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THE LIFE OF MOSES – LESSON 8

MOSES ARGUES WITH GOD

We saw from Lesson 4 that in Exodus 3:11, 13, that Moses questioned God's commission of him to deliver Israel from Egyptian slavery. God promised a sign that upon leaving Egypt, they would worship God at this same mountain where he was now seeing the burning bush. God then in verses 15-22 proceeded to give Moses specific instructions.

Moses again objected to his call as we see in chapter 4 of Exodus. He told God that the Hebrews would not even believe him. He lacked faith. God then gave him three miracle signs to build his faith. The first was casting his rod on the ground where it became a snake. Then when he picked up the snake it turned back into the rod. Then God told Moses to put his hand into his bosom, and when he did it became leprous. God told him to put it back in again, and it became clean. Then God told him that if they did not believe those two signs that he was to take water from the river and pour it upon dry ground and it would become blood.

These three miracles finally convinced Moses that this Jehovah Elohiym could in fact perform mighty feats. This built Moses' faith.

But Moses still had another objection to doing what God had instructed. He pointed out that he could not speak well. In verse 10 Moses said, **"...I am slow of speech, and of a slow tongue."** Some have thought he either had a speech impediment or was a stutterer. How was he to talk to Pharaoh?

Isn't that just like many of us when asked to do something? We use weakness, faults, or inabilities to dodge a task, but where we are weak, God is strong. He does not need to call the talented or gifted ones to His service. He will equip the called to do His work. This way, He gets the glory instead of a person getting credit for their human talents. God does not share His glory with any person.

God overcame Moses' final objection by telling him that his brother Aaron would be His mouthpiece. With that promise, Moses returned home to Jethro and told him what God had appointed him to do. Jethro gave him leave to go to Egypt (verse 18).