

THE CALL OF GOD

Introduction: For forty years Moses has grown content with living the life of a shepherd in the quiet _____, but God has different plans for this man of God.

- I. God's _____ to Moses (Exodus 3:1-10)
 - A. It was as Moses was minding his own _____ that God's call came to him.
 - B. "That voice still speaks to those whose hearts are hushed to _____," (Meyer).
 - C. "This was a poor employment for a man of his parts and education, yet he rests _____ with it, and thus learns meekness and contentment to a high degree" (Henry).
 - D. We should never _____ obscurity if that is what God has for us.
 - E. "Moses saw more of _____ in a desert than ever he had seen in Pharaoh's court" (Henry).
 - F. It is as we are faithful to God in the _____ things that He will lead us to the bigger things of life (Lu. 16:10).
- II. Moses' _____ to God (Exodus 3:11-4:17)
 - A. Moses was successfully _____ during his shepherding years.
 - B. The very task he felt ready to do forty years prior he now feels unqualified and _____ to do when God calls him to it.
 - C. It is when we are empty of self-confidence that God can truly _____ us.
 - D. God will always give us _____ concerning His will.
 - E. God is pleased with _____, but not with cowardice (2 Tim. 1:7).
- III. Moses' _____ to Egypt (Exodus 4:18-31)
 - A. When God's will is known, it is to be obeyed _____.
 - B. It is God's will for His people to live lives of _____.
 - C. Moses _____ the rite of circumcision during the shepherding years, and was almost killed for it.
 - D. Due to Moses' cowardice, _____ would be the spokesman to Pharaoh.

Conclusion: "Then, all suddenly, a common bush began to shine with the emblem of Deity; and from its heart of fire the voice of God broke the silence of the ages in words that fell on the shepherd's ear. . . And from that moment all his life was altered" (Meyer).