

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 Egypt ye shall serve God upon this mountain.

13 And Moses said unto God, Behold, when I come unto the children of Israel, 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 Israel, I AM hath sent me unto you.

who at one time had been eager to lead his people out to instant resistance, now realizes the vastness of the work and his own unfitness to accomplish it. His shrinking, however, is not from fear, but from sincere consciousness of human weakness. 15. He who is most humble is best fitted to do God's work. I will be with thee. And with God by his side one man is mightier than all the world arrayed against him. A token. The meaning is, that in the future result he should see the evidence of a divine commission. Serve God. "Worship God." That is, he was now to go forth to his great work in simple faith, and when, in a year afterward, he should worship God at that same place with the emancipated Israelites, he would recognize that his call had been from the Lord.

13, 14. What is his name? Either that the children of Israel had sunk so low, that the mass of them had forgotten the God of their fathers, and would not recognize his call without a new revelation; or that this mighty work required some clearer knowledge of the divine character. I AM THAT I AM. A free translation of the name *Jehovah*. "I am he who is." The name may have been already known to the Israelites, but it received now an import not before realized, as "the self-existent One," the Being of eternal and unchanging life and power.

GOLDEN TEXT.

Certainly I will be with thee. Exod. 3. 12.

HOME READINGS.

- M. God's call to Moses. Exod. 3. 1-14.
- Tu. God's call to Abram. Gen. 12. 1-8.
- W. God's call to Joshua. Josh. 1. 1-9.
- Th. God's call to Gideon. Judg. 6. 11-24.
- F. God's call to Samuel. 1 Sam. 3. 1-21.
- S. God's call to Isaiah. Isa. 6. 1-13.
- S. God's call to Paul. Acts 9. 1-20.

Time.—B. C. 1491, when Moses was eighty years old.

Place.—Mount Horeb, or Sinai, in the wilderness.

LESSON HYMNS.

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Hark, the voice of Jesus calling,
"Who will go and work to-day?
Fields are white, and harvests waiting,
Who will bear the sheaves away?"
Loud and long the Master calleth,
Rich reward he offers free;
Who will answer, gladly saying,
"Here am I, O Lord, send me?"
Let none hear you idly saying,
"There is nothing I can do,"
While the souls of men are dying,
And the Master calls for you;
Take the task he gives you gladly;
Let his work your pleasure be;
Answer quickly when he calleth,
"Here am I, O Lord, send me."

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7, 6, 7, 5, 7, 6, 7, 5.

Work, for the night is coming,
Work through the morning hours;
Work while the dew is sparkling,
Work 'mid springing flowers;
Work when the day grows brighter,
Work in the glowing sun;
Work, for the night is coming,
When man's work is done.

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P. M.

Listen! the Master beseecheth,
Calling each one by his name;
His voice to each loving heart reacheth,
His cheerfulest service to claim.
Go where the vineyard demandeth,
Vinedresser's nurture and care;
Or go where the white harvest standeth,
The joy of the reaper to share.

Then work, brothers, work, let us slumber no longer,
For God's call to labour grows stronger and stronger;
The light of this life shall be darkened full soon,
But the light of the better life resteth at noon.

QUESTIONS ON THE OUTLINE.

I. A Divine Manifestation, v. 1-6.

What was the occupation of Moses in Midian?

What persons in Scripture history, of that occupation, have been honoured by God? 1 Sam. 6. 11; Luke 2. 8.

What does this honour show? 1 Cor. 1. 27-29.

What traits of character did Moses show in this vocation? Where did Moses lead the flock?

Why was this place called "the mountain of God?"

Who appeared to Moses, and in what form?

Why was this form appropriate and significant?

How did God address Moses?

How does this show God's notice and knowledge of individuals?

What was God's command to Moses? v. 5.

In what respect was it holy ground?

What places are holy ground now?

By what name did God speak to Moses?

Why did he name the patriarchs with himself?

How did Christ refer to this name of God? Matt. 22. 32.

2. A Divine Mission, v. 7-10.

How did God regard the affliction of the Israelites?

Why, then, had he suffered it so long?

What was taught in Psa. 142. 3?

In what sense did God "come down?"

What was he about to do for Israel?

What was the character of the land to be possessed by Israel?

What was said of it in Deut. 8. 7-9?

What nations were at that time in Canaan?

Upon what ground of justice were these nations dispossessed? Deut. 9. 5.

Why were the Israelites chosen as God's people?

What comfort may the troubled find in v. 9?

What was the mission which God gave to Moses?

How did Moses receive God's call?

What reason for his hesitation could be named?

What counsel do we find in Prov. 29. 25, and 1-ph. 6. 10?

What promise of God was sufficient for all Moses' needs?

Golden Text.

What was said in Rom. 8. 31?

What was to be the token that his mission came from God?

What question did Moses expect from the people?

What does this show as to their ignorance of God?

By what name did God reveal himself?

How does this name reveal God's nature? Rev. 1. 4.

TEACHINGS OF THE LESSON.

How does this lesson teach—

1. To whom God reveals himself?

2. How God regards his people?

3. What God expects of his workers?

Subjects for Study.—Communion with God in secular life....God's revelation of himself....God's names