

The God of Abraham, Isaac, & Jacob

Ex 3:1-10

I. INTRODUCTION.

- A. One girl saw her “pastor” wearing his robe & wanted to know if he were God.
- B. Like that little girl, many people have misconceptions about God.
- C. Moses needed to learn some things about God.
 - 1. After all, Moses would lead God’s children out of Egypt.
 - 2. After all, Moses would write the first five books of the canon.
 - 3. Moses needed to know something about God, and we, too, need to know something about God.

II. HOLY GOD, vv 1-6.

- A. Moses learned a valuable lesson about God’s holiness.
 - 1. Moses was tending the flock of his father in law Jethro.
 - 2. While he was tending the flock, he saw a bush that was burning but was not consumed.
 - 3. Moses became curious & went to look at the bush.
 - 4. God called to hi from the bush & told him:
 - a. To come no further.
 - b. To remove the sandals from his feet because he was standing on holy ground.
 - 1) Such was a common sign of respect—like our removing a hat.
 - 2) Many religions in the Near East still practice this custom; e.g., Muslims remove their shoes before entering a mosque.
 - 5. God told Moses that he was the God of Abraham, Isaac, & Jacob.
 - 6. Moses hid his face because he was afraid to look at God.
- B. Moses needed to respect God.
 - 1. He needed to remove his sandals to show that respect.
 - 2. He hid his face because he knew God was worthy of respect.
- C. Our society has lost respect.
 - 1. We no longer use the terms “sir” & “ma’am.”
 - 2. Students no longer respect teachers.
- D. We need to respect God.
 - 1. We need to be careful about talking during worship.
 - 2. We need to be careful about how we dress.
- E. Failing to honor God has serious consequences.
 - 1. Nadab and Abihu offered strange fire to the Lord (Lev 10:1-2).
 - 2. In offering strange fire, they did not honor God, and their action had serious consequences.

III. COMPASSIONATE GOD, v 7.

- A. God knew what was going on with his children.
 - 1. He had seen their oppression.
 - 2. He had heard their cries.
 - 3. He knew their sorrows.
- B. God not only knew what was going on with his children, he cared.
- C. God cares about what is going on in your life.
 - 1. 1 Pt 5:7.
 - 2. Heb 4:15.
 - a. Jesus came to his earth & experienced the same frustrations, temptations, hurts, etc, that we experience.
 - b. Jesus knows what we’re going through & he cares.

IV. ACTING GOD, vv 8-10.

- A. Here’s what God tells Moses:
 - 1. I have come down to deliver my children.
 - 2. I am going to give them a good place.

3. I've heard their cries, & I've seen their oppression.
 4. Therefore, you, Moses, will lead my children out of Egypt.
- B. God heard the cries of his people, and he did something about it.
1. Many times Congress will talk about our problems as a country, but they never do anything about them.
 2. God acted when he saw a problem.
 3. The whole book of Exodus describes how God led his people out of captivity.
- C. The New Testament is about how God has acted through Jesus Christ.
1. Gal 4:4-5.
 2. God didn't step away from our sin problem & do nothing, but he acted.