



## Sermon Notes from 10 March

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### Chosen for a Mission (*Exodus 3:1 - 4:17*)

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All Christians are on a God-given mission to make disciples of all nations (Mt. 28:18-20). When God chooses you for a mission, the focus is on Him and not you!

#### 2 Key Truths about God that will Ignite our Hearts for our God-given Mission

##### **1) God's holiness (Ex. 3:1-10)**

vv2-4 God called to Moses twice at the burning bush - a theophany (a visible manifestation of God) expressing endearment, affection and friendship as understood in the culture then.

v5 God is holy! Moses experiences God's holiness as he receives the mission to free his people, the Hebrews.

#### 2 Key Meanings to God's Holiness:

Though purity is included in the concept of holiness, it also means:

#1 Separate - different and a cut above the rest.

#2 Transcendent - exceeding usual limits, to rise above and beyond.

When the Bible says God is holy, it means primarily that God is transcendentally separate. An infinitely great God has chosen you for a mission!

*'There is a pattern repeated in history. God appears, people quake in terror. God forgives and heals. God sends. From brokenness to mission is the human pattern.'* - R.C. Sproul

This pattern is seen in the life of Isaiah (Is. 6) and Moses. The lack of excitement to reach out reveals a brokenness inside of us. Seeing God's holiness reveals our sins and leads us to repentance and restoration for us to embark on God's chosen mission.

##### **2) God's power (Ex. 3:11-22)**

While hearing God's call for us to go (v8) is important, we also need to hear him

declare that He is the true deliverer (v10), not us. God chose Moses not because of his strength, but by His grace. God graciously uses weak, imperfect people, to display his power and accomplish his perfect will.

#### 5 Lacks that Moses is Concerned about:

1. Lack of credentials (3:11-12) - It is not about us; it is about God, and He is powerful!

2. Lack of content (3:13-22) - In Hebrew, God's personal name is 'YHWH' (Yahweh/ the LORD). God is self-existent, self-dependent and would never change. Only our powerful God can talk with such confidence over the future (vv17-22).

3. Lack of converts (4:1-9) - God reveals 3 signs to Moses to show His power over creation, people and the elements of nature.

4. Lack of communication skills (4:10-12) - This is irreverent because God is Creator and irrelevant because God gave to Moses the words to speak.

5. Lack of commitment (4:12-17) - This kindled God's anger because it is not acceptable to Him. God graciously offers Moses help in the form of Aaron and his staff (a symbol of God's power).

In His untouchable holiness, God came in the form of a human - Jesus Christ, which made him touchable. By His blood, we have the confidence to approach His holiness (Heb. 10:19-20). By His salvation on the cross, it is the confirmation and power of salvation over His chosen people (1 Cor. 1:18). The holiness and power of God is in you through the form of the Holy Spirit (Jhn. 14:25-26). It is He who will guide and bring your mission to completion!