

Exodus 3:1-15

God calls Moses

3:1 Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness and came to mount Horeb, the mountain of God.

3:2 There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed.

3:3 Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight and see why the bush is not burned up."

3:4 When the LORD saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am."

3:5 Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground."

3:6 He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

3:7 Then the LORD said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings,

3:8 and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land to a good and spacious land, to a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites.

3:9 The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them.

3:10 Now go, I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt."

3:11 But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?"

3:12He said, "I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God on this mountain."

3:13But Moses said to God, "If I come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?"

3:14God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." He said further, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'I AM has sent me to you.'"

3:15God also said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'The LORD, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you': This is my name forever, and this my title for all generations.

Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b

Remembering Moses

105:1O give thanks to the LORD; call on his name; make known his deeds among the peoples.

105:2Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wonderful works.

105:3Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.

105:4Seek the LORD and his strength; seek his presence continually.

105:5Remember the wonderful works he has done, his miracles and the judgments he uttered,

105:6O offspring of his servant Abraham, children of Jacob, his chosen ones.

105:23Then Israel came to Egypt; Jacob lived as an alien in the land of Ham.

105:24And the LORD made his people very fruitful and made them stronger than their foes,

105:25whose hearts he then turned to hate his people, to deal craftily with his servants.

105:26He sent his servant Moses and Aaron, whom he had chosen.

105:45bPraise the LORD!

Romans 12:9-21

Live in harmony

12:9Let love be genuine; hate what is evil; hold fast to what is good;

12:10Love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor.

12:11Do not lag in zeal; be ardent in spirit; serve the Lord.

12:12Rejoice in hope; be patient in afflictions, persevere in prayer.

12:13Contribute to the needs of the saints; pursue hospitality to strangers.

12:14Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them.

12:15Rejoice with those who rejoice; weep with those who weep.

12:16Live in harmony with one another; do not be arrogant, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are.

12:17Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all.

12:18If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.

12:19Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine; I will repay, says the Lord."

12:20 Instead, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink, for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads."

12:21 Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Matthew 16:21-28

The rebuke to Peter

16:21 From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes and be killed and on the third day be raised.

16:22 And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you."

16:23 But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me, for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

16:24 Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any wish to come after me, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.

16:25 For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.

16:26 For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

16:27 "For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done.

16:28 Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."