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The God Who Reveals Himself As...

Exodus 3:1-7;10-14

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. ²There 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. ³So Moses thought, "I will go over and see this strange sight—why the bush does not burn up."

⁴When 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." ⁶Then 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.

⁷The 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.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.' "

I. The God of Broken People.

Two Startling Principals From the Story:

1. No one is useful to God until coming to the end of oneself.
2. God's timing isn't our timing.

What Makes Moses available:

(Now Moses was a very humble man, more humble than anyone else on the face of the earth.) Numbers 12:3

That is why Scripture says: "God opposes the proud but shows favor to the humble." James 4:6

You do not delight in sacrifice, or I would bring it; you do not take pleasure in burnt offerings.¹⁷ My sacrifice, O God, is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart you, God, will not despise. Psalm 51:16,17

II. The God Who is Dependent Upon Nothing

Moses saw that though the bush was on fire it did not burn up. ³So Moses thought, "I will go over and see this strange sight—why the bush does not burn up." Exodus 3:2,3

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Essentially the name God gives Moses is the Hebrew verb "*to be*".
"*Tell them that "Being" itself has sent you.*"

The aseity of God:

The absolute self-existence and self-sufficiency of God

Aseity also means that God depends on nothing; and everything depends on him.

How do you get your mind around that?

Jesus translates it for you and I.

"I am the vine; you are the branches. Without me *you can do nothing.*" John 15:5,

III. The God of Merciful Interaction

⁶Then 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. Exodus 3:6

Who is the Angel of the Lord?

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Jesus is the Angel of the Lord.

"Very truly I tell you," Jesus answered, "before Abraham was born, I am!" John 8:58

Right from the start God promised us his blessing:

"...all peoples on earth *will be blessed* through you. (Abraham)" Genesis 12:3

Paul tells us:

⁹If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved. ¹¹As Scripture says, "Anyone who believes in him will never be put to shame."¹²For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile—the same Lord is Lord of all and *richly blesses all who call on him*, ¹³for, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." Romans 10-9-13

"But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us." 2 Corinthians 4:7