

Lesson III.

MOSES CALLED TO DELIVER ISRAEL

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Exodus 3 : 1-14. Study Exodus 3 : 1 to 4 : 20—Memory Verses, 13, 14.

Golden Text—Blessed are the pure in heart : for they shall see God.—Matthew 5 : 8.



children of Is'rael out of E'gypt.

11 And Mo'ses said unto God, Who am I, that I should go unto Phar'ah, and that I should bring forth the children of Is'rael out of E'gypt ?

12 And he said, Certainly I will be with thee ; and this shall be a token unto thee, that I have sent thee : When thou hast brought forth the people out of E'gypt, ye shall serve God upon this mountain.

13 And Mo'ses said unto God, Behold, when I come unto the children of Is'rael, and shall say unto them, The God of your fathers hath sent me unto you ; and they shall say to me, What is his name ? what shall I say unto them ?

14 And God said unto Moses, I AM THAT I AM : and he said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Is'rael, I AM hath sent me unto you.

1 Now Mo'ses kept the flock of Jeth'ro his father in law, the priest of Mid'ian : and he led the flock to the backside of the desert, and came to the mountain of God, even to Hor'eb.

2 And the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush : and he looked, and, behold, the bush burned with fire, and the bush was not consumed.

3 And Mo'ses said, I will now turn aside, and see this great sight, why the bush is not burnt.

4 And when the Lord saw that he turned aside to see, God called unto him out of the midst of the bush, and said, Mo'ses, Mo'ses. And he said, Here am I.

5 And he said, Draw not nigh hither : put off thy shoes from off thy feet, for the place whereon thou standest is holy ground.

6 Moreover he said, I am the God of thy father, the God of A'braham, the God of I'saac, and the God of Ja'cob. And Mo'ses hid his face ; for he was afraid to look upon God.

7 And the Lord said, I have surely seen the affliction of my people which are in E'gypt, and have heard their cry by reason of their taskmasters ; for I know their sorrows ;

8 And I am come down to deliver them out of the hand of the E'gypt'ians, and to bring them up out of that land unto a good land and a large, unto a land flowing with milk and honey ; unto the place of the Ca'naanites, and the Hi'tites, and the Am'orites, and the Periz'ites, and the Hi'vites, and the Jeb'usites.

9 Now therefore, behold, the cry of the children of Is'rael is come unto me : and I have also seen the oppression wherewith the E'gypt'ians oppress them.

10 Come now therefore, and I will send thee unto Phar'ah, that thou mayest bring forth my people the

THE LESSON RETOLD

Now one day, as Moses was taking care of the flocks of Jethro his father-in-law, and had led them through the wilderness to find a better pasture, he came to a mountain called Horeb. There Moses saw a bush on fire, which yet did not seem to be burning away.

Moses turned aside to see this strange sight, and as he drew near, God's voice called to him out of the burning bush, "Moses, Moses." And Moses answered, "Here am I." Then God said, "Take thy shoes off thy feet, for thou art standing on holy ground, for I am here, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid in the presence of God.

Then God said, "I have heard the children of Israel crying to Me in their trouble, and I have come down to take them out of the

hands of the cruel Egyptians and bring them into a good and beautiful land—the land of Canaan—which I promised to their father Abraham. And now, Moses, I am going to send you back to Egypt so that you may tell Pharaoh to let My people go."

But Moses was very humble. He did not think he was either brave enough or strong enough to be the leader of Israel. But God said, "Certainly I will be with thee, and I promise you that when you have brought My people out of Egypt, you shall worship Me here upon this very mountain." "But," said Moses, "perhaps when I come to the children of Israel and tell them that the God of their fathers sent me unto them, they will ask, 'Who is this God of our fathers ?'" "Then," said the Lord, "tell them