

Week 2: Calling Moses

Calling Moses: Exodus 4-6

Objective:

- Hesitation of Moses
- Moses returns to Egypt
- Moses vs Pharaoh

Resources:

- Fr Tadros Y Malaty Commentary
- Catena Bible Commentary
- Fr Dawoud Lamie Bible study (Arabic)

Reading:

- ◦ Exodus 4: 1-17
- ◦ Exodus 5: 4-19
- ◦ Exodus 6: 1-13,28-30

Key verse(s):

- Behold, I am of uncircumcised lips, and how shall Pharaoh heed me?" Exodus 6:30

Comments:

- Moses was advanced in age. He lost his confidence since the day he killed the Egyptian. These two reasons led to his extreme hesitation in the leadership of the Israelites.
- God showed him two miracles (rod and hand) to show him that everything with God is possible. He needs to trust in God and everything will work out.
- Due to Moses' self-esteem, God will let Aaron speak for Moses.
- "Moses took the rod of God in his hand" Exodus 4:20. The rod is now called the "rod of God" as it will lead the people through many miracles and will symbolize God's power and presence.
- Moses asked the pharaoh to let the Israelites go, but he increased the labor as a punishment. (Make sure you explain this before reading chapter 5 verses)
- God renewed His promise in chapter six. He also told Moses to see what He would do as a result of Pharaoh's rejection.
- Make sure to mention that:

- Moses' mother's name: Jochebed (Exodus 6:20)
- Moses' wife's name: Zipporah (Exodus 2:21)

Review/recap questions:

***Servant may add more questions*

1. What are the two miracles mentioned in chapter 4?
2. Who will join Moses in leading the people out of Egypt?
3. What was the result of the first meeting between Moses and Pharaoh?
4. What did God do in chapter six to strengthen Moses? (*Ans: renew His promise*)

Homework:

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1. Moses was not able to switch the serpent into a rod. (T/F)
2. Pharaoh agreed to let the people go after the first meeting with Moses. (T/F)
3. Aaron's hand was leprous when he put it in his bosom. (T/F)
4. Who said: "Who has made man's mouth? Or who makes the mute, the deaf, the seeing, or the blind?" (God - Moses - Aaron)
5. What is the name of Moses' mother?

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