

Exodus 3: 1-14—Memory Verses, 2-4.

Golden Text—And he said, Certainly I will be with thee.—Exodus 3: 12.

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 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 Mo'ses, 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.

THE LESSON RETOLD

When Moses fled away from Egypt, he went far off to a country called Midian, where he met with a man named Jethro, who was very kind to him. This man gave him his sheep to take care of, for Moses was no longer rich, and he also gave him one of his daughters for his wife.

One day, when Moses was alone with his sheep in a lonely place, he looked up, and saw a bush on fire. Then, as he went on looking, he was very much surprised to see that it was not burning away; so he said, "I will go and see why the bush is not burning away."

But as Moses came near, he heard a voice speaking out of the burning bush. It was God who spoke, and he called, "Moses ! Moses !" And Moses answered, "Here am I." Then God said, "Take thy shoes off

thy feet, for thou art standing on holy ground; and do not come nearer, for I am here, the God of Abraham, and Isaac and Jacob"; and Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look upon God.

And God said still further, "I have heard the children of Israel crying to Me in their trouble, and I have come to bring them out of Egypt to 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 said to God, "I am not good enough to go as Thy messenger to Pharaoh, and to bring Thy people out of Egypt." And God said, "I will be with you to help you, and I promise you that, when you have brought My people