

does not send His servants into silence that He may forget them. When the hour comes, it will be seen that silence also has played its part.

From lowly duties to a great mission: that is God's order for His servants. The man who faithfully shepherds a flock of sheep may cultivate qualities that shall be useful in caring for the people. "The pathway of duty leads right up to God." Elisha at the plough, Amos gathering "sycomore" fruit, Matthew at the receipt of custom, John and James mending their nets, Moses caring for the sheep, these all teach the same lesson, and in due time they hear the call to higher service.

This call came to Moses in strange, mysterious fashion. He might not know just how it came, but he rightly felt that the only explanation was God, God coming near to seize his soul for new service. "A religion without a mystery would be like a temple without a God." Have you not met with marvels in your own life, in the depths of your experience as in the events of your life? Have you not been confronted by "the burning bush," symbolizing the divine presence? Then a Bible without a miracle,

a temple without a God, might suit you. If we have met with mystery in our own life, in our quiet home, out on the restless sea, in the wilderness, or at the grave side, then we shall not murmur at "the burning bush."

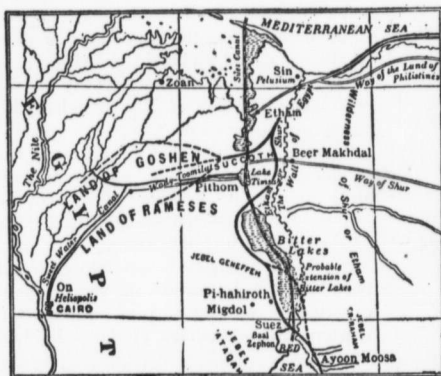
"Come now, therefore, and I will send thee unto Pharaoh." At last the call to a great work has come, the man receives his name, his life has its meaning revealed, all his past is interpreted, and his future given its true direction. It is now seen why his life has been preserved, why he received great opportunities for education and why his patience was so severely tested. His trouble is not ended—in a sense, it is but commencing—but a great light is beginning to dawn as to one important point; that is, the meaning of his own life.

When he was not really ready for this work, he would have jumped at it. Now, when he has been so largely and richly prepared, he shrinks in humility before a task so great. He had begun now to cultivate resignation, and to find pure joy in the shepherd's lowly calling, and he is with startling suddenness called to go out upon a large stage and play a great part. He is oppressed by the greatness of the task and all

its difficulties rise up before him, and he feels painfully his weakness and imperfection. "Who am I that I should go unto Pharaoh?"

A very pertinent question it may be, but there is a grand word to meet it, "Certainly I will be with thee." This is the answer to all his doubts and fears. This shall be his qualification for leading—God dwelling in him. This promise gives him power to endure as seeing the invisible, to face reproach of men, the lukewarmness of friends and the bitterness of foes: "Certainly I will be with thee!"

When we look back upon many of the strange persecutions, revolutions and reformations which have taken place since Israel's triumphant departure from Egypt, we see in



— The Probable Route of the Israelites.  
 - - - The Northern Route, according to Dawson.  
 ~~~~~ The Great Wall, Shur.  
 ——— Suez Canal.

THE CROSSING OF THE RED SEA

(From Peloubet's Notes)