

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE CLASS

APRIL 3, 2024

EXODUS 4:1-9

INTRODUCTION:

1. Five times Moses expressed his apprehension for his role as Israel's leader and deliverer.
 - a) Moses did not see himself as the right man for the job. (Ex. 3.11,12)
 - b) Moses was concerned about what he would say. (Ex. 3.13-18)
2. Chapter four begins with the third objection as Moses was concerned about being accepted.

I. THE RATIONALE OF MOSES

A. Moses expresses his concern.

1. **EXODUS 4.1:** *"Then Moses answered and said, 'But suppose they will not believe me or listen to my voice; suppose they say, 'The LORD has not appeared to you.'"*
 - a) Moses was rationalizing why the children of Israel might not believe him.
 - b) With four hundred years of silence, is it possible that his concern was justified?
 - c) Careful not to think of reasons why you can't instead of reasons why you can.
2. God has already predicted their response. (Ex. 3.18; 4.29-31)

B. We may have the same concern.

1. We are also sent by God who deliver a message of freedom. (John 8.31-36)
2. "What's the point? No one will listen anyway?" (Matt. 22.1-14)
 - a) Some will be apathetic toward the gospel. (Matt. 22.5; Zech. 7.11; Neh. 9.29)
 - b) Some will be hostile toward the gospel. (Matt. 22.6; Ezek. 2.6; Jer. 8.17; 20.7-10)
 - c) Some will want freedom by their own terms. (Matt. 22.11-13)
 - d) **MATTHEW 22.14:** *"For many are called, but few are chosen."*

II. THE REASSURANCE OF GOD

A. God provides Moses with three miracles to convince His people.

1. The miracle of the rod. (Ex. 4.2-5)
 - a) God turned the rod into a serpent and back again.
 - b) **EXODUS 4.5:** *"that they may believe"*
2. The miracle of leprosy. (Ex. 4.6-8)
 - a) God made the hand of Moses leprous.
 - b) **EXODUS 4.8:** *"that they may believe the message of the latter sign"*
3. The miracle of water into blood. (Ex. 4.9)

B. God always provides evidence to support our faith.

1. **HEBREWS 11.1:** *"Now faith is...the evidence of things not seen."*
2. The idea of blind faith is foreign to the scriptures.
 - a) The evidence of His existence. (Ps. 19.1-4; Rom. 1.20; Acts 14.17)
 - b) The evidence of the Sonship of Christ. (John 5.31-33,36,37,39)
 - c) The evidence of the inspired word. (Mark 16.19,20; Heb. 2.3,4)
3. We are to use the evidence to convince people of the truth.
 - a) **1 THESSALONIANS 5.21:** *"prove all things"* (cf. 1 John 4.1; 2 Tim. 4.1,2)
 - b) Paul used the evidence of scripture to prove Jesus. (Acts 17.1-3)
 - c) The evidence of our example can be persuasive. (Matt. 7.15-20; 1 Pet. 3.1,2)