

## Exodus 3:6

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As we begin today, let's read today's devotional verse in its context.

✠ ***Exodus 3:1-6 Now Moses was tending the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian. And he led the flock to the back of the desert, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. And the Angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire from the midst of a bush. So he looked, and behold, the bush was burning with fire, but the bush was not consumed. Then Moses said, "I will now turn aside and see this great sight, why the bush does not burn." So when the LORD saw that he turned aside to look, God called to him from the midst of the bush and said, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Then He said, "Do not draw near this place. Take your sandals off your feet, for the place where you stand is holy ground." Moreover He said, "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 upon God.***

And as we read this, we know that ***"the Angel of the LORD"*** is Jesus. But our focus is not on that today, but more so on how Moses responded when he saw the burning bush and how ***"the Angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire from the midst of a bush."***

So, what was Moses' response when He saw this?

Well, he pulled out his cell phone and started recording a video or he did a selfie with Jesus and the burning bush. Maybe after this encounter with God, he posted or bragged about how him and "the Big Guy" hung out together. Maybe he missed it altogether, because he was too busy looking at his phone, watching videos or playing games, or just scrolling through mindless junk. Maybe he took his water and tried to put out the fire, trying to drown out God talking to him.

No, none of this happened, nor does it say that he ever boasted in God appearing to him in the burning bush on the mountain. But rather ***"Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look upon God."***

Reading this, we have to stop and asked ourselves, how are we treating God? Are we truly in fear of God, reverencing God for Who He is? Or are we treating Him like a buddy, or a god we can call on in time of need but then stick Him in our back pocket until we need Him again. Or are we fearing God, like Moses did?

Are we truly worshipping God with the songs we sing, or are we being entertained with the music that is supposed to worship God, yet treat them like the Top 40 Christian hits of the week?

When I got married, I wrote a short piano piece for my wife to be played as she walked down the aisle. I didn't write it so that it could be a Top 40 hit. Yet Christians, not the world, but Christians have turned worship of God into a playlist of our favorite songs and giving awards for those who sell the most songs, albums or get the most plays. But I wonder if God loves those hidden songs that the unknown musicians write and record for Him, more than the top 40 hit list we listen too, or even sing in church each Sunday?

What about the things we do each day, the words we speak to others, the way we treat or talk about others. How are we when no one else was around versus how we are when others are around? Are we like Jekel and Hide being nice when we are around others, but when we are alone, acting like the world?

Think about that, Moses was all by himself on the mountain, just doing his job as he did every day. But what if he was beating and hurting the sheep he was taking care of? What if 4,500 years ago he had a cell phone. Who would he be texting or what would he be watching on his phone? Porn, engaging in inappropriate texting or sexting, bad mouthing others on social media or to others in general, even to his close friends. What if he was doing these things. Would God had still appeared to him on the mountain? Would he still be in fear of God, or would he be ashamed of how he was living and the things he was doing when God did appear to him?

Moses was a man just like us, a normal human being, and God used him. But he was also a man of integrity and a very humble man. May we strive to be used by God, and to be more like Moses and be reminded that God is ALWAYS with us, no matter what we are doing.

Was God pleased with what we did yesterday? Will He be pleased with what we do today? Let's live like at any moment, the Angel of the LORD could appear to us at any time. Maybe He has, but we were just too busy for Him, doing things or looking at things that we shouldn't be.

† **Psalm 71:6 (NLT2)** *Yes, you have been with me from birth; from my mother's womb you have cared for me. No wonder I am always praising you!*

† **Psalm 139:1-6** *O LORD, You have searched me and known me. You know my sitting down and my rising up; You understand my thought afar off. You comprehend my path and my lying down, And are acquainted with all my ways. For there is not a word on my tongue, But behold, O LORD, You know it altogether. You have hedged me behind and before, And laid Your hand upon me. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; It is high, I cannot attain it.*

† **Psalm 139:23-24** *Search me, O God, and know my heart; Try me, and know my anxieties; And see if there is any wicked way in me, And lead me in the way everlasting.*

† **Hebrews 13:2** *Do not forget to entertain strangers, for by so doing some have unwittingly entertained angels.*