

Scripture

Exodus 3:1-15 (NIV)

Moses and the Burning Bush

1 Now Moses was tending the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian, and he led the flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. 2 There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in flames of fire from within a bush. Moses saw that though the bush was on fire it did not burn up. 3 So Moses thought, *“I will go over and see this strange sight—why the bush does not burn up.”*

4 When the Lord saw that he had gone over to look, God called to him from within the bush, *“Moses! Moses!”*

And Moses said, *“Here I am.”*

5 *“Do not come any closer,”* God said. *“Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy ground.”* 6 Then he said, *“I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob.”* At this, Moses hid his face, because he was afraid to look at God.

7 The Lord said, *“I have indeed seen the misery of my people in Egypt. I have heard them crying out because of their slave drivers, and I am concerned about their suffering. 8 So I have come down to rescue them from the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land into a good and spacious land, a land flowing with milk and honey—the home of the Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites. 9 And now the cry of the Israelites has reached me, and I have seen the way the Egyptians are oppressing them.”*

- 10 *“So now, go. I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people the Israelites out of Egypt.”*
- 11 But Moses said to God, *“Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?”*
- 12 And God said, *“I will be with you. And this will be the sign to you that it is I who have sent you: When you have brought the people out of Egypt, you will worship God on this mountain.”*
- 13 Moses said to God, *“Suppose I go to the Israelites and say to them, ‘The God of your fathers has sent me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘What is his name?’ Then what shall I tell them?”*

14 God said to Moses, *“I am who I am. This is what you are to say to the Israelites: ‘I am has sent me to you.’”*

15 God also said to Moses, *“Say to the Israelites, ‘The Lord, the God of your fathers—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob—has sent me to you.’”*

*“This is my name forever,
the name you shall call me
from generation to generation.”*

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