

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE CLASS
MARCH 27, 2024
EXODUS 3:13-22

INTRODUCTION:

1. Calling Moses to be the agent of emancipation for Israel was met with apprehension.
 - a) **EXODUS 3.11:** *“Who am I that I should go Pharaoh?”*
 - b) Sometimes we are expected to do difficult things. (Jonah 1.1-3; Luke 22.41,42)
 - c) What was God’s answer to Moses? (Ex. 3.12)
2. Having invalidated his first objection, Moses poses a second objection.

I. THE APPREHENSION OF MOSES

- A. Moses was concerned about questions that he could not answer.
 1. **EXODUS 3.13:** *“Indeed, when I come to the children of Israel...and they say to me, ‘What is His name?’ what shall I say to them?”*
 2. Why would Moses be concerned about this question?
 - a) The name of God was never known by the children of Israel. (Ex. 6.3)
 - b) Was Moses looking for validation? (Ex. 2.14; Acts 7.25)
- B. Does the lack of answers make you apprehensive to talk to others?
 1. Are you concerned about sounding judgmental? (Gen. 19.9)
 2. Are you concerned about sounding superior? (Num. 16.3,13)
 3. Are you looking for validation? *“You’re no scholar!”* (Matt. 21.23)
 4. Are you worried about being insulted? (1 Pet. 4.4)
 5. Are you concerned that you don’t know how to answer? (1 Pet. 3.15)

II. THE ANSWER OF GOD

- A. God gave Moses the answers he needed to convey to Israel.
 1. God gave Moses two descriptions.
 - a) **EXODUS 3.14:** *“Thus you shall say to the children of Israel, ‘I AM has sent me to you.’* Tetragrammaton. The self-existing One. (cf. John 5.26)
 - b) **EXODUS 3.15:** *“The LORD God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you.”*
 - c) **EXODUS 3.15:** *“This is My name forever”* (Ps. 72.17; Hos. 12.5)
 2. God gives Moses two messages to convey.
 - a) **EXODUS 3.16,17:** *“Go and gather the elders of Israel together, and say to them...”*
 - b) **EXODUS 3.18:** *“and you shall come, you and the elders of Israel, to the king of Egypt; and you shall say to him...”*
 3. God predicts two reactions.
 - a) **EXODUS 3.18:** The elders *“will heed your voice.”*
 - b) **EXODUS 3.19:** *“But I am sure that the king of Egypt will not let you go”*
 4. God will show His glory in two ways.
 - a) **EXODUS 3.20:** *“I will stretch out My hand and strike Egypt”*
 - b) **EXODUS 3.21,22:** *“You shall plunder the Egyptians”*
- B. How can we stir up the courage to talk to others about the gospel?
 1. God had already told us what to say. (Matt. 10.19,20; 2 Tim. 3.16)
 2. God has predicted two reactions. (Acts 14.4; 17.4,5; 28.24; Ezek. 3.4-9)
 3. God gave us two ways to convey His message. (1 Pet. 3.1,2; Prov. 18.19; Matt. 28.19)