during these forty years of silent communing with God and his own heart, amid the sublime grandeur of the mountains and the desert, to take a better measure of himself. He errs now through excessive diffidence and want of faith. He had learnt to love the quiet pastoral life and shrank from putting to use, when God called for them, those special abilities with which he had been endowed and which had been so thoroughly trained for their grand destiny. If you have any talent or power for service, and God calls you to exercise it by affording you the opportunity of doing so, do not hide your indifference and love of ease under an assumption of modesty, which deceives no one but yourself. **Pharaoh**—This name occurs only on the monuments of Egypt and in the Bible. (Macgregor.) Its use is another proof of the reliability of Scripture history. **My people**—Distinctively and peculiarly God's own. See 1 Pet. 2: 9 where "peculiar" has its classic meaning (Latin *peculiaris*, "private property." Also Deut. 14: 2; Ex. 19: 5; Deut. 26: 18; Ps. 135: 4; Ecc. 2: 8; Tit. 2: 14. What constituted God's people in this peculiar sense?

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